

Minutes of the Chinatown District Management Association Annual Meeting
(CDMA – aka Chinatown B.I.D.)
January 24, 2013
6:00 – 8:00 PM
Museum at Eldridge Street
12 Eldridge Street
New York NY 10002

Despite the extremely chilly weather in attendance were more than 120 stakeholders, registered property, business owners, tenants, elected officials, representatives, and other guests.

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.

The Chinatown District Management's Interim Chair David J. Louie welcomed everyone and proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting started with the greetings from the Museum's Executive Director Bonnie Dimun and Deputy Director Amy Stein Milford, representatives from Speaker Silver, Comptroller Liu, Borough President Stringer, and other City Department's representatives.

Councilmember Chin also spoke and described on how the 66th Business Improvement District in New York City was established. Mr. Louie continued by reporting all the benefits and accomplishments that the Chinatown Partnership has done before the establishing of the BID and the months after the BID was established. He expressed sincere thanks and gratitude to all and said how proud he feels in being associated with everyone and the teams.

Some of the accomplishments include: supplemental cleaning and graffiti removal services, the B.I.D. also advocated for additional parking spaces around Chinatown, the medium and trees planting on Bowery, the pilot Wayfinding project with DOT, and the pilot trash compactor "Big Belly", etc...

Wellington Chen introduced many stakeholders to present their testimonials, and gave a presentation of past year activities supplemented with appreciation medals and awards ceremony to the Clean Streets Ambassadors, Superstorm Sandy Relief Fund funders, board members and other people for their dedications and contributions to the B.I.D. A special presentation was also awarded to Councilmember Chin for her staunch support that without the Chinatown Partnership there would be no funding to conduct any activities as B.I.D. funding did not occurred within the reporting period.

The B.I.D.'s Interim Treasurer Tony C. Wong presented the FYE 2012 Financial Report and the FY 2013 budget. The By-Laws Committee Co-Chairs, Nolan Cheng and Anthony Colombini followed with the registration and voting rules, and Nominating Committee Chair Gabe Mui explained the Board of Directors nomination process.

The election was conducted and the nominated slate of Board of Directors passed with 92% "in favor".

During the Q&A section, there were some suggestions on improving the registration and voting process, and other commented on quality of life issues.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 P.M.