

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

CDMA Board Members Present:

Spencer Chan, First American International Bank
Yim Chan, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association
Kenneth Cheng, Fukien American Association
Nolan Cheng, Law Office of Nolan Cheng
Priscilla Cheung, eRxCity Corporation
Anthony P. Colombini, Esq., Chu and Partners
Eddy Eng, Small Business Services, Mayor Michael Bloomberg's office
John K. Leo, Community Board #3
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
Iris Quinones, Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez' Office
Sio Wai Sang, Golden Jade Jewelry
William H. Su, Grand Hotel
Jimmy Yan, Manhattan Borough President Scott M. Stringer's Office
Esther Yang, Comptroller John C. Liu's Office
Chih-Ping Yu, Lin Sing Association
Xiao Min Zhao, Councilmember Margaret S. Chin's Office

Chinatown Partnership:

Wellington Chen
Lamgen Leon
Tony Wong (intern)

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m.

David J. Louie started the meeting by welcoming and congratulating everyone on being nominated and elected to continue serving on the board. He also mentioned that he was very proud serving on this board with all the dedicated members, and that the annual meeting was a very successful one.

Wellington announced the distribution of the Sandy Relief check tomorrow Friday at the Transfiguration Church at noon and invited everyone to attend. He also announced the joint Chinatown Partnership and B.I.D. board members get together and appreciation event for late February or early March, and hope to establish it as an annual event around the same time to celebrate Lunar New Year.

He continued by reporting the upcoming programs and events, such as Earth Day for Sunday April 21; the Weekend Walks for the weekends of May 26, June 2 and one more in July; "Fleet Week" for the week of May 22, a program to promote Chinatown and Little Italy businesses by offering discounts to uniformed US service men and women; and the annual fundraising dinner by the Partnership in June.

He also mentioned that the B.I.D. is not officially a 501 (c) (3) organization, and since the pro-bono lawyer who started the filing is no longer available, it might make sense for Mr. William Skody to handle the filing paperwork.

Eddy Eng also suggested a joint retreat for both the Partnership and B.I.D. board, and hopes to have it conducted sometimes in late April to mid-May. At this retreat he hopes to have a 5 years strategic plan and goals set.

Motion to approve the minutes of December 19, 2012 and January 24, 2013 passed unanimously.

The nomination slate for the B.I.D.'s officers was presented, the election was conducted and passed unanimously, and following is the result:

Chairperson, David J. Louie
1st Vice Chair, Kenneth Cheng
2nd Vice Chair, Michael Salzhauer
Secretary, Nolan Cheng
Treasurer, Tony C. Wong

The staggering term will be conducted at the next meeting, and all the board members present signed a new annual "Conflict of Interest Statement" as required by the By-Laws.

Since the B.I.D.'s function is beginning to get on track, the board decided to hold quarterly meeting instead of monthly beginning in March. The work will be conducted on the committee levels. The suggested dates for the meetings are the first Thursday of March to discuss Earth Day; June in order to prepare the 5 goals and budget; September to discuss holiday lights; and December to prepare for the annual report, review the audit and prepare for the annual meeting.

Wellington reported that the holiday lightings were extremely well received; there are 24 guide lights, 8 "Welcome" gateways, and many more new lighting prototypes. We will try to have them up until end of March or until April with the DOT's permission. Some members asked if we can have the "Welcome" gateways up year round, and the response is depending on DOT and the cost of maintenance.

He also reported that the 8 zones clean area will probably be re-adjusted because some areas are busier and have more traffic than others. He also informed the board that the annual International Downtown Association will be held in NYC this fall.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.