



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

March 12, 2015

4:00 – 5:30 PM

62 Mott Street

New York NY 10013

CDMA Board Members Present:

Erik Antokal, Small Business Services, representing Mayor Bill de Blasio
Kenny Chan, Fukien American Association
Nolan Cheng, Law Offices of Nolan Cheng
Stephen Cheung, D.H. Realty & Management
Dr. Warren Chin, Chinatown Partnership LDC
Anthony P. Colombini, Esq., Chu and Partners
Crystal Feng, representing Comptroller Scott M. Stringer
Frank Gee, Gee Poy Kuo Association
Robert S. Huang, Haagen-Dazs
Philip Lam, Green City Realty, Inc.
John K. Leo, Community Board #3
CK Luk, Broadway Chinatown Realty
Kenneth Ma, Mott Street Optical Group
Gabe B. Mui, the American Legion Lt. B.R. Kimlau Memorial Post 1291
Sio Wai Sang, Golden Jade Jewelry
William Su, Grand Hotel
Wan Yu Tam, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association
Yong Teo, representing Council Member Margaret S. Chin
Tony C. Wong, Wong & Co., CPA's
Patrick Y. Yau, First American International Bank

Chinatown Partnership:

Wellington Chen, Mei Guan, Lamgen Leon and William Tam

Other Guest :

Bernice Luk

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

Tony C. Wong opened the meeting on behalf of the Chairman Gabe Mui who will be a few minutes late for personal reasons by welcoming everyone and continue with the invocation.

Motion to approve the minutes of meeting from December 4, 2014 passed unanimously.

Wellington reported that the annual BID meeting went well and the annual report was also mailed out to property owners. He also welcomed the two new members of the board, Mr. Robert Huang, business owners that owns Haagen-Dazs ice cream store in Chinatown and other franchise businesses around New York City; and Mr. Kenneth Ma, whose family own the Mott Street optical and are a long time property owner in Chinatown.

He also reported the approval of the night market by DOT and we are waiting for the hearing and OK from Community Board #3. He has also met with DOT and NYC and Company regarding the kiosk on Baxter and Canal Streets, and will have an update at the next board meeting, he also mentioned that we applied for a plaza program grant through DOT and was able to recover some of the LMDC money. The new spring clean schedule has started and the new maintenance company is using a blower for the first time in the district. A major clean-up and graffiti removal with volunteers has been scheduled for March 21. Two weekend walks are set for May 3 co-sponsored by CAPA, and July 26 co-sponsored by Arts Beyond Sight to commemorate the silver anniversary of the American with Disability Act.

He also reported that the office lease is due at the end of July and ask the board to form a joint CPLDC/BID space search task force, and a joint night market committee to work on the first ever night market scheduled for September. The space search committee was formed with the following members: John Pasquale, Philip Lam and Anthony Colombini; the night market committee was also formed with the following members: Frank Gee, Kenneth Ma and Nolan Cheng from the BID board; KY Chow and Spencer Chan from the CPLDC board.

The Finance Committee reported that there is a surplus of cash for the first 8 months of the fiscal year, however, there are still some unspent money for pending projects, but still expected a little surplus by end of fiscal year. The \$1.4 million budget for FY2016 was presented, \$1.3 million is from assessment and \$100,000 is from fundraising.

Motion to approve the \$1.4 million budget passed unanimously.

The Marketing Committee reported the need of digital marketing; the cooperation with local neighborhood, such as the lower eastside, Little Italy and Chinatown and the re-launch of the BID's website.

Wellington also updated the board that we are working on a promotional map that will include local points of interest and local merchants that offer free or discounted services to local community. DOT also told him that because there were not enough turnovers along East Broadway, they reverted the 2 hours parking limit to 1 hour.

The parking placard and other parking issues were discussed and a committee was also formed to work on the parking conditions in Chinatown. Patrick Yau, Nolan Cheng and Stephen Cheung are members of the committee.

Wellington informed the board that he was recently appointed to the Landmarks Preservation Commission by Mayor Bill de Blasio; and John K. Leo also informed that this was his last meeting as Community Board #3's representative and Community Board #3 will inform us with his replacement in a near future.

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 P.M.