

## Minutes of the Chinatown District Management Association, Inc. Meeting (CDMA – aka Chinatown B.I.D.) December 1, 2016 4:00 – 5:30 PM 62 Mott Street New York NY 10013

## **CDMA Board Members Present:**

Kenny Chan, Fukien American Association Morris Chan, representing Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer Adam Chen, representing Public Advocate Letitia James Jimmy Cheng, United Fujianese American Association Nolan Cheng, Cheng, Yeung & Lee, PLLC Stephen Cheung, D.H. Realty & Management Hon. Margaret S. Chin, Councilmember District 1 Anthony P. Colombini, Esq., Chu and Partners Elaine Fan, representing NYC Comptroller Scott M. Stringer Frank Gee, Gee Poy Kuo Association 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 Jamie Rogers, Community Board #3 Sio Wai Sang, Golden Jade Jewelry William H. Su, Grand Hotel Vera Sung, Community Board #1 Wan Yu Tam, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association Tony C. Wong, Wong & Co., CPA's Patrick Y. Yau, First American International Bank

## **Chinatown Partnership:**

Wellington Chen, Lamgen Leon and William Tam, Chen Zheng (intern)

## Guest:

Vera Wong,

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m., Tony C. Wong followed with the invocation.

Gabe Mui opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Motion to approve the minutes of meeting from September 8, 2016 passed unanimously.

The Nomination Committee continued by reporting the announcement and the nomination process. All term expiring members agreed to continue serving on the board, except for Mr. Robert Huang from Haagen Dazs who resigned because of his busy business schedule in China. Mr. Hei Chan of Kam Man Supermarket agreed to serve as Mr. Wellman Wu's alternate; and Ms. Bernice Luk will be the alternate for. Dr. CK Luk.

The Committee also received the applications from Mr. Frank Yee of Yee Fong Toy Association as Class A property owner category; Mr. John Yu from Kin Yu Realty and Mr. Dimas Vargas from New York Jewelers Exchange, both as Class B commercial tenants category. The Committee continued by presenting the following proposed nomination slate with their term ending December 31, 2018.

Class (A), Property Owner: Mr. Kenny Chan, Mr. Nolan Cheng, Mr. Anthony P. Colombini, Mr. Philip Lam, Mr. Peter T. Lau, Dr. Chun Ka Luk, Mr. Kenneth Ma, Mr. Jerry Shiao, Mr. Wellman Wu, Mr. Frank Yee and Mr. Chih-Pin Yu

Class (B) Commercial Tenants: Ms. Priscilla Cheung, Mr. Sio Wai Sang, Mr. Dimas Vargas and Mr. John Yu.

Class ( C ) Residential Tenant: Mr. Jimmy Cheng

Motion to pass above nomination slate passed unanimously, and will be presented at the BID annual meeting in January.

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 to vote.

The Nomination Committee Chair also asked the new members to join the different committees and encouraged other members to become more active.

Wellington continued with a Power point presentation of latest current and past programs, events, and the new holiday lightings ordered from China that will be arriving in a couple of weeks. Other discussions included the cost of the Big Belly option, re-branding, and other sponsorships. He also reported that the annual report and fundraising/marketing's RFP were posted on-line and we already received a few proposals. He also thanked Councilmember Chin for her continued support for the BID.

Councilmember Chin joined the meeting and informed the board that the Little Italy's representatives are interested in joining the Chinatown BID to work together with us. She will also meet with some private carters to discuss the possibility of using container in Chinatown.

The Finance Committee reported that the fiscal year 2016 ended with a little surplus, and we are doing ok for FY 2017.

The Marketing Committee reported that we will continue doing our programs/events, such as Madison to Madison Lunar New Year Celebration, Earth Day Clean Street, APA and ADA Weekend Walks, and Mid-Autumn Moon Festival, and that we will continue to focus on tangible benefits for business and residents. We will also do more workshops and seminars focusing on minority women and young entrepreneurs.

The BID annual meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2017 at 75 East Broadway, and the record date for the annual meeting is set for December 31, 2016. The postcard invite/announcement will go out soon.

The board also motioned and approved to authorize the Finance Committee to act on their behalf in reducing 10% of the clean street budget and report to the board at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.