

**Minutes of the Chinatown Working Group (CWG) Full Group Meeting**  
**4:00pm – 5:00pm, Monday, June 11, 2012**  
**American Legion L.T. Kimlau Post 1291**

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**Voting members present:** American Legion Post 1291 (Gabe Mui); Bowery Alliance of Neighbors (Mitchell Grubler, David Mulkins); Chinese Staff and Workers Association (Josephine Lee); Committee Against Anti Asian Violence (Esther Wang, Billie Zhu); Community Board 1 (Michael Levine); Community Board 2 (Ed Ma, Antony Wong); Community Board 3 (Gigi Li, John Leo); Immigrant Social Services (Lillian Moy); International Chinese Transportation Professionals Association (Jerry Cheng); Lower East Side Business Improvement District (Tim Laughlin); Two Bridges Neighborhood Council (Victor Papa, Wilson Soo).

**Press:** Sing Tao (Bonnie Li); World Journal (Yi Chen Tu).

**Also present:** Rob Hollander (Lower East Side Residents for Responsible Development); George Martinez (Congressional Candidate); Irving Lee (Property Tax Payers); Win Sie Tow (Ai Weiwei "Never Sorry" documentary); Mae Wong (218 Holding Inc.); Jimmy Chue (illegible)

**Guest:** Angela Rossi (Lower Manhattan Development Corporation).

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Meeting called to order at 4:00pm, CWG co-Chairs Mae Lee and Antony Wong facilitating.

**1. Introductions.**

**2. Agenda approval.**

>>>No objections, agenda approved.

**3. May minutes approval.**

Irving Lee: Is this a transcript?

Antony Wong: It is based on a digital recording.

Rob Hollander: The presentations are attached and are available on the website.

>>>No objections, minutes approved by all present.

**4. Lower Manhattan Development Corporation update, Angela Rossi, guest**

Angela Rossi: The LMDC Board will meet within the next month to approve the change of the CWG fiscal conduit to University Settlement of New York (USNY). LMDC will reimburse the funds forwarded from USNY. After the June Board meeting, an agreement with USNY will be drafted within 4-6 weeks. Then the RFP will be posted. LMDC does not anticipate altering the RFP. The process will be complete by late September or early October.

Wilson Soo: We have made corrections in the RFP and will meet this week with Zisser of USNY.

Angela Rossi: We have worked before many times with Zisser/USNY.

Michael Levine: Let's thank Angela Rossi for this work. (Applause)

**5. Nominations for co-Chair of CWG**

Mae Lee: New co-Chairs will be elected for the new term at the next meeting in July. There will be no meeting in August.

Michael Levine: Are you running for re-election, Mae?

Mae Lee: I am not

Antony Wong: Nominations for CB co-Chair are opened.

John Leo: Nominates Antony Wong for CB chair.

Michael Levine: Second.

Antony Wong: Are there further nominations? (No further nominations) Seeing none, nominations for CB co-Chair are closed. Nominations for community co-Chair are open. I nominate Wilson Soo.

John Leo: Second

Wilson Soo: I accept.

Antony Wong: Any further nominations? (None) Seeing none community co-Chair nominations are closed.

**6. Announcements**

Presentation on Ai WeiWei documentary which will be released on July 27 at IFC and Lincoln Plaza. It will be previewed July 13 in Williamsburg. Win Sie Tow will send around an e-mail notice.

Rob Hollander: I'd like to add on the agenda for next meeting a resolution to express our thanks for Mae Lee's superb work as co-Chair of the CWG. (Applause)

Antony Wong: Also we will consider a letter requested by the Bowery Alliance Neighbors to the Dept. of City Planning.

Josephine Lee: CB3 is creating a Task Force to oversee the development in SPURA. Can CWG have a seat on it?

Antony Wong: John Leo will talk to CB3 and come back to us.

Rob Hollander: What is the composition of the Task Force?

Gigi Li: Seven members, five of which will be CB members and two representing local CBO's. CWG would be eligible for one of those two seats.

Josephine Lee: CWG represents an unusually wide constituency in the neighborhood.

Victor Papa: What are the selection criteria?

Gigi Li: Discretion of the Chair.

Antony Wong: Let's talk to the new chair after the election next month.

Esther Wang: 11 Delancey evictions: The trial is getting underway. CAAAV is holding an action 9:30am this Wednesday at Housing Court. Please come to show community support.

Tim Laughlin: Re the minutes. I don't know of any document that rescinds the LESBID membership. We have been a voting member since its inception. We anticipate no change and there is no conflict that I am aware of.

Antony Wong: That was Zella Jones' mistake. It will be noted in the minutes.

Rob Hollander: Why is the BID name not correct on the CWG roster?

Tim Laughlin: Must be a typo.

Mae Lee: Must be a typo, because it is correctly listed on our voting roster.

Irving Lee: Any updates on Danny Chen?

Mae Lee: They raised some money, took a bus trip to D.C., delivered the letters and met with the oversight committee members.

Gigi Li: Anticipating the role of CB Chair, I will be scaling back my role in CWG. I will be replaced in CWG by MyPhuong Chung, a new CB3 member.

John Leo: Congratulations (applause)

Antony Wong: Meeting adjourned, 4:55pm.