

Chinatown Business & Community Association

Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2009

9:00am

Attendees:

Al Canopin, Jr. , Anthony Marlin, Barbara Hao, Calvin Chee, Danny S. Young, Ernest Loo, Johnny Ng, Juanita Kaonohi, Kahele Porter, Rod Tam, Roland Louie, Ross Lee, Shawn Hamamoto, Steve Lelise, Susan Lebo, and Thomas Sum

Johnny Ng reportedly shared comments on the outstanding turnout for the CBCA rally held on Saturday. It was well organized and everyone did their share to make the event a huge success. The group was well received when they distributed the flyers.

Councilman Rod Tam called HPD's Police Chief Boysie Correa. The Chief reportedly told Rod that SHOPO wants him relieved of his position. The Chief asked Rod to write a letter to the Police Commissioner to keep him. It was agreed to have Al Canopin, Jr. draft up the letter as soon as possible.

Membership forms. It was decided that the power of CBCA is based on its membership.

We are officially a non-profit organization. There is now a bank account and Susan Kuwada's check has been deposited to that account. Susan Kuwada donated the first contribution of \$500.00 to CBCA.

The sign waving event scheduled for April 18, 2009 has been rescheduled for April 23, 2009 at 3:00pm To 6:00pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6:00pm at Aala and Beretania on the April 24, 2009.

On May 6, 2009 Chinatown Community's meeting will be held at The Mission Memorial. Show your support and attend this event. There is free parking. Enter from Beretania or Ala Pai and wear your T-shirts. The meeting will begin at 6:30pm and end at 8:30pm. Come with a list of events you would like to do. Make your suggestions in an orderly manner. There will be one speaker.

Committee Chairpersons are encouraged to begin organizing their affairs to disseminate information. Structure and email all issues to Al Canopin, Jr. Focus on one issue. Shawn Hamamoto is working to disseminate all information.

Barbara Hao reports that the metered parking, Jaywalking, and loading zones are an issue. Encourage the merchants to join with us to solve these issues. It seems that the police are targeting the elderly for jaywalking. Metered parking provides a cover for drug dealers and loading zones are an inconvenience.

Rod Tam reports that the police have to enforce the laws to do their job. The police are on a Hot Seat for not performing their duties.

Kahele Porter asks what the merchants are doing to help the community. He suggested that we ask the merchants to provide lists so that the problems can be cited. Join us to form a solution.

Rod Tam will respond back from HPD as to overlapping police coverages during the three existing shifts. 6:00am to 2:00pm ~ 3:00 pm to 11:00 PM ~ 11:00pm to 7:00am. Security and crime coverage for HPD continues. Merchants are not putting gates in the access recesses of their establishments. The homeless continue to sleep in those areas. A permit will be needed for architects to design gates to the entrance ways of each establishment to prevent the homeless from sleeping there. No trespassing signs along with private property signs will have to be placed in plain view. Call HPD for the packages.

Ernie thank you for your Lion Dance Group.

Beautify Chinatown. Make it an enjoyable place to visit for tourists. Plans for exhibits for walking tours are being implemented by Ed Koribski. Rod Tam is looking into this area along with Director of Arts, Marsha Rose Joiner. Ernie is working on the culture and the arts and its history in Chinatown.

Crime overall. Boundaries of Chinatown extend from Nuuanu to River Street and from Nimitz Hwy to Vineyard Boulevard.

Thomas Sum, our treasurer reports that we owe the bank \$300.00 and that we have a total of fifteen members. We also need a follow up March to collect the membership forms which we distributed at the rally and collect the monies from those members. We should also create tally sheets listing names of the members, their responses, questions, suggestions and interests. Attending meetings. Voicing opinions and concerns. Addressing problems and issues. Explain jaywalking. Ask HPD to give warnings first, before ticketing the jaywalker.

Major part to improve Chinatown. Kahele Porter suggested a foundation.

Committees need to meet to disseminate concerns and issues. List all concerns prior to general meeting. No meeting next week.

Sales point of view. Fill out most of the information for the merchants. Go back and have the merchants sign the forms and collect the \$25.00 membership dues. Sticker. Applications are on line at CBCS HI.com.

Calvin Chee comments. Lots of TV and news coverage. Collect video clips on CD in depth to describe motives. Costs to be determined.

Pauahi Street parking meters with red cones. Downtown needs parking. Up for review.

Fund raisers. Fund raiser committee chairman, Barbara Hao is looking into Huli Huli Chicken sales on Kekaulike Mall.

Parking or lack of parking. The neighborhood board seeing how that affects crime. Take the streets back to every first Thursday of the month at Pauahi Community Center.

Reduce parking because of crime. Cecelia Chang from the prosecutor's office reportedly stated that drug dealing had been effectively reduced after parking was eliminated. The question remains, "did

It push the problem away or did it eliminate the problem?" Make informed decisions, one spokesperson from the group citing pros and cons stated.

Rod Tam is expected to meet with the Neighborhood Board, HPD, and Prosecutor's reps with information pertaining to the issues and to discuss the bullet points.

History and records. Linda lists Chinatown's History Theme of old organizations per month ie Oahu Market. Kekaulike used to be a street, now it's a mall. The city has cultural arts. Rod Tam to talk to them per video clips and CD's. Students from community colleges media program.

- Committee Chairpersons: Call your meeting next week and report back the following week. Small committees to tackle the issues: reduce crime
- Increase membership
- Reduce homeless ~ Governor's secretary responded to Rod Tam . House and Senate coordinating efforts to address issues of homeless
- Bathroom facilities ~ where? ~ finance?

Fund raising. Ann Chun. Place her on the list. Get to merchants to sell T-shirts for CBCA. Huli Huli Chicken Barbara Hao to chair.

Banquet: \$25.00 a head or a cocktail party, block party etc. at the end of the year to celebrate our victory. To be discussed further.

First Friday membership table exhibit to sell membership and new meeting cite at the United Chinese Society (UCS) to be discussed at the next meeting.

Treasury report by Thomas's assistant Ross ~ membership 15 total. Allowed 50 free transactions per month. Spend the money on Chinatown to benefit people of Chinatown. Signwaving on the 23rd. Meeting ended at 10:15am

Respectfully submitted.
Juanita Kaonohi

