



**Minutes of the Chinatown District Management Association, Inc. Board Meeting  
(CDMA – aka Chinatown B.I.D.)  
March 4, 2021  
3:30 – 5:00 PM  
Via ZOOM**

**CDMA Board Members Present Via Zoom:**

Ian Chan, representing NYC Council Member Margaret S. Chin  
Andrew Chang, representing Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer  
Nolan Cheng, Esq., Cheng, Yeung & Lee, PLLC  
Stephen Cheung, D.H. Realty & Management  
Dr. Warren Chin, Chinatown Partnership LDC  
Anthony P. Colombini, Esq., Chu and Partners  
David Fu, San Kiang Charitable Association  
Allison Gao, representing NYS Assembly Member Yuh-Line Niou  
Frank F. Gee, Gee Poy Kuo Association  
David Louie Jr, representing Community Board #3  
Andrew Marcus, NYC Dept. of Small Business Services, representing Mayor Bill de Blasio  
Gabe B. Mui, The American Legion Lt. B.R. Kimlau Memorial Post 1291  
Judy Ng, Flushing Bank  
John Pasquale, PEP Real Estate  
Stella Shiu, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (USA) N.A.  
Vera Sung, representing Community Board #1  
James Tang, Hwa Yuan Szechuan  
Frank Yee, Yee Fong Toy Association

**Chinatown Partnership:**

Wellington Chen, Lamgen Leon,

**NCheng Accounting Team:**

Vera Wong, Teresa Yu

The ZOOM meeting was called to order at 3:40 P.M. and Frank Yee welcomed everyone.

Motion to approve the December 17, 2020 minutes of meeting passed unanimously.

Wellington continued with a PowerPoint presentation with the latest on anti-Asian hates, protests, rallies, initiatives and other activities that have been organized by different groups. The Chinatown vacancy report and programs that we have initiated such as “Show Your Warm Words of Kindness”, green initiatives and other vaccine campaign with other BIDs and organizations.

The Governance Policy were also briefly discussed and the updated By-Laws and Policy to the non-profit law will be presented at the June meeting.

NCheng team followed with the financial report, there is a surplus due to the following reasons 1) personnel savings due to the PPP loan to Chinatown Partnership, 2) savings from sanitation budget and 3) the lighting expenses, we also spent about \$50,000 to help local eateries with COVID-19 expenses.

The Chinatown Partnership also applied for the second round of PPP loan and there will be a potential savings on CDMA salary budget and for CDMA to allocate more marketing expenses to Chinatown Partnership. The FY2022 draft propose budget will be presented in April for review

Wellington also informed the board that the City will not be having any Weekend Walks this year and instead, to be replaced by other programs such as Open Culture, also the outdoor dining and Open Streets might potentially become permanent programs. Big Belly dashboards are still not functioning as they have been disconnected by Big Belly due to the amount of City of NY's unpaid invoices. Upcoming events are as follow: 1) 3/5/21 PPE donation to Chinese American Dentist Association (CADA), 2) 3/6/21 Anti-Asian Hates Rally, 3) 3/13/21 E-Waste Recycling event and others such as the 9/11/21 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 Commemoration.

He also reported about the potential trash hauling using our truck, lighting special district and security cameras. The ADA lawsuits by unscrupulous lawyers started again and Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY) is helping with the issue, it was suggested to bring this issue to the BID Association meetings and to post this important issue to this year's election candidates

Our current lease at 217 Park Row is on month-to-month and will see whether to find a space to consolidate with the operation center. There is also discussion on the need for government support for property owners, and potential ideas are for property owners to register as 501 ( C ) (3) organizations or Community Land Trust.

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 P.M.