

Draft Minutes of the Chinatown Working Group (CWG) Full Group Meeting  
5:00pm-6:00pm, Monday, May 2, 2016  
AALDEF, 99 Hudson Street, 12th floor

Voting members present: 83-85 Bowery Street Tenants Association (Shu Qing Wang); 229 Henry Street Tenants Association (Mary Ma); 318 Restaurant Workers Union (Nelson Mar); Asian American Arts Centre (Robert Lee); Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (Margaret Fung); Chinatown and Lower East Side Artists Against Displacement (Jessica Santos); Chinese Staff and Workers Association (Fung Yee Chen, Wendy Cheung, Fun Mae Eng, Antonio Quay Lin, Zishun Ning, Ren Q. Yang); Committee Against Anti-Asian Violence (Naved Husain); Good Old Lower East Side (James Rodriguez); Mujeres e Hombres Luchadores (Louise Velez); National Mobilization Against Sweatshops (David Tieu); New Design Justice League (Jordan Capik, Darren Chase, Brian Mella).

Elected officials: District Leader (Jenifer Rajkumar)

Also present: Trever Holland (Two Bridges Tower Residents Association); rob hollander (CWG secretary).

Meeting called to order by Wendy Cheung, facilitating.

### 1. Membership

Jessica Santos of Chinatown and Lower East Side Artists Against Displacement (CLAAD) submitted a request for membership approval.

**VOTE:** CLAAD was unanimously approved, no objections, by the CWG members present.

### 2. Naved moves that the group compare the CWG and CB3 plans as proposed at the last meeting.

**VOTE:** all approve, no objections.

David explained the two differences: CB3 removed the MI-6 designation from the Edison Property lot in area D and supported CBI's raising of the AMI band in area C to 165% of AMI. Also, CB3 is planning to negotiate with DCP, but has not communicated with us on the date or their plans or whether they will include CWG in their meetings..

Rob adds that the AMI issue is between CWG and CBI. CB3 would prefer in principle the CWG AMI proposal, were it not for the politics between community boards.

### 3. Next steps

Wendy and David propose a series of Coalition actions and mobilizations including speaking at the May 24 CB3 Full Board public session and continuing to expand the membership of CWG.

Trever and rob observe that at the Full Board meeting CB3 is only allowed to take actions on committee proposals, so CWG should also attend the Land Use Committee on the 11th to express CWG concerns and get on the agenda for the June meeting of the committee and the Full Board meeting.

Wendy recommends that CWG demand that CB3 pledge its unity with CWG and CWG's proposals.

Trever will be speaking at the Land Use committee on the 11th to discuss the two towers being built and two more towers that are coming down the pike. Rob asks if CWG should ask for a separate item on the Land Use agenda or combine the two. Trever tentatively suggests that one item would be best as long as both issues -- the towers on the waterfront and the issue of unity -- be included.

James explains that if CB3 is not given a list of specifics on the differences between CWG and CB3 proposals, the committee will spend their committee time searching and speculating on what the differences are and then require another meeting to identify them in order to discuss them, which will delay their process for at least another month.

Wendy recommends that the pledge itself should be simple: unity with CWG proposals.

Jenifer offers her assistance in addressing CBI on the AMI issue.

Wendy and rob suggest meeting with MyPhuong, chair of CB3's Land Use Committee.

Rob lists the suggested actions so far:

1. Write a simple unity pledge.
2. Write up the four specifics between CWG and CB3
  - a. MI-6 on the Edison Property (urgent because of what's happening now on the waterfront)
  - b. AMI in subdistrict C (important because CBI would exclude the low income community)
  - c. inclusion of the area between Grand and Houston (urgent because development and displacement are occurring)
  - d. negotiating at DCP with CWG present, and transparency of CB3 discussions with DCP.
3. Meet with MyPhuong on unity prior to the May 11 Land Use Committee Meeting.
4. Organize speakers with Trever for the May 11 CB3 Land Use Committee Meeting to
  - a. ask for unity and
  - b. be placed on the June agenda to discuss urgent action on the coming waterfront tower developments and unity on the CWG plan  
(CB3 required a full review of their plans in their resolution on area A: "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, CB 3 will review the final, complete CWG plan when it has been agreed to by the CWG" March 2014 CB3 Minutes).
5. Mobilize and organize speakers for the CB3 Full Board meeting on the 24th. Speakers will address: the unity pledge, CB3 transparency, the waterfront towers, negotiating with CWG at DCP, displacement, MI-6, AMI, MIH, ZQA etc.
6. Meet with Jennifer Rajkumar prior to meeting with CBI on AMI in subdistrict C.

David asks us to meet again in June. New Design High School offers a classroom space for the meeting.

Meeting adjourned, 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted

rob hollander, Secretary