



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

**Minutes of the Chinatown District Management Association, Inc. Meeting
(CDMA – aka Chinatown B.I.D.)**

March 2, 2017

4:00 – 5:30 PM

62 Mott Street

New York NY 10013

CDMA Board Members Present:

Andrew Chang, representing Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer

Adam Chen, representing Public Advocate Letitia James

Stephen Cheung, D.H. Realty & Management

Warren Chin, Chinatown Partnership

Anthony P. Colombini, Esq., Chu and Partners

Frank Gee, Gee Poy Kuo Association

Eric Holguin, representing NYC Comptroller Scott M. Stringer

Sabrina Hua, representing Councilmember Margaret S. Chin,

Philip Lam, Green City Realty

Fendi Linan, representing NYS Senator Daniel Squadron

C.K Luk, Broadway Chinatown Realty

Kenneth Ma, Mott Street Optical

Andrew Marcus, NYC Dept. of Small Business Services, representing Mayor Bill de Blasio

Gabe B. Mui, the American Legion Lt. B.R. Kimlau Memorial Post 1291

John J. Pasquale, PEP Real Estate

Iris Quinones, representing Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez

Sio Wai Sang, Golden Jade Jewelry

Vera Sung, Community Board #1

Wan Yu Tam, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association

Dimas Vargas, New York Jewelers Exchange

Tony C. Wong, Wong & Co., CPA's

Patrick Y. Yau, First American International Bank

Frank Yee, Yee Fong Toy Association

Chinatown Partnership:

Wellington Chen, Lamgen Leon

Financial Consultants, NCheng LLP:

Carlos Norena, Vera Wong, Debbie Zhang,

Guest:

Keith Lipstein, ABS Partners

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m., Tony C. Wong followed with the invocation.

Gabe Mui continued the meeting by welcoming everyone and introduction of new members and new representatives from elected officials.

Motion to approve the minutes of meeting from December 1, 2016 passed unanimously with the following amendment on the Board Officer's paragraph: *"The BID board officers' slate was also presented and passed unanimously, it will also be presented at the annual meeting for the Board of Directors' approval"*

Wellington followed with a Power Point presentation highlighting the new holiday lights design specially made from China, he also reported the submission of expression of interest for the Community Land Trust proposal. This year we are getting a SBS Fellow 360 who will work with us for about ten months on re-branding and marketing. We also submitted our annual Weekend Walks application for May 21, July 16 and September 16, 2017. He continued by informing the board about the Little Italy's interest in joining our BID, and further discussion is needed.

The discussions of more gateways was discussed and requested, but not as big because some of the Chinatown's streets are not as wide. Also discussed was the big belly, since there are newer models and options and probably more affordable.

Wellington also updated everyone on the Gateways to Chinatown design competition in collaboration with DOT and Van Alen Institute.

The Finance Committee Reported that for the first 7 months, our financial report shows a little surplus, but we are still facing a big challenge with the minimum salary increase effective at beginning of the year and we are still with the same budget as when we first started a few years ago. A Joint fundraising dinner is planned for June 29 and encouraged everyone for supports.

The assessment increase was discussed at length and it is a multi-steps process, and if we plan to go for increase, we need to submit the application and reasons for increase by end of June.

Wellington also extent the invitation from Congresswoman Velazquez to a meeting with Mayor de Blasio to discuss about Park Row and the GSA garage.

The Program Service Committee report was refer to the next meeting, and it was encouraged for more members to join different committees and become more active in decision making.

The "Board of Director Contact Form" and "Annual Conflict Of Interest Statement" were distributed and requested for completion and return to the office.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 P.M.