

Minutes of the Chinatown District Management Association Meeting
(CDMA – aka Chinatown B.I.D.)
March 7, 2013
4:00 – 5:30 PM
62 Mott Street
New York NY 10013

CDMA Board Members Present:

Kenny Chan, Fukien American Association
Nolan Cheng, Law Office of Nolan Cheng
Stephen Cheung, D.H. Realty & Management
Anthony P. Colombini, Esq., Chu and Partners
Christopher Crowley, Councilmember Margaret S. Chin's office
David Czyzyk, Manhattan Borough President Scott M. Stringer's office
Eddy Eng, Small Business Services, Mayor Michael Bloomberg's office
Frank Gee, Gee Poy Kuo Association
Karen He, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver's office
Peter Lau, Confucius Pharmacy
Philip Lam, Green City Realty, Inc.
Michael Levine, Community Board #1
David J. Louie, Prosperity Enterprises
Dr. C.K. Luk, Broadway Chinatown Realty
Gabe B. Mui, the American Legion Lt. B.R. Kimlau Memorial Post 1291
John Pasquale, PEP Real Estate
Michael C. Salzhauer, Benjamin Partners
Tony C. Wong, Wong & Co., CPA's
Esther Yang, Comptroller John C. Liu's office
Patrick Yau, First American International Bank

Chinatown Partnership:

Wellington Chen
Lamgen Leon
Tony Wong (intern)

The meeting was called to order at 3:58 p.m.

David J. Louie started the meeting by welcoming and congratulating everyone for being on-time and Tony C. Wong continued with the blessing.

Mr. Louie continued by reporting the incident that occurred at last week's Chinatown Partnership Board meeting and the joint Chinatown Partnership and B.I.D. board get-together at a local hotel. A group of people led by the Executive Director of the Asian Americans for Equality (AAFE), also a board member of the Chinatown Partnership picketed outside the hotel when the meeting was about to start. In the opinion of AAFE Executive Director, the Partnership should not have conducted the meeting and patronized the hotel.

Mr. Louie, considered this action by AAFE Executive Director as not appropriate, and should have consulted the Partnership's Board internally before continuing with his unilateral action and calling in media. He proposed a motion for the Chinatown B.I.D. to endorse the email that he had written to the Co-Chairs of the Chinatown

Partnership asking AAFE Executive Director to resign from their board. While the board discussed and decided on the matter, Mr. Louie recused himself from the meeting.

After much discussion, motion to endorse the Mr. David Louie's email in which the Chinatown Partnership requests the resignation of AAFE Executive Director from their board, passed unanimously and all government and community boards' representatives abstained from this motion.

Motion to approve the minutes from February 7, 2013 passed unanimously.

Wellington reported that a joint board retreat is in the planning for late April or early May to discuss the common goals, deliveries and fundraising. He also mentioned that we have 2 interns working for us until August and they were at the Community Board #3 presenting our upcoming events. He also mentioned the need of both the Holiday Lighting and International Downtown Association Task Forces. He also reminded all of the upcoming B.I.D.'s events/programs: 1) Earth Day on April 21, 2013, 2) Fleet Week Celebration by giving discounts to the U.S. service men and women, and parade in Chinatown; 3) Weekend Walks on May 26 and June 2.

He also mentioned about holiday lighting coming down soon, and a member inquired about keeping the "Welcome" gateways on Canal Street year round.

The Fundraising Committee reported that the fundraising consultant previously hired didn't work out and recommended hiring a full-time Fundraising and Marketing Director to be responsible for the fundraising for programs and activities. Board's approval was required. The expectation for this person is to raise 3 or 4 times his (her) salary. The Fundraising and Marketing Director will report to the Fundraising/Marketing Committee and supervised by Wellington. This person's salary will hopefully be shared 50/50 with the Partnership, and need to be included in the upcoming FY 2013-2014 B.I.D.'s budget.

Motion to approve the posting for the Fundraising and Marketing Director passed unanimously.

Assembly Speaker Silver's representative, Karen He presented Mr. Louie a plaque for his tireless services during these past years for the B.I.D.

The staggering term was draw and following members will serve a one year term: Tony C. Wong, Gabe Mui, Stephen Cheung, William Su, Patrick Yau, Michael Salzhauer, John Pasquale, David Louie, Frank Gee and the 4 elected officials' representatives.

The following members will serve a two years term: Paul K. Ng (representing CCBA), Wellman Wu, Philip Lam, Chih-Ping Yu, Pater Lau, Kenneth Cheng, Anthony Colombini, Chun Ka Luk, Nolan Cheng, Sio Wai Sang, Priscilla Cheung, Wilson Ko, and Jimmy Cheng.

Tony C. Wong reported that the B.I.D.'s finance situation is fine and we have a decent balance in the bank.

Eddy Eng reminded all committee chairs to submit their budget to Tony C. Wong so he can prepare the budget for fiscal year 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.