

**Culture, Affordability, Preservation, Zoning Working Team  
Chinatown Working Group  
Tuesday August 11, 2009**

**Meeting Minutes**

Location: 49 Chambers Street, Room 709

Time: 11:00am to 12:30pm

In Attendance: 3Square LLC (Douglas Woodward), AAAC (Robert Lee), AAFE (Richard Lee), AALDEF (Bethany Li), ABS Partners on behalf of Canal/Lafayette (Jay Caseley), Assemblyman Silver (Karen He), Bowery Alliance of Neighbors (Mitchell Grubler, Anne Sawaryn), CB 1 (Michael Levine), CREATE in Chinatown (Amy Chin), Anthony P. Colombus, Councilman Alan Gerson (Hiroko Tachibana), CWG (Alanna Martinez, Julian Fu), LESRRD (Rob Hollander), MFY Legal Services (Rachel Spector), NYC Comptroller (Sandra Uy), State Senator Squadron (Dominique Morgan), TBNC (Victor Papa, Wilson Soo)

Media: Sing Tao Daily (Jackey Wong)

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**1. Culture and Historic Preservation extracted their Guiding Principles from Zoning and further edited it. The CAPZ guiding principles are back into 3 sections.**

The Culture & Historic Preservation subcommittee decided to undo the previous guiding principles merger with the Zoning subcommittee. The CAPZ guiding principles will now revert back to the previous version, but with the addition of a clause that will address the needs of street artists.

**2. Review of Affordability's Guiding Principles.**

Richard Lee (Affordability) presented more information on AMI figures. Affordability's guiding principles will remain as they are.

**3. Brainstorm Session:**

The Working Team further developed its action plan by discussing the below:

1. What do we have now:
  - a. What buildings/districts are of architectural, cultural, historical significance?
  - b. What cultural entities (for profit and non-profit), activities, traditions are vital to community life, livelihood and commerce?
  - c. What other cultural assets of the neighborhood are essential to its character?
2. What are threats to these assets? How can they be further protected, nurtured or enhanced?

3. What other cultural developments do we want to see that do not exist now?

**4. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 22, 2009 \* at 11:00 am at 49 Chambers Street, Room 709. The focus will be brainstorming for the Affordability subcommittee.

\* This meeting, which was originally scheduled for September 15, 2009, has been rescheduled for September 22, 2009.