

## Minutes of the Chinatown District Management Association Annual Meeting (CDMA – aka Chinatown B.I.D.) February 4, 2021 5:30 – 7:30 PM Via Zoom

Due to COVID-19, SBS and City regulations the meeting was held via Zoom. We received more than 50 RSVPs and more than 40 people attended the Zoom meeting including elected official representatives, representatives from NYC Small Business Services, community leaders, stakeholders, registered property, business owners, tenants, and other guests.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Chinatown District Management Association Chair Frank Yee welcomed everyone and CDMA Treasurer Tony C. Wong followed with a blessing and invocation.

Motion to approve the minutes from the 2020 annual BID meeting passed with one abstention.

Executive Director Wellington Z. Chen continued with a PowerPoint presentation that included the many samples and slides of activities from the coverage period.

He thanked all the board members, staff, volunteers, and many others for all their help and support during this difficult year by helping with PPE distribution, countless food donations, outreach and most importantly for all the activities and events in voicing out against the Anti-Asian Hate that's been occurring since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020.

Hon. Comptroller Scott Stringer and Hon. Borough President Gale Brewer both brought warm greetings and special remarks.

Wellington continued his presentation with all the hard work performed by our Clean Streets ambassadors, who continued working nonstop while the whole city was on PAUSE, and while most of the businesses were closed and people staying at home, by power-washing, sanitizing, and disinfecting the entire district. Unlike others the office team did not pause their vital work and continue to provide valuable services such as calling and updating and informing the public which stores are still open and where to obtain food, medication, and supplies. The team also obtained and distributed thousands of PPE and new City reopening regulations and resource information to businesses as well as hosting webinars; going on air on radio and news media to keep the public updated on all the changes and the latest information.

The team also initiated special marketing programs to help Chinatown's businesses such as "Show Some Love to Chinatown", "Go Fund Me "campaign and donations to support businesses that suffered damages due to the summer protests, Open Street Restaurants program and the outdoor dining seating donation from Rockwell Group to the businesses on Mott Street. This BID supported local eateries by providing them with free tents, umbrellas, protective seating-

dividers and portable heaters plus many other assistance initiatives and help extended to the different sectors in this large service district that were not typically offered elsewhere.

The 2021 Nomination Slate was presented as follows by the Nominating Committee Chair Gabe Mui, and as per the Nomination Committee's recommendation and board's approval at the December 2020 meeting:

## **CLASS A: PROPERTY OWNERS**

- 1. Mr. Kenny Chan Fukien American Association
- 2. Mr. Nolan Cheng Cheng, Yeung & Lee, PLLC
- 3. Mr. David Fu San Kiang Charitable Association
- 4. Mr. Kenneth Leung Lin Sing Association
- 5. Dr. Chun Ka Luk

  Broadway Chinatown Realty
- 6. Mr. Kenneth Ma

  Mott Street Optical
- 7. Mr. James T. Tang\* (New Member) Hwa Yuan Szechuan (to replace Philip Lam, Green City Realty)
- 8. Mr. Wellman Wu (Alternate, Mr. Hei Chan) Kam Man Food, Inc.

9. Mr. Frank Yee *Yee Fong Toy Association* 

10. Mr. Justin Yu

Chinese Consolidated Benevolent
Association

## **CLASS B: COMMERCIAL TENANTS**

- 1. Ms. Judy Ng Flushing Bank
- 2. Mr. Sio Wai Sang Golden Jade Jewelry
- 3. Ms. Stella Shiu
  Industrial and Commercial Bank of
  China (USA) N.A.

## **CLASS C: RESIDENTIAL TENANT**

1. Mr. Jimmy Cheng United Fujianese American Association

Motion to approve the 2021 nomination slate of the BID's Board of Director passed with one abstention.

BID Treasurer Tony C. Wong continued by presenting the FYE 2020 Financial Report and the FY 2021 budget. After the annual meeting, the board of directors met separately via Zoom and passed unanimously the slate of board officer for 2021 as presented below:

- 1. Mr. Frank Yee, Chairman of the Board *Yee Fong Toy Association*
- 2. Mr. Kenny Chan, First Vice-Chairman For Fukien American Association
- 3. Mr. Michael C. Salzhauer, Second Vice-Chairman *Benjamin Partners*
- 4. Mr. Stephen Cheung, Third Vice-Chairman *D.H. Realty & Management*
- 5. Mr. Nolan Cheng, Secretary *Cheng, Yeung & Lee PLLC*
- 6. Mr. Tony C. Wong, Treasurer Wong & Co. CPA's

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.