

**Zoning Working Team
Chinatown Working Group
Wednesday May 20, 2009**

Meeting Minutes

Location: 49 Chambers Street, Room 709

Time: 11:00am to 12:30pm

In Attendance: CB#1 (Michael E. Levine), ABS Partners (Jay Caseley), Bowery Alliance of Neighbors (Mitchell Grubler), Chinese Progressive Association (Mae Lee), Council Alan Gerson (Vivian Xie)

Media: Sing Tao Daily (Lotus Chan)

1. Planning and Zoning for Chinatown

Co-chair Michael Levine discussed the next steps in the planning process. John Mangin of the Center for Urban Pedagogy (CUP), who presented his organization's affordable housing workshop at the Chinatown Working Group Steering Committee meeting, will attend the next Zoning Working Team meeting. He will present the Center's zoning law workshop which is designed to help community members participate more intelligently and meaningfully in land use and development decisions. It is part of the Center's Envisioning Development Toolkit.

The CUP presentation will be followed by a facilitated brainstorming session in which working group members will be asked to describe Chinatown now and their vision of Chinatown in the future. Members of the working team shared some of their visions and agreed that this will be a valuable session.

2. Next Meeting

Because the meeting was sparsely attended, it was adjourned early. Team members were encouraged to invite as many working group and community members as possible to attend the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 11:00 am at 49 Chambers Street, Room 709 to participate in the brainstorming session.