



CHINATOWN B.I.D.
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
華埠商業改進區

**Minutes of the Chinatown District Management Association, Inc. Board Meeting
(CDMA – aka Chinatown B.I.D.)
September 14, 2023
3:30 – 5:00 PM
Zoom Meeting**

CDMA Board Members Present Via Zoom:

Andrew Chang, representing Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine
Nolan Cheng, Esq., Cheng, Yeung & Lee PLLC
Stephen Cheung, D.H. Realty & Management
Anthony P. Colombini, Esq., Chu and Partners
Edward J. Cuccia, Esq., Edward J. Cuccia, P.C.
CK Luk, Broadway Chinatown Realty
Emily Leng, representing NYS Senator Brian Kavanagh
Andrew Marcus, NYC Dept. of Small Business Services, representing Mayor Eric Adams
Gabe Mui, American Legion Lt. B.R. Kim Lau Memorial Post 1291
Judy Ng, Flushing Bank
James T. Tang, Hwa Yuan Szechuan
Antony Wong, representing Community Board #2
Tony C. Wong, Wong & Co., CPA's
Frank Yee, Yee Fong Toy Association

Chinatown Partnership:

Wellington Chen, Lamgen Leon,

NCheng Accounting:

Vera Wong

Guest:

Victor Papa

The meeting was called to order and welcomed at 3:40 P.M. by Frank Yee and followed with the invocation by Tony C. Wong.

Motion to approve the June 8, 2023 minutes of meeting passed unanimously.

Wellington followed with the Congestion Pricing update, a joint Chinatown Partnership and Chinatown BID board letter was mailed to the Traffic Mobility Review Board members asking for a more balance/equitable consideration and emphasized the 6 points exemptions to our community, such as exemptions for commuter vans and buses that serve the Chinatown area.

We together with the Little Italy representatives, Edward Cuccia and other Chinatown stakeholders just met with Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine to discuss the Downtown Revitalization Initiatives (DRI).

He continued with the recent conducted programs/events such as well attended fire prevention workshops, Doyers Street mural donation by the artist, farewell to the rice roll ladies after 24 years of serving the community by getting-up early and commute all the way from Staten Island to Chinatown and the latest promotion of new businesses.

Other events included were one of the most successful National Night Outs with the NYPD in Lower East Side/Chinatown area with the recently appointed Police Commissioner Caban making the first stop in Chinatown. DOT sponsored Summer Refreshing Weekends/NYC Dancing Party Open Streets, annual Qigong event at SDR Park; the Mayor's Town Hall conversation with Chinatown community and immigration rally; Breaking Bread with religious and faith-based leaders; 9/11 tribute and memorial. The upcoming event is the Mid-Autumn Lantern Festival with collaboration with Sing Tao Daily.

Wellington briefly reported about the DRI projects and asked to form a task force to discuss. Stephen Cheung would like to join and participate in future DRI meetings. ADA lawsuit cases are surfacing again, and Senator Kavanagh's representative Emily Leng mentioned that cases in the East Village and Lower East Side are rising.

Special guest Victor Papa was introduced and talked about future collaborations with the Little Italy.

NCheng followed with the financial report with a healthy balance sheet, Judy Ng suggested an increase to the Marketing and other Expenses budgets.

The Citibins issue was discussed briefly and they will probably be the new trash cans in the city. The Chinatown BID will not be responsible for the Big Belly soon and potential new trash cans to replace them was discussed, also to possibly install a commercial trash compactor to alleviate the trash issue. It was suggested to convene a Clean Street Committee with DSNY soon. Also mentioned to organize more Breaking Bread meetings with Little Italy and other groups.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.