

# OLD TOWN CHINATOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting, February 10, 2016

Present: Sarah Stevenson, Jessie Burke, David Hooff, Beth Hanson, Gloria Lee, Jane DeMarco, Helen Ying, Evan Ross, Jackie Peterson-Loomis, Dan Lenzen

Absent: Timothy Desper, Zach Fructengarden

Helen Ying Opened the Meeting at 11:35 AM

## Minutes:

Motion to Approve by David Hooff. Seconded by Jessie Burke. Approved unanimously.

## Treasurer's Report: David Hooff

Fund Name	1/31/2016
Street Clean-up	518.57
Art/History walk maps	1,982.00
National Night Out	694.74
PDC Matching	2,600.00
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>5,795.31</b>
<b>Total checking balance</b>	<b>12,626.20</b>
<b>Unrestricted balance</b>	<b>6,830.89</b>
<b>District Mgmt Fund (at NWNW)</b>	<b>24,441.38</b>

The Finance Committee composed of David Hooff, Howard Davis, Gloria Lee, and Mark Seiber had its first meeting. The committee discussed grants, procedures, options for ongoing funding and the need for an annual budget. The committee will prepare a budget for the coming fiscal year.

PDC came to the Finance Committee with a proposed amendment to the District Manager agreement to add \$20,000 to the existing grant, which was the amount designated for a separate grant to pay for Communications. The current proposal is to add \$20,000 to the agreement without requiring a match. Some of the money committed to Communications is coming from Tif funds, which has specific guidelines about how money can be spent.

## MOTION

David Hooff moved: Approve the proposed PDC amendment to add \$20,000 for the Communications function of the previous District Manager agreement. Motion was seconded by Jesse Burke and approved unanimously

As the OTCTCA representative to the NWNW Coalition of twelve neighborhoods, funded by ONI, David Hooff reported on the meeting highlights. The new president of the NWNW Coalition is Felicia Williams, head of the Downtown Neighborhood Association.

## Chair's Announcements: Helen Ying

Mayoral candidate, Jules Bailey, will attend our evening March general meeting. Ted Wheeler will be at our day time April general meeting, which is the Board election.

Union Gospel Mission is hosting a debate among all the mayoral candidates on Friday, February 12, 2016 at Union Gospel Mission. The [Northwest Examiner](#) is also organizing a debate for February 17.

## Livability and Homelessness

Evan Ross will attend the meeting of Portland's 95 neighborhood associations to be held at the Red Lion Hotel on February 11. Helen attended the January 30 meeting to discuss the Right to Dream relocation to Southeast Portland and the Home for Everyone Movement. The discussion included the following options: 1) safe sleeps

supports people being able to sleep in the sidewalks from 11 to 7, 2) camps, 3) organized car camping, and 4) shelter model from San Francisco.

Evan Ross: Eyes on the ground report about the current dialogue in Old Town Chinatown. There is an effort to get members from Clean and Safe to augment the police clean-up detail. Bob Day attended the last OTCTCA Business Committee and Greyhound came as well, for the first time, to express interest in talking about Livability. The city's Homeless Pilot Project's storage container is now in place, but no contractor has been assigned. The current head of the Pilot Project is a retiree from Facilities. The survey for the Pilot Project needs to be edited so as to include a timeline and a return address in order for it to be turned in. A mechanism is also lacking for reporting and sharing information about break-ins and breeches. OCOM had a breach recently, but was reluctant to spread the word about the individual to be excluded. More officers are needed on the street.

Helen Ying: There is general approval of the One Point of Contact program. PBA also now has an email blast weekly about concerns on the street. And, there is an ongoing conversation about private security. It is not clear whether the city will create a perimeter. It does not have the force to monitor it.

Sarah. Stevenson: I wonder if we should establish our own neighborhood policy about whether we want to support a temporary or long term camp in our neighborhood. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Fritz now says the city will no longer allow camping in the parks. While there are many systemic reasons why homelessness is a growing issue all over the country: the recession, the heroin epidemic, no sit lie, the mayor's office is no longer receptive to us as an organization.

Helen: we should restate that while we support the city's organizing the chaos, OTCT already bears the burden of services, shelters, and storage. And, when the shelters are let out in the morning, their nightly occupants are bussed to our neighborhood. This double impact is counterproductive. Because of the location of OTCT as the tourist gateway for the city, we need to be able to present a good and safe face to those coming to our city. We cannot in one breath ask that Right to Dream be moved and agree to accept another camp or storage facility.

**China Gate Restoration Project Report:** Gloria Lee reported that that work on the China Gate begins February 10, today.

**Election and Bylaws Revisions:** Anastasia will help us to rewrite the bylaws to add another open seat. We need to retroactively make that change. While the addition was voted on and approved at the last election, it need to be needs be formally approved by the board, the bylaws changed, and the changes sent to ONI.

Chris Handford has agreed to write a letter of resignation. Beth Hansen is also resigning. All agree that 13 seats are productive.

## **MOTION**

Helen Ying moved that the Old Town Chinatown Community Association Board membership be increased from 12 to 13. Jane Demarco seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Gloria, Chris, and Beth are vacating their seats. Five are running for reelection: Jessie, Sarah, Zach, Jackie and Dan. .There will be eight open seats available.

## **12:30 PM Presentation by RAIN: Old Town Chinatown Communication Plan**

Helen Ying Adjourned the Meeting at 1:05 P.M.