Present:
Voting CWG Members:
Victor Papa Two Bridges Neighborhood Council
Wilson Soo Chinatown Working Group
Rob Hollander Member
Louise Velez NMASS
Anj Chaudhry CAAAV
Mitchell Gruber BAN
Irving Lee Property Tax Payers
Dean Fong Property Tax Payers
Josephine Lee CSWA
David Tieu NMASS
MyPhuong Chung CB#3
Bethany Li AALDF

Non-CWG Present (See Attachment #1 - Attendance Sheet)

Victor Papa presided as CAPZ WORKING TEAM Co-chair
The meeting convened with Victor Papa presiding and the group was again directed to continue discussing Sub-district A and the question about the implications of transferring of air rights from there to the proposed receiving Sub-districts C & D.

Specific recommendations were made for Sub-districts C & D, i.e., calling for height cap restrictions or for lowering FAR in the receiving Sub-districts so as to allow more to be transferred from Sub-district A, and a call to require more affordable housing. No consensus was apparent on these recommendations.

The chair, reminding the committee that it needed to come to a resolution on Sub-district A, and not having reached one, suggested that the matter be brought to the CWG to resolve it so that it could be further referred to the Community Board. There was general agreement that a report (BELOW) would be provided to the CWG by the June 2 Board Meeting.

Mr. Papa announced that the next convening of the CAPZ sub-committee would be announced.

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CAPZ REPORT TO CWG OF MAY 27, 2014 MEETING

Over the past few months, CAPZ has had several conversations about Area A and Area B in the proposed plan, as well as an initial conversation about Area C and D.

For Area A, the group voted by a majority vote to support Option 1 in Area A. The reason groups preferred Option 1 was because it allows for an increase in residential FAR and a decrease in commercial FAR, which more accurately reflects the character of the neighborhood, and will preserve existing rent stabilized housing, encourage affordable housing development (with 50% guaranteed inclusionary zoning). This decision was determined by a majority (with the exception of PTP who support Option 2 because it provides more commercial FAR for owners).

Some members agreed air rights transfers are not helpful for the tenant and community groups, since they would not like additional FAR at the waterfront. It is noted that PTP was not against air rights transfers, but rather opposed to tying air rights transfers to "buildings of special significance", since as it is written, the burden upon the owner would make air rights transfer negligible.
Community Board 3’s Land Use Committee has also voted to support Option 1 in Area A with no air rights transfers, and then declined to change the vote after new information about the air rights transfers was presented at a second Land Use meeting on Area A, though they agreed to have continued discussions as progress is made within CWG.