

## Minutes of the Chinatown District Management Association, Inc. Meeting (CDMA – aka Chinatown B.I.D.) September 8, 2016 4:00 – 5:30 PM 62 Mott Street New York NY 10013

## **CDMA Board Members Present:**

Adam Chen, representing Public Advocate Letitia James Jessica Chen, representing Council Member Margaret S. Chin Stephen Cheung, D.H. Realty & Management Dr. Warren W. Chin, Chinatown Partnership Anthony P. Colombini, Esq., Chu and Partners Elaine Fan, representing NYC Comptroller Scott M. Stringer Robert Hart, representing NYS Senator Daniel Squadron Philip Lam, Green City Realty, Inc. C.K Luk, Broadway Chinatown Realty Kenneth Ma, Mott Street Optical Andrew Marcus, Small Business Services, representing Mayor Bill de Blasio Gabe B. Mui, the American Legion Lt. B.R. Kimlau Memorial Post 1291 Sio Wai Sang, Golden Jade Jewelry William H. Su, Grand Hotel Vera Sung, Community Board #1 Wan Yu Tam, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association Tony C. Wong, Wong & Co., CPA's Jianhang Xiao, representing Congresswoman Nydia Velasquez

## **Chinatown Partnership:**

Wellington Chen, Lamgen Leon and William Tam

## **Guests:**

S. Andrew Katz, Teddy Lai, Rohan Mehra, Carlos Norena, Vera Wong,

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m., Tony C. Wong followed with the invocation.

Gabe Mui continued the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Motion to approve the minutes of meeting from June 23, 2016 passed unanimously.

The meeting was followed by a presentation by Mr. S. Andrew Katz and Rohan Mehra of the Prusik Group, regarding the Essex Crossing on the Lower East Side, the benefits it will bring to the neighborhood, question and answer and other discussions followed.

Wellington continued by reporting the previous months' events/programs, such as the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual July ADA Weekend Walk, CYI Chinatown Beautification Day. He also informed the board of the recent \$22,000 grants received from CM Chin office for the kiosk; and the challenge the BID will face with the minimum wage

increase to \$11 effective at the end of the year and up to \$15 through 2019. Also, if the BID follows SBS consultant Bob Caruso's recommendation re a new working relationship allocation between LDC and BID.

He also updated the board with different potential sketches, designs and presented the potential timeline regarding the renovation of the kiosk and the Gateways to Chinatown project per DOT and Van Alan Institute.

The treasurer followed with the year-end finance report, there is a little surplus at the end of FY16, and it will help subsidize next fiscal year with the increase of the minimum wage.

There was no Marketing Committee report due the absence of the Marketing Chair. But, the Big Belly topic was discussed as a fundraising tool, since they are more economical than a few years ago. Potential Big Belly, banners and other corporate supports, advertisings, potential year-end fundraising were discussed as well.

Wellington also invited everyone to the Autumn-Moon Night Market Weekend Walk to be held this Saturday September 10, there will be distribution of thousands of mooncakes and toys donated by the Fujianese leaders.

Teddy Lai reported the most recent WE NYC (Women Entrepreneur) programs and the upcoming September 27 workshop.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.