

## Minutes of the Chinatown District Management Association Annual Meeting (CDMA – aka Chinatown B.I.D.) January 26, 2017 6:00 – 7:30 PM Chinatown Partnership / BID Community Center 75 East Broadway. Lower Level New York NY 10002

The meeting was held at the Chinatown Partnership/BID Community Center with the attendance of Council Member Hon. Margaret S. Chin, representatives from Congresswoman Hon. Nydia Velazquez, Comptroller Hon. Scott M. Stringer, newly elected Assembly Member Yuh-Line Niou, NYC Small Business Services, Community Board #1, Fr. Raymond Nobiletti, and more than 50 stakeholders, registered property, business owners, tenants, and other guests were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

The Chinatown District Management Chair, Gabe Mui welcomed everyone and Fr. Nobiletti proceeded with the blessing and invocation.

Gabe Mui thanked all board members especially to the Marketing and Program Services Committees and the staff for their hard work by bringing the new holiday lighting, flying horses and "Welcome to Chinatown" gateway on Canal and lightings around Chinatown, he also mentioned the moving of the main office from 60 St. James Place to 217 Park Row on the same building in order to save money, and the increase of the minimum wages and we need to do fundraising for this coming year.

Wellington also thanked all board members, staff and volunteers from both the Partnership and the BID, and introduced the elected officials, representatives from NYC Department of Small Business Services, VIP and guests.

Council Member Hon. Margaret S. Chin followed with greetings and welcome remarks, and is very happy and excited to see the new holiday lights and will work hard this coming year to bring more affordable senior housing and she is very concerned with the continue increase of property taxes.

The Chair then entertained a motion to approve the minutes from last year annual meeting. Motion to approve the minutes from last annual meeting passed unanimously.

The consultants followed with PowerPoint presentation report highlighting the BID's works from previous year, and future plans of the proposed RFQ of the Community Land Trust (CLT), RFP for Gateways to Chinatown, kiosk renovations, rebranding repositioning, and outdoor market.

Wellington continued and complemented the presentation with his report about the different frameworks and activities, update on the kiosk and other programs.

The B.I.D.'s Treasurer Tony C. Wong presented the FYE 2016 Financial Report and the FY 2017 budget as presented in the Power point. He also indicated the needs to fundraise in order to do all the programs we planned to do and to cover the deficit due to the upcoming minimum wage increases.

The Nominating Committee Chair Patrick Yau explained the nomination process, and as per the Nomination Committee's recommendation and board's approval at the December meeting, he introduced the three new members on the nomination ballot: John Yu from Kin Yu Realty, Dimas Vargas from the New York Jewelers Exchange and Frank Yee from the Yee Fong Toy Association. He continued by presenting the nomination slate as follow:

## **CLASS A: PROPERTY OWNERS**

- 1. Mr. Kenny Chan Fukien American Association
- 2. Mr. Nolan Cheng Cheng, Yeung & Lee, PLLC
- 3. Mr. Anthony P. Colombini *Chu & Partners*
- 4. Mr. Philip Lam *Green City Realty, Inc.*
- 5. Mr. Peter T. Lau

  Confucius Pharmacy
- 6. Dr. Chun Ka Luk
  (Alternate Bernice Luk)

  Broadway Chinatown Realty
- 7. Mr. Kenneth Ma

  Mott Street Optical
- 8. Mr. Jerry Shiao

  Chinese Consolidated Benevolent
  Association
- 9. Mr. Wellman Wu (Alternate, Mr. Hei Chan) Kam Man Food, Inc.

10. Mr. Frank Yee *Yee Fong Toy Association* 

11. Mr. Chih-Pin Yu *Lin Sing Association* 

## **CLASS B: COMMERCIAL TENANTS**

- 1. Ms. Priscilla Cheung *eRxCity Corporation*
- 2. Mr. Sio Wai Sang *Golden Jade Jewelry*
- 3. Mr. Dimas Vargas
  New York Jewelers Exchange
  (representing 130 jewelers)
- 4. Mr. John Yu
  Kin Yu Realty Corp./Kinyu Property

## **CLASS C: RESIDENTIAL TENANT**

1. Mr. Jimmy Cheng
United Fujianese American
Association

Motion to approve the nomination slate of the BID's Board of Director passed unanimously.

After the annual meeting, the board of directors met separately and passed unanimously the slate of board officer for the coming year as presented below:

- 1. Mr. Gabe B. Mui, Chairman of the Board

  The Chinese American Veteran Memorial Building Committee
- 2. Mr. Kenny Chan, First Vice-Chairman For Fukien American Association
- 3. Mr. Michael C. Salzhauer, Second Vice-Chairman *Benjamin Partners*
- 4. Mr. Nolan Cheng, Secretary *Cheng, Yeung & Lee PLLC*
- 5. Mr. Tony C. Wong, Treasurer Wong & Co. CPA's

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.