

DRAFT Minutes
Chinatown Working Group Meeting
August 6, 6:30pm, 275 Cherry Street Community Room

Voting members present: 83-85 Bowery (Huang, Shu Qing Wang, Qin Rong Wang); Art Against Displacement (Francisca Benitez, Caitlin Kelmar); Chinatown and Lower East Side Artists Against Displacement (Francisca Benitez); Chinese Staff and Workers Association (Zishun Ning, Samantha Ng); Land's End 2 Residents Association (Rasul Hafeez, Tanya Negron); Lower East Side Organized Neighbors (Tanya Negron, Richard Yuen); Lower East Side United Neighbors Association (Tanya Negron); National Mobilization Against Sweatshops (Francisca Benitez, Madeleine Jackson, Steph Kranes, Briar Winters); Youth Against Displacement (Caitlin Kelmar, Steph Kranes, Zishun Ning, Samantha Ng).

Also present: Michael Blecher (Politics Reborn); Shu Kui Chen (231 Henry Street); rob hollander (Lower East Side Residents for Responsible Development); Arnette C. Scott (275 Smith Street); Susan Yung (artist).

Meeting convened 6:50pm, Caitlin Kelmar (AAD, YAD) facilitating.

Agenda approval

Proposed agenda:

- Approval of June and July minutes
- CB3 hearing on the Draft EIS for the waterfront
- Website additions
- Outreach
- Meeting with candidates
- Group updates

Agenda approved without objection.

June and July Minutes

June and July minutes approved without objection.

CB3 hearing on the Draft EIS

Briar, Caitlin, Fran, Rob and Zishun volunteered to draft statements for the hearing reflecting the CWG position and the LESON concerns including the waste water issue and other legal violations incurred if the developments proceed. We will mention also that we are prepared to sue. The draft statements will be submitted by email to the CWG members for an email vote prior to the hearing.

Briar, Caitlin, Fran and Zishun volunteered to speak and present these statements.

Website additions

All agree to have Steph's email website bullets be added to the website for easy comprehension of the CWG and its plan.

In addition, after we upload the entire contents of the original website as an archive, we will invite Zella Jones to a CWG meeting to ask her to pull down the old website.

Outreach

We will create a calendar of events at which CWG can appear and organize.

We should plan to have a strong presence outside the EIS hearing in October at DCP.

Meetings with candidates

We will contact Brian Kavanagh rather than meet with Arias. We will arrange to meet with Harvey Epstein.

Group Updates

We will invite SWIM to CWG.

Next meeting we will bring ideas for the EIS hearing at DCP.

Meeting adjourned, 8pm

Respectfully submitted,

rob hollander, CWG Secretary