

Minutes of Parking, Transportation, Security Working Team Meeting  
Chinatown Working Group  
May 12, 2009

Location: Chatham Green Recreation Room (215 Park Row, basement)  
Time: 6pm-8pm

Attendance: Danny Chen, Triple Edwards, M Erlanga, Jan Lee, Deborah Kata, Jeanie Chin, Tammy To, Steven Maceda, David Wan, Dorothy Thom, Kenneth Ho  
Via Phone: None

There was a group discussion about the impact of government employees driving and using their own vehicles on government business.

Jan Lee gave a presentation of the merits of "zip car" car sharing technology for managing a smaller, more efficient fleet of cars for government use.

<http://www.prnewswire.com/mnr/zipcar/38015/>  
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/04/27/AR2009042703376.html>  
<http://www.wtopnews.com/?nid=596&sid=1661229>  
<http://www.psfk.com/2009/04/fastfleet-zipcar-for-the-government.html>

The group decided that it is worthwhile to ask the full CWG to take this suggestion to the elected officials for input and consideration.

Since Chinatown and Lower Manhattan hosts all levels of government (City, State, Federal), each elected official should be able to suggest the solution at their level.

There was another group discussion about security alternatives for Park Row that the members from Chatham Green and Chatham Towers would like to propose to the City and the elected officials. Briefly, the NYPD is planning the installation of even more bollards on Park Row to keep vehicles from driving up on the sidewalk. These bollards threaten the safety of the residents of Chatham Green and Chatham Towers in numerous ways and they threaten to negate any benefits of the proposed pedestrian walkway along Park Row.

The group decided to ask the full CWG to again present the CG and CT proposal to the City and elected officials. A pdf will be submitted under separate cover.

Finally, we had a discussion of what questions to raise at the June 1 Town Hall. We came up with 3 questions and the group suggested that Triple and Danny come up with whatever additional questions might be needed:

- How do you feel about the bike lane experiments that have popped up throughout the City?
- What is the impact of 9/11 on you, your family, and your businesses?
- The Chatham Square project is estimated to cost \$55M. How would you spend \$55M to improve Chinatown?