

## Minutes of the Chinatown District Management Association, Inc. Meeting (CDMA – aka Chinatown B.I.D.) September 7, 2017 4:00 – 5:00 PM 62 Mott Street New York NY 10013

## **CDMA Board Members Present:**

Andrew Chang, representing NYC Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer Adam Chen, representing NYC Public Advocate Leticia James Nolan Cheng, Esq., Cheng, Yeung & Lee, PLLC Dr. Warren Chin, Chinatown Partnership Anthony P. Colombini, Esq., Chu and Partners Elaine Fan, representing NYC Comptroller Scott M. Stringer Frank Gee, Gee Poy Kuo Association Jacqueline Hsia, representing NY Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez Sabrina Hua, representing NYC Councilmember Margaret S. Chin, Philip Lam, Green City Realty 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 Wan Yu Tam, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association Dimas Vargas, New York Jewelers Exchange Tony C. Wong, Wong & Co., CPA's Patrick Y. Yau, First American International Bank Frank Yee, Yee Fong Toy Association John Yu, Kin Yu Realty Johnson Yu, representing NYS Assembly Member Yuh Line Niou

## **Chinatown Partnership:**

Wellington Chen, Lamgen Leon

## Financial Consultants, NCheng LLP:

Vera Wong, Debbie Zhang

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. and Gabe Mui continued the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Motion to approve the minutes of meeting from May 25, 2017 with the addition of the missing word "*Small*" in "NYC Department of Small Business Services" passed unanimously with 1 abstention.

Wellington followed with a PowerPoint presentation showing the result of the summer business survey conducted by the SYEP's interns. He also showed the success and the well-received pilot Mott Shared Street program as sponsored by DOT and clarify that there were still plenty of parking spaces on Mott Street even with the planters, and we need to thank the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct for enforcing and towing the illegal placard parked vehicles. We will also be doing a new pilot programs on Doyers Street also sponsored by DOT.

He also reported that the 118 units of new Big Belly will be delivered to Chinatown in the near future, and all board members are welcome to participate in discussion with DSNY and NYDOH for potential locations. Park Row will also be partially accessible and have a dedicated lane for bicycles and pedestrian early next year. The relocation of the "Welcome to Chinatown" gateway was moved further east on Canal Street between Mott and Elizabeth. He also thanked SBS for the grant to CPLDC and CDMA for the SBS 360 fellow to help on rebranding, and she will be with us until March.

Gabe Mui encouraged all members to volunteer and join the different committees, also to attend the different programs and events, he suggested and was agreed by all members to assign Stephen Cheung to be the Program Services Committee Chair.

The Marketing and Development Committee reported for us to refocus on the directions of the organization, such as what story to tell, and to promote the jewelry industries, ice cream/dessert places, optical stores, etc...

Tony C. Wong continued with the financial report and the organization ended FY17 with a surplus and a reserve balance in the bank. He also reported on the fundraising dinner financial and that we still need to continue on doing more fundraisings and thanked everyone for the supports.

The Nomination Committee suggested to prepare for the annual meeting's nomination and post online solicitation for nomination.

Gabe Mui invited all to attend the 9/11 candlelight vigil scheduled for 7:00 PM at Kimlau Square.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 P.M.