

Minutes of the Rules and Legislative Affairs Committee
Monday, February 25, 2008

Attendees:	John Vitucci
Leticia Remauro	Sheila McGinn
Joe Pancila	Sean Sweeney
Adena Long	Excused:
Vincent Accornero	Debbie Rose
George Wonica	

The meeting was called to order at 8pm.

The first order of business was to approve language for the proposed zoning text amendment. The committee approved the language and authorized the Board Chairman along with the Chairman of the Rules Committee to meet with various elected officials and professional organizations to receive their comments. Once those comments are accepted and included, Rules will forward the amendment to Land Use for Review and Approval before going to the Full Board.

Olaf Olafson, President of the Carpenters Union Local 1456 addressed the group with information regarding worker safety. He asked the group to adopt a standard in land use review of questioning developers regarding prevailing wage and worker safety. The group requested that Mr. Olafson develop a questionnaire for Rules to review and he agreed. No action will be taken until the questionnaire is received.

Mr. Accornero reintroduced his request for Rules to request that the NYC Council amend the law requiring supermarkets to receive used plastic bags to include curbside pick of bags by NYC Department of Sanitation. A conversation ensued which outlined the practices of reducing plastic bag waste in other countries and it was agreed that Adena Long and Vincent Accornero would research possible other items for inclusion in the Council Bill before requesting a change. They will report at the next meeting.

Chairman Sweeney requested that the group consider placing the tag line, "Reuse, Reduce, Recycle" on all board correspondence. The group agreed. Mr. Wonica furthered the discussion by requesting that the board look into the possibility of providing monthly materials to members wishing to receive them electronically. Chairman Sweeney agreed to discuss this with staff. Mr. Sweeney then inquired about the web site Mr. Vitucci had been working on as former Rules Chair. Mr. Vitucci agreed to share information with Ms. Remauro so she could facilitate the launching of a website for the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm with a motion by Mr. Wonica, seconded by Ms. McGinn.

Respectfully submitted by Leticia Remauro

