

**DRAFT Minutes**  
**Chinatown Working Group Meeting**  
**June 4, 6:30pm, 275 Cherry Street Community Room**

**Voting members present:** 83-85 Bowery (Shu Qing Wang); 229 Henry Street Tenants Association (Wang Chin Chuang); 318 Restaurant Workers Union (Zhi Liang Chen); Art Against Displacement (Francisca Benitez, Caitlin Kelmar); Chinatown and Lower East Side Artists Against Displacement (Francisca Benitez); Chinese Staff and Workers Association (Zishun Ning); Land's End 2 Residents Association (Rasul Hafeez, Mercer Jabul); Lower East Side Mujeres y Hombres Luchadores (Yolanda Donato); Lower East Side Organized Neighbors (Tanya Negron); Lower East Side United Neighbors Association (Tanya Negron); National Mobilization Against Sweatshops (Francisca Benitez, Joanna Estevez, Madeleine Jackson, Steph Kranes, Briar Winters); Youth Against Displacement (Steph Kranes, Zishun Ning, Keri Wen Yang).

**Also present:** rob hollander (Lower East Side Residents for Responsible Development); Christopher Marte; Daisy Paez (Assembly Dist. 65 District Leader); Susan Yung (artist).

Meeting convened 6:45pm, Steph Kranes (NMASS) facilitating.

Agenda approval

Proposed agenda:

- Library events
- LESON sign-on letter
- Scott Stringer Town Hall
- 83-85 Bowery update

Briar Winters (NMASS): We should also discuss outreach for new members and friends.

Agenda approved with amendment without objection.

May Minutes

Fran: I sent rob two edits,

“Fran: It is good to be transparent”

“AAD will mount a curated show” (not CLAAD)

Minutes approved with amendments without objection.

Susan Yung (Artist): Paul deRienzo could not attend tonight though he intended to. He wanted us to know that he was recently appointed to CB3.

### Library events

We discussed the screening of Class Divide and panel discussion at the Seward Park Library. We left the program to the organizers and delegated Zishun and rob as panelists from CWG. We will bring Steph's outreach letter and Tanya's petition (LESON sign-on letter) with the excess blanks trimmed.

### Town Hall

Stringer's town hall begins at 7pm, doors open at 6:30pm at Gouvenir. We should speak in favor of implementing the entire CWG plan. Ask if the elected officials present are in favor of implementing the CWG plan and mention the 83-85 Bowery residents.

### 83-85 Bowery

Zishun updated us on the residents' struggle with the landlord who has committed to the deadline. If he doesn't, follow through, the tenants will take further action. Protests are focused on city hall. All the politicians express disgust; De Blasio takes the side of the landlord. The work the tenants have done has had a positive effect across the city. We are looking forward to a city-wide movement.

### Outreach

We should have a comprehensive list of all the members and supporters of CWG to include on our literature. We should continue to attend public meetings to advocate for the CWG plan.

Meeting adjourned, 8:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
rob hollander, CWG Secretary