

CWG Meeting Notes 5.3.2021

Present: Nia Nottage (Artists Space); Zishun Ning (CSWA); Tom LaGatta (DID); Steph Kranes (NMASS); Briar Winters (NMASS); Caitlin Kelmar (YAD)

Also Present: Susan Yung (Artist); Rob Hollander (Secretary); Kaiyu-Li (University of Chicago); April Li (Resident)

Minutes and agenda approved; meeting called to order 6:39pm.

CWG Week of Action

The Week of Action will encompass events, actions, and tabling hosted by various groups that educate attendees on the CWG Plan and related land use and displacement issues. The opening will be a press conference with SoHo/NoHo against the City's upzoning which will benefit landlords and developers like the Chu family who closed Jing Fong, and in support of our respective community-led rezoning plans. We're going to talk with TenantsPAC to see if they would like to work on the press conference together. The closing event will be a Town Hall where we sum up our next steps.

Candidate Walks:

We met with Lindsey Boylan, Ben Kallos, Brad Hoylman, Dianne Morales, and will be walking with Mark Levine and Art Chang. Rob reached out to Maya Wiley's campaign. The reception has been good, we have a solid itinerary of sites and backstory to support the need for the CWG. Boylan, Hoylman and Kallos have all taken a public stand in support of the plan. Do we want to endorse any candidates? It could bring good publicity to the CWG and help guide voters. We'll follow up with the candidates to ask them to put community-led rezoning in their platform and see who follows through. We might want to endorse two candidates if both follow through with our asks.

Marte Campaign

There are two months until the election and if people have capacity to volunteer, mostly voter contact but also need for admin/graphics. There will also be a Chinese for Marte committee that focuses on small business displacement and de Blasio's jail.

Updates

Save Central Park's letter to sponsors of the bill opposing inter-building voids is gaining traction. ERPA filed the next part of their lawsuit.

Stephanie Kranes, sec'y pro term