

Old Town Chinatown Community Association

Board Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2015

Board Chair Helen Ying called the meeting to order at 11:35am.

Board members present were: Jessie Burke, Tim Desper, Zach Fructengarden, Beth Hansen, Dave Hooff, Gloria Lee, Dan Lenzen and Sarah Stevenson

Board members absent were: Jane DeMarco, Chris Hanford, Jackie Peterson and Evan Ross

Guests in attendance were: Lt. Greg Bashley, Ryan Hashagen, Michael Selvaggio and Mark Sieber

The Board reviewed and adopted the June 2015 meeting minutes. Dave volunteered to take notes in the absence of Jackie.

Dave gave the Treasurer's report noting a total cash balance of \$43,026 which includes \$32,600 in the District Manager matching fund and \$7,082 in the general fund.

Jessie reported that the first meeting of the new Committee on Homelessness was well attended and that they are very much in the information gathering mode. She also noted that Heather at Venture Portland had highly recommended developing a highly focused and recurring campaign directed at City Council.

Helen raised the possibility of forming a Transportation and Mobility Committee. This Committee would assume the lead on parking and other transportation related issues in the neighborhood. After discussion it was unanimously approved to form a free standing committee with Helen and Ryan Hashagen as co-chairs.

Zach brought to the Board a request for project approval that had been received from a potential developer of Lot 33 who made a presentation at the general community meeting. This lot is in a historic district and it was pointed out that design guidelines have yet to be approved for the district. After discussion it was agreed that Zach would draft a letter to the developer confirming our interest in seeing Lot 33 developed but pointing out our inability to approve a project on this site until such guidelines are adopted and that we would do what we could to move that process forward.

Jessie reported on the status of the District Manager hiring process. She expressed concern that skills of the applicants were not meeting her expectation for a District Manager and was concerned that there may be confusion between the Board and the hiring committee. After discussion it was decided to finish the interview process and consider the results before the contract is let. Board members were encouraged to attend the “meet the finalists” meeting on Wednesday.

Beth reported on the plans for National Neighbors Night Out. An ice cream social format is being planned for August 5th from 5pm-7:30pm in the Floyd’s outdoor space. The Board approved unanimously. August general meeting is cancelled. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the National Neighbors Night Out.

Helen raised the possibility of a Community Forum to give stakeholders a chance to give feedback on community issues. After discussion it was decided this would be a great opportunity to introduce the new District Manager so we should target October and an early evening event to capture those that cannot attend the monthly community meetings.

Gloria gave an update on the Chinatown Gate project and the tree inventory project. The tree project starts on Saturday July 18th and she is seeking an arborist to assist. The Chinatown Gate project is in the early stages of coordination between multiple parties.

Next Board meeting will be held on August 12, 2015. 11:30 to 1 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05pm.