

OLD TOWN CHINATOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD

November 11, 2015
11:30 AM – 1:00 P.M.

Minutes

Present: Helen Ying, Gloria Lee, Beth Hansen, Timothy Desper, David Hooff, Jackie Peterson, Sarah Stevenson, Dan Lenzen, Zach Fructengarden, and Evan Ross

Absent: Jane DeMarco, Chris Hanford, and Jessie Burke

Guests present: Anastasia Zurcher (NWNW), Ryan Hashagen, Jennifer (PSU student), AJ Ramadan (RAIN) and David Savinar (RAIN)

Helen Ying called meeting to order at 11:30 AM

October, 215 Minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report: David Hooff. As of November 9, there were

Fund Name	Amount
Street Clean-up	518.57
Art/History walk maps	1,982.00
National Night Out	694.74
PDC Matching	2,600.00
Total restricted funds	5,795.31
Total checking balance	12,709.94
Unrestricted balance	6,914.63
District Mgmt Fund (at NWNW)	23,890.50

Guest Speaker: Jes Larson, Coalition Director, Welcome Home

Discussion of need for affordable housing in the city and the dispersment of affordable housing throughout the city, rather than concentrated in URDs, such as Old Town/Chinatown. Currently, Tiff funds are the primary economic tool.

Welcome Home is part of a 112 organization coalition looking at funding strategies for providing much needed affordable housing. The coalition has been polling the public about its willingness to pay for housing through the following sources:

- 1) A dining tax – some liked this, but most did not, although their research shows that it has worked in other cities such as Austin, TX. Has the potential to generate huge revenues.
- 2) Developer impact fee – voters think that the developers should be taxed
- 3) Property tax levy – a definite NO!
- 4) General revenue bond – this may be the winning strategy. Voters see housing as a top line issue, understand that there is a housing crisis and could vote to pass a revenue bond

Old Business

Monthly General Meeting Times. Discussion from last month’s meeting was continued.

Zach – proposed quarterly evening meetings to keep stakeholders coming to the general meeting. The consensus was that different groups would come to daytime and evening meetings, but this way we would reach more residents. All agreed that a trial period made sense.

MOTION made by Sarah Stevenson and Gloria Lee:

Beginning in January, 2016, we will expand the reach of the Old Town Chinatown Community Association's monthly general meeting by scheduling one evening meeting each quarter. For a one year trial period, an evening general meeting will be held on the first Wednesday of the last month of each quarter from 6:00-7:30 PM at a location to be determined. The general meeting in all other months will be held on the first Wednesday of the month from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at Central City Concern.

Motion seconded and approved unanimously.

District Manager Report:

AJ and David Savinar provided an update of the research phase of their work. Their findings and recommendations --three different concepts – will be presented at the meeting with the Board on November 20. In the meantime, board members should hold off in sending press releases for dissemination to the district management team. The November 20 meeting will be held on the 4th floor of the NW Natural building.

Good Neighbor Agreement with Acadia -Helen Ying

Progress report. Some discussion about moving the phrase “not legally binding” to the back end of the document. It currently is at the top of the city form.

2015 Livability Grant from PDC for the Repair, Restoration and Maintenance of the China Gate.

MOTION by Sarah Stevenson, seconded by Jackie Peterson

The Old Town Chinatown Community Association Board reiterates its support for approval of the PDC Livability Grant awarded to the OTCTCA and its approval of Gloria Lee as the grant manager and NWNW as the project's fiscal sponsor. The Board directs NWNW to release funds for the project.

Motion passed unanimously.

New PDC Livability Grant Submission- Helen Ying

Will be written by Helen Ying and submitted by the OTCTCA as an association grant. A continuation of last year's request to PDC, which included repair and repainting of street lamps and new banners.

MOTION – Zach Fructengarden

The OTCTCA Board approves the application of a new Livability Grant to PDC for the repair and repainting of the neighborhood's historic lamp posts and installation of new banners, leaving for later direction the parameters of the banner design.

Motion seconded and passed with one no vote.

Committee Reports

Transportation

Land Use

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Peterson, Secretary
November 18, 2015