

# **Chinatown Business & Community Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

**May 1, 2009**

**9:00am**

**Attendees:**

**Alota Taie, Barbara Hao, Chu Lan Kwock, Dolores Mollring, Ernest Loo, Johnny Ng, Juanita Kaonohi, Kahele Porter, Rod Tam, Roland Louie, Steve Lelise, Stanley Chang, Thomas Sum**

**Johnny Ng reviewed CBCA's participation on Crime Training. District one which includes CBCA was well represented at the Community Policing Training. The purpose of the training: Create Community Policing Groups; address the issues more effectively. We started with homelessness, finalized the real issues with sanitation and health.**

**The next meeting will be on Monday, May 4, 2009 at the Gateway Plaza at 9:00am. Johnny Ng will be emailing everyone. This meeting will consist of the Crime Committee headed by Johnny Ng.**

**The sign waving red shirt event was a tremendous success. Great turnout! Great fun! Thank you everyone!**

**Community Policing Meeting on Thursday was an information session. Good Job. Ron.**

**Community Meeting at the Mission House on Wednesday, May 6, 2009. From 6:30pm to 8:30pm.**

**Merchants in Chinatown are complaining. Too many cops! Can't load and unload because of the parking restrictions. CBCA is encouraged to invite the merchants to join as active members. Together we can work on the problems. Some valid complaints are: Delivery lacking sufficient yellow zones for unloading; loading zone signs are questionable; 15 minute loading zone signs.**

**We need police to monitor the parking between Smith and Nuuanu. Nuuanu has valet parking. Buslines for parking are old. No elevators in some of Chinatown parking lots. Parking stalls are an issue on Pauahi Street. The parking issue needs to be addressed at the City & County Meeting and also the Weed and Seed angle. That will be addressed by Dolores.**

**Kahele Porter stated that drug dealing is a controversial problem and if we allow parking to come back so too will the drugs come back. Drug dealing and crime is the community crime prevention by environmental design. Take all information into account before acting. The results impact the community.**

**Chu Lan emphasized needs for more lighting in Chinatown to discourage drug dealing. This is open for discussion. Address community petition by senior center to bring back parking stalls for handicap circulating.**

Tom suggested loading zone stickers for 2 hours be visible when parking at parking signs. Apply with the City & County for changes. Information will be addressed to the City.

There are five red membership T-Shirts remaining.

Kahele's T-Shirts sporting Fengyi (the garden dragon) of Chinatown will be used for fund raising. The price is \$10.00 ea.

Fund raiser pre sale tickets for huli huli chicken (Koala Moa) can be ordered on Nimitz next to Sam Choy's or in Waipahu. Banner will be displayed. Barbara Hao will keep us updated .

A rotation of five volunteers at one time will be canvassing Chinatown merchants as individual membership rather than shops.

Tonight, first Friday ~ CBCA will set up tables for T-Shirt sales.

Thomas Sum, CBCA's treasurer reports: 28 total membership. \$2,250.00 collected. \$1,155.75 used to pay for the members red T-Shirts. The remaining balance in the treasury is \$1,194.25. Additional expenses to be incurred are: \$18.80 for purchasing checks for CBCA's checking account. \$234.55 for CBCA's Banner. \$99.48 for CBCA's Banner Design. Business cards will have to be ordered as United Chinese Address. Cost to be determined for the PO Box and the business cards and other additional expenses. PO Box will have to be secured at the Kalihi – Kapalama Post Office so we can print CBCA's address on the business cards. GE license finalized. Stamps ~ deposit for stamps. Receipt book. Access to bank.

It has been suggested: A cocktail party be held on July 4, 2009 at a charge of \$10.00 a head for new members. The place and the time will be decided at the next meeting. General meetings to be held for members once a month to address issues. Thank you letters to be extended to each new member reiterating benefits. Have stickers made for the door ~ to support Chinatown CBCA as a member much like the Better Business Bureau but designed for the shops in Chinatown. They can be posted on the windows or doors.

Known as the Red T-Shirt Group ~ \$20.00 donated by Roland Louie.

Campaign to address Jay Walking, Parking, Signs for Unloading and Loading to be disseminated. A liaison from the City is out and about photographing the buildings bordering King and Maunakea Streets. Ross has video to document conversations.

On the first Thursday of each month, the Neighborhood Board meets with the mayor's representatives to see public records. Address problems at this meeting which is held at the Pauahi Community Center on Pauahi Street. Meet together with Frank Laboy, Safe Haven, HPU, and Honolulu Action Group. Schedule anyone available to represent CBCA. Meet with Roland on the third week at Aala Palama Neighborhood 15 in Kapalama on North School Street.

Campaign publicly: Newspapers, TV, Radio. Public works with HPD in support of them. Use sound. Flashing lights. Audio. Crossing signs at intersections.

Ross is our video grapher. Searching for general complaints and trying to find the best one.

**Eight people are scheduled to meet with the governor's representative and Debbie Murakawa, Director of Community Health and Human Services to discuss services for the homeless on Thursday, May 7, 2009 at 9:00am. Tentative till further notice May 5, 2009 ~ five people to meet with Steve as the alternate.**

**Stanley Chang completed the letter requested by the police commissioner with fifteen signatures.**

**New Business: Sanitation and Health. Restrooms ~ pay for use with locks and a manager to oversee proper maintenance. Newstore frontage ~ clean. Satellite City Hall to be built in Chinatown with classrooms on the second floor for meetings. HPD has meeting rooms on the second floor of its substation in Chinatown, but due to the asbestos the public is unable to use them. HPD restrooms are trashed by the public. Tom is looking into the United Chinese Services as an alternative meeting center. The small Business Center located at 1041 Nuuanu Avenue, Suite A in the Chinatown Gateway Building is another alternative. Tom's place of business or Steve's is also being considered. Ed Korybski ~ evening meetings to be discussed.**

**Barbara, Dolores, and Juanita will be speaking to English speaking shop owners to encourage membership growth. Chu Lan and Tom will be speaking to non English speaking shop owners.**

**Meeting concluded at 10:45am**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Juanita Kaonohi**