



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

**March 12, 2020  
3:00 – 4:30 PM  
62 Mott Street  
New York NY 10013**

**CDMA Board Members Present:**

Ian Chan, representing Councilmember Margaret S. Chin (Via Phone)  
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  
Elaine Fan, representing NYC Comptroller Scott M. Stringer (Via Phone)  
David Fu, San Kiang Charitable Association  
Frank Gee, Gee Poi Kuo Association  
Johnson Lee, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association  
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 (Via Phone)  
Sio Wai Sang, Golden Jade Jewelry  
Stella Shiu, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (USA) N.A.  
William Su, Grand Hotel  
Frank Yee, Yee Fong Toy Association

**Chinatown Partnership:**

Tiffany Chau, Wellington Chen, Shu Mei Guan Chow, Lamgen Leon,

**NCheng Accounting Team :**

Vera Wong (Via Phone)

**Guests:**

Charles Man, Heung Tam

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m. Frank Yee welcomed everyone, and Stephen Cheung followed with the invocation.

Motion to approve the minutes of meeting from December 19, 2019 passed unanimously.

Wellington began with a PowerPoint presentation with the Coronavirus outbreak and social distancing impact. Information and government resources, such as COVID-19 Preparedness, Responses and Recovery, interest free loan and grant offered by SBS/SBA and city agencies that provide assistance to small businesses affected by Coronavirus. The board also needs to work with city agencies in providing supports with all these available programs.

He continued reporting on the “Show Some Loves to Chinatown” raffle campaign that was well-received and well-covered by the community, followed by national media and other major cities around the country and thanked all the donors. He also reported on the well-attended multi-agencies conference about the Xenophobia Against Asian due to

COVID-19, and the increase of bias incidents against Asian and Asian owned businesses and encouraged victims to report all incidents to the proper authorities.

Wellington updated the board regarding 70 Mulberry Street building and surrounding area, promotions map for local businesses, banners and special lightings were planned for the Mulberry/Bayard Streets area to support affected businesses.

Special guest and long-time local businessman Charles Man presented his 4 urgent petitions to the elected officials:

- 1) More grants – with no limit on grant amount, he mentioned the 9/11 grant was limited to \$6,000
- 2) More zero interest loan
- 3) City to declare Chinatown as “Preferred Impacted” area
- 4) Chinatown to be “Preferred Impacted Recovery Relief Fund” area

A discussion continued about all these topics, special district area for future infrastructure and suggested that all property owners and tenants needed to work together during this crisis for future plan. Some suggestions: reduce rent, City to waive and/or delay real estates taxes, property tax relief, and to follow the recommendation of: “New York City Hospitality Alliance’s 12-point Mitigation and Support Plan for NYC Restaurants and Nightlife Establishments in response to COVID-19”:

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| 1) Wage and Business Interruption Cash<br>Infusions | 7) Fair Work Week Law          |
| 2) Paid Safe and Sick Leave Law                     | 8) Community Boards            |
| 3) Delivery Fees                                    | 9) Liquor License Applications |
| 4) Fine and Penalty Forgiveness                     | 10) Commercial Rent Tax        |
| 5) Rent and Tenant Protections                      | 11) Legal Services             |
| 6) Sidewalk Café Fees                               | 12) No-Interest Loans          |

The Marketing Committee asked board members to join the special district committee to have one voice in order to work together in finding solutions, outreach to elected officials and community board in this difficult moment and to offer relief and support to property/business owners by bringing advertising/marketing revenue and special lighting district to bring back vibrancy to Chinatown like before.

Vera Wong from NCheng presented the financial report and reported a surplus as of end of January. However, Wellington was presented and noticed some unpaid lighting bills earlier today and Vera explained that was part of the surplus.

Motion to approve the Special Task Force to deal with this COVID-19 crisis passed unanimously.

Discussion about our annual fundraising dinner was talked about and Wellington already has a couple confirmed potential honorees. It was decided to postpone until later may be end of the year.

Special guest Heung Tam talked about this very serious Coronavirus and no vaccine in sight, and the need of tax relief and support to local property owners.

Wellington reported that he already requested Streetplus for their Coronavirus protocol, plan of actions and prevention methods. He also mentioned the latest about the Community Land Trust grant, it still has not been approved by the city, but we are still exploring and working on it.

A meeting with CM Chin was requested ASAP to discuss options, Ian Chan will check and will arrange a teleconference meeting as schedule available. An internal COVID-19 Task Force meeting was scheduled for tomorrow Friday, March 13, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 P.M.