

**Zoning Working Team  
Chinatown Working Group  
Wednesday June 9, 2009**

**Meeting Minutes**

Location: 49 Chambers Street, Room 709

Time: 11:00am to 12:30pm

In Attendance: CB#1 (Michael E. Levine), AALDEF (Mabel Tso), ABS Partners (J Caseley, Keith Lipstein), Assemblymember Deborah Glick (Karen He), Borough President Scott Stringer (Jen Hong), Bowery Alliance of Neighbors (Mitchell Grubler), Center for Urban Pedagogy (John Mangin), CESRRD (Rob Hollander), Chinatown Working Group (Julian Fu), Councilmember Alan Gerson (Paul Nagle, Hiroko Tachibana), Edison Properties (Douglas Woodward), State Senator Daniel Squadron (Suraj Kumar), Two Bridges (Victor Papa)

Media: Sing Tao Daily (Lotus Chan)

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**1. Planning and Zoning for Chinatown**

John Mangin of the Center for Urban Pedagogy (CUP), presented an abridged version of the Center's zoning law workshop, which is designed to help community members participate in land use and development decisions. John reported on the different types of zoning regulations such as use and bulk (Floor Area Ratio) and the effects of such regulations on building design. He also discussed briefly the Lower East Side re-zoning and its use of bulk bonuses for developers to provide for inclusionary housing units.

**2. Next Meeting**

The aim of the next meeting will be to prepare preliminary zoning recommendations to present to the full Chinatown Working Group. The discussion will focus on two main topics:

Planning for Chinatown

- 1) What do we have now? How are the buildings used, and how big are they?
- 2) What do we want to have? How should the buildings be used, and how big should they be?

Team members were encouraged to invite as many working group and community members as possible to attend and participate in this discussion at the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 11:00 am at 49 Chambers Street, Room 709.