



**Minutes of the Chinatown District Management Association, Inc. Board Meeting
(CDMA – aka Chinatown B.I.D.)
December 17, 2020
3:30 – 5:00 PM
Via ZOOM**

CDMA Board Members Present Via Zoom:

Andrew Chang, representing Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer
Nolan Cheng, Esq., Cheng, Yeung & Lee, PLLC
Stephen Cheung, D.H. Realty & Management
Anthony P. Colombini, Esq., Chu and Partners
Frank F. Gee, Gee Poy Kuo Association
Lizzie Lee, representing NYS Senator Brian Kavanagh
CK 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
Judy Ng, Flushing Bank
John Pasquale, PEP Real Estate
Stella Shiu, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (USA) N.A.
William Su, Grand Hotel
Antony Wong, representing Community Board #2
Tony C. Wong, Wong & Co., CPA's
Frank Yee, Yee Fong Toy Association
Claudia Zhu, representing NYS Assembly Member Yuh-Line Niou

Chinatown Partnership:

Wellington Chen, Lamgen Leon,

NCheng Accounting Team:

Vera Wong, Teresa Yu

Guest:

Deborah Buyer

The ZOOM meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m. Frank Yee welcomed everyone and introduced the special guest non-profit attorney Deborah Buyer.

The Governance Committee explained that due to the COVID-19 this past year, it was necessary to amend the Chinatown DMA's By-Laws by allowing the board to conduct business either by telephone or video conference, and to approve previous board meeting minutes and actions taken by the board during previous months. The Committee with the help of a non-profit attorney and former SBS counsel drafted the amendment to the By-Laws and Unanimous Written Consent, they were emailed, reviewed and approved by all the voting members.

Also presented to conform to the Non-Profit Revitalization Act were the updated CDMA Annual Disclosure and Conflict of Interest policies.

Motion to approve the Chinatown DMA Annual Disclosure and Conflict of Interest Policy passed unanimously.

Also presented were previous minutes of meeting and other documents to be officially approved.

Motion to approve the March 12, 2020 minutes of meeting and all actions taken by the board passed with one abstention.

Motion to approve the June 4, 2020 minutes of meeting and all actions taken by board passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the September 3, 2020 minutes of meeting with the correction of typo Ian “Chan” (last name was mis-spelled) and all actions taken by the board passed with one abstention.

The NCheng accounting team continued with the financial report with a surplus due to savings on the hiatus of programs, clean street budget and personnel expenses, but increased in COVID-19 expenses to support to local eateries. Also presented for all board members to review were the Audit Committee approved FY20 Draft Audited Financial Statement and Communication Letter.

Wellington followed with a PowerPoint presentation showing the damage assessments from COVID-19. However, the BID never stop providing support services to the community by distributing PPE, sandbags, reflector tapes, lending fixtures, portable heaters for outdoor dining, outreach with update outdoor dining regulations and COVID-19 information, grants and loan opportunities, guidance workshop seminars, etc..

Board members were concern and asked if there are any government help or tax relief to property owners, representative of Assembly Member Niou informed that AM Niou just introduced two acts: 1) Rent and Mortgage Cancellation Act and 2) COVID-19 Small Business Recovery Lease Act among others in queue.

The Clean Street budget and personnel was briefly discussed as Chinatown is returning to normal and extra personnel is needed to keep the district clean, the board instructed Streetplus to adjust their working schedules.

The Nominating Committee Chair reported that the BID Nomination Notice were posted in our social media well in advance since August. Philip Lam due to his busy schedules resigned as board member with church rebuilding activities, the Chair on behalf of the board thanked him for all his supports since the BID formation. The BID received only one application of Mr. James T. Tang property owner of Hwa Yuan Szechuan, Mr. Kenneth Leung as the designee for Lin Sing Association and Mr. David J. Louie Jr. as the designee for Community Board #3 Manhattan.

The following 2021 proposed Nomination Slate was presented:

CLASS A: PROPERTY OWNERS

1. Mr. Kenny Chan
Fukien American Association
2. Mr. Nolan Cheng
Cheng, Yeung & Lee, PLLC
3. Mr. David Fu
San Kiang Charitable Association
4. Mr. Kenneth Leung
Lin Sing Association
5. Dr. Chun Ka Luk
Broadway Chinatown Realty
6. Mr. Kenneth Ma
Mott Street Optical
7. Mr. James T. Tang*
Hwa Yuan Szechuan (to replace Philip Lam, Green City Realty)
8. Mr. Wellman Wu
(Alternate, Mr. Hei Chan)
Kam Man Food, Inc.
9. Mr. Frank Yee
Yee Fong Toy Association
10. Mr. Justin Yu
Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association

CLASS B: COMMERCIAL TENANTS

1. Ms. Judy Ng
Flushing Bank
2. Mr. Sio Wai Sang
Golden Jade Jewelry
3. Ms. Stella Shiu
*Industrial and Commercial Bank of China
(USA) N.A.*

CLASS C: RESIDENTIAL TENANT

1. Mr. Jimmy Cheng
United Fujianese American Association

Motion to approve above 2021 proposed Nomination Slate to be presented at the 2021 Annual Meeting passed unanimously.

The Chinatown DMA Annual meeting is set for February 4, 2021 and will be held via Zoom due to COVID-19.

Motion to approve the annual meeting record date as December 31, 2020 passed unanimously.

The Chair extended his gratitude to all board members for their continued support and all staff for their hard work and dedications.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 P.M.