

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING
New York City Loft Board Public Meeting Held at
22 Reade Street, 1st Floor
Spector Hall

July 7, 2011

The meeting began at 2:00 p.m. The attendees were Elliott Barowitz, Public Member; Gina Bolden-Rivera, Public Member; Chief Ronald Spadafora, Fire Department's Representative; Chuck DeLaney, Tenants' Representative; Matthew Mayer, Owners' Representative; Daniel Schachter; Public Member, and Chairperson Robert LiMandri.

INTRODUCTION

Chairperson LiMandri introduced himself and welcomed those present to the July 7, 2011 public meeting of the New York City Loft Board. He then introduced Daniel Schachter, Esq., Mayor Bloomberg's new Public Member appointment to the Loft Board, saying:

Mr. Schachter brings a broad range of public service and private sector experience to the Loft Board, having served for more than nine years at the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"). At HUD, he worked to preserve dozens of affordable housing projects, and coordinated the significant rehabilitation required to address health, safety, environmental and historic preservation issues. He also participated in the drafting of the lead-based paint policy and the non-critical repair escrow oversight policy for the Market-to-Market Program, as well as providing underwriting training to federal and state employees and property owners across the nation.

In addition to his work at HUD, Mr. Schachter worked with tenants and owners of rental housing as a non-profit tenant advocate, as a municipal employee and as a lender.

Mr. Schachter earned his J.D from Georgetown University and his Masters in Education Administration and B.A from Columbia University and has a NYC Public High School Social Studies Teachers Certification. Mr. Schachter was born in NYC and has lived in Brooklyn for nearly 20 years.

He asked the Board to please join him in welcoming Mr. Schachter to the Loft Board.

VOTE ON THE JUNE 16, 2011 MINUTES

Ms. Alexander read two additional sentences to be incorporated into the minutes.

Motion: Mr. Delaney moved to accept the June 16, 2011 minutes. **Mr. Mayer** seconded the motion.

Members concurring: Barowitz, Bolden-Rivera, Delaney, Chairperson LiMandri, Chief Spadafora, Mayer: (6)

Members abstain: Schachter (1)

Members absent: Shelton (1)

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REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ms. Alexander reported that there are a total of 318 buildings registered with the Loft Board. She stated that she will post an updated spreadsheet and summary on SharePoint prior to the next meeting. **Ms Alexander** also reported that during the last two week the Loft Board has received 6 new coverage applications and no new registration applications.

Ms. Alexander reported that the renewal registration process for Fiscal Year 2012 had begun with the mailing of 314 renewal registration invoices. To date the Loft Board staff has processed 175 renewals generating \$445,000 in registration fees.

Ms Alexander distributed a chart that compares the legalization statistics for the years June 2007 through June 2011. She also distributed the updated Rule Tracking Chart.

Ms Alexander announced the Loft Board staff's move to 280 Broadway, 3rd floor. The staff is sitting in the Borough Commissioner's unit. She also announced that there would be no meetings in August or the first week in September. She cannot confirm reservation of the meeting space at 22 Reade Street for additional meetings on the first Thursdays in October and November until City Planning has scheduled their meetings. Once the dates are confirmed she will advise the Board Member by email.

THE LOFT BOARD PUBLIC HEARING ON RULE 29 RCNY § 2-01.1

The Loft Board conducted a public hearing on Rule 29 RCNY § 2-01.1 – known as the Reasonable and Necessary Action rule.

There were no public comments regarding Rule 29 RCNY § 2-01.1

VOTE ON RULE 29 RCNY § 2-01.1

Motion: Chief Spadafora moved to adopt the rule. **Mr. Barowitz** seconded the motion.

Members concurring: Barowitz, Bolden-Rivera, Delaney, Mayer, Chairperson LiMandri, Chief Spadafora, Schachter: (7)

Members abstain: (0)

Members absent: Shelton (1)

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DISCUSSION AND PRELIMINARY VOTE TO RULE § 2-02 HARASSMENT

Motion: Chief Spadafora moved to adopt the rule. **Mr. Barowitz** seconded the motion.

Members concurring: Barowitz, Bolden-Rivera, Delaney, Mayer, Chairperson LiMandri, Chief Spadafora, Schachter: (7)

Members abstain: (0)

Members absent: Shelton (1)

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CONCLUSION

Chairperson LiMandri concluded the July 7th, 2011 Loft Board public at 3:20 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending. The next public meeting and public hearing for Rule 29 RCNY § 2-04 will be held at Spector Hall, 22 Reade Street, on Thursday, July 21, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.