



**CHINATOWN B.I.D.**  
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
華埠商業改進區

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

**June 6, 2019**

**3:00 – 4:30 PM**

**62 Mott Street**

**New York NY 10013**

**CDMA Board Members Present:**

Ian Chan, representing Council Member Margaret S. Chin

Andrew Chang, representing Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer

Jimmy Cheng, United Fujianese American Association

Nolan Cheng, Esq., Cheng, Yeung & Lee, PLLC

Stephen Cheung, D.H. Realty & Management

Anthony P. Colombini, Esq., Chu and Partners

David Fu, San Kiang Charitable Association

Frank F. Gee, Gee Poy Kuo Association

Philip Lam, Green City Realty, Inc.

Bernice Luk, Broadway Chinatown Realty

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

Judy Ng, Flushing Bank

John Pasquale, PEP Real Estate

Sio Wai Sang, Golden Jade Jewelry

Tony C. Wong, Wong & Co. CPA's

Frank Yee, Yee Fong Toy Association

Lingxia Ye-Kneller, representing Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez

Claudia Zhu, representing Assemblywoman Yuh-Line Niou

**Chinatown Partnership:**

Wellington Chen, Shu Mei Guan Chow, Lamgen Leon,

**NCheng Accounting Team :**

Vera Wong

**Guests:**

Elisabeth Axel, Michael Lamberti, Samantha Meng

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. Frank Yee welcomed everyone, and Tony Wong followed with the invocation.

Motion to approve the minutes of meeting from March 7, 2019 with the correction of the typo of the word "ULURP" passed unanimously.

Wellington began with a PowerPoint presentation with the latest updates on the proposed detention center at 125 White Street, Manhattan Community Board #1 and other Community Boards at other boroughs where other detention centers are proposed have all voted against the plan. He also informed the board about the upcoming commercial waste zone proposal by the City, the new DOT Asphalt Art plan on Doyers Street, and the proposed plan to bring in a Poetry installation to Chinatown.

Both Earth Day and APA Weekend Walks were very successful, and we still have two more to prepare. Local businesses did well during the Weekend Walks by looking at the Big Belly collection statistics during days of the events.

The ADA and Public Policy report was discussed, and everybody was very concerned on the continued plague of the ADA lawsuits to local merchants, businesses and property owners. Some businesses might be forced to closed due to lawsuits, minimum wage increase and other rising costs.

We started using the new “CAN DO DISTRICT” branding to be more diverse and inclusive.

The Program Service Committee reported that the Clean Street budget increase was approved, and we also got a little funding, beside supplemental cleaning we also need to help small businesses by educating them how to avoid fine, summons, violations and other ADA lawsuits. A discussion to file a class action lawsuit against those unscrupulous lawyers was also discussed at length, and was suggested to discuss with other BIDs, and bring the issue to the BID Association Meeting.

An ADA Task Force was created with the following members, Stephen Cheung, Elisabeth Axel, Nolan Cheng, Tony Wong, Ian Chan and Lingxia Ye-Kneller. Councilmember Chin’s office drafted an ADA Business Survey Form and would like all members to help distribute among their clients, businesses and tenants.

The Finance Committee reported a modest surplus for the first 10 months of the fiscal year and presented the FY20 budget.

Motion to approve the FY20 budget passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.