

Three Cultural proposals related to the New Museum's festival of ideas "Untapped Capital," May 1-4, 2013.

The New Museum is inviting proposals for its biennial festival of ideas entitled, "Untapped Capital," May 1-4 (Thursday – Sunday). CWG's Cultural and Historical Preservation Team, following discussions with several local organizations and artists, has developed three preliminary proposals for CWG participation. The CHP Team is asking CWG for approval to move forward with developing these proposals. (When those proposals are fully developed, they will again be presented to CWG for its approval.)

1. Participation with MoCA's events for the festival: MoCA is tentatively planning three events, most likely panel discussions centered around how MoCA can contribute to the challenges of Chinatown housing, immigration and language. The CWG CHP Team recommends that CWG, if invited, should identify appropriate spokespersons who can represent CWG's work on housing (zoning) and/or immigration at those events.

*If CWG votes to approve today, the CHP Team will convey to MoCA that CWG is willing to be represented at any or all of their three events.*

2. "Chinatown Ideas" informational entertainment to present CWG's work: an evening of brief videos, illustrated talks, performances and panel discussions relating to CWG and Chinatown issues. After a series of brief presentations/videos/performances, a panel will be convened to focus on the issues raised and the leadership and policies needed to guide the Chinatown community through the challenges it faces. CWG can introduce its work in this context. New York Chinatown Cultural Center has volunteered its space for this event.

CWG can serve to rally ten presentations, *each ten minutes long, from community organizations and/or video artists on crucial Chinatown problems* and confrontations, particularly on housing (Wyndham Garden Hotel, Allen St.), on racism (Park Row closing, Pvt. Danny Chen), on the problems and pressures that threaten this community and its long term stability. *The goal is to inform and dramatize the predicament Chinatown faces and the CWG's role and purpose.* The festival aims to project a direction for NYC's future, so presentations can look to a positive future for Chinatown (e.g., 100% low income housing at SPURA, kiosks for Chinatown's master folk artists beautifully designed and maintained by the city, visible markers of a change in policy and outlook, a government initiative to recognize and incentivize the appreciation of cultural and racial diversity, its enrichment to the city and its attractiveness to NY's visitors). After these short presentations, a panel can be convened to discuss the issues raised, and consider the leadership and policies needed to guide the Chinatown community through the challenges it faces. CWG can introduce its work in this context.

*If CWG approves, the CHP Team will submit this proposal to the New Museum for its "Untapped Capital" festival of ideas.*

3. Participating in "Untapped Communities" a broad event involving community organizations across Manhattan and Brooklyn, to inform and discuss the threats to community stability including displacement, gentrification, overdevelopment and rezoning, with a screening of "The Domino Effect" followed by a mayoral candidates forum responding to the controversies raised by the video. Pending the approval of the participating groups including CWG, this proposal will be submitted to the New Museum for its "Untapped Capital" festival of ideas.

*If CWG approves, the CHP Team will help draft a proposal submission to the New Museum and help coordinate this event with the participating community organizations.*

No costs: performers/speakers will volunteer. Venues will be provided by MoCA for its events, NYCCC for event 2 and the New Museum for event 3. The New Museum and the participating groups will promote and advertise the events.