

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

November 17, 2011

The meeting began at 2:08 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; Le Ann Shelton, Public Member; Mark Foggin, Manufacturing Representative and Chairperson Robert LiMandri.

INTRODUCTION

Chairperson LiMandri introduced himself and welcomed those present to the November 17, 2011 public meeting of the New York City Loft Board. He then introduced Mark N. Foggin, Mayoral appointed Manufacturing Representative to the Loft Board saying:

Mr. Foggin brings a broad range of public service and private sector experience to the Loft Board. He is currently a management consultant with Public Works Consulting LLC, where he works with a range of clients in the public and nonprofit sectors on strategic planning, performance management and program design. In one recent project he designed and implemented a program of business education, executive mentorship and professional support services for 500 small business owners in underserved communities in New York City.

Prior to beginning his consulting work, Mr. Foggin served as the Deputy Director of the Mayor's Office of Industrial and Manufacturing Business where he launched and managed initiatives to diversify New York City's economy by stabilizing its industrial job base. Mr. Foggin also coordinated with city agencies to maximize assistance for industrial firms and served in several roles at the New York City's Department of Health coordinating public health projects with different city agencies for more than six years.

Mr. Foggin earned his Masters of Public Administration from New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School for Public Service and his Bachelor of Arts from Hunter College.

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

VOTE ON OCTOBER 6, 2011 MINUTES

Motion: Ms. Shelton moved to accept the October 6, 2011 minutes, Mr. Mayer seconded the motion.

Members concurring: Barowitz, Bolden-Rivera, Delaney, Chairperson LiMandri, Schachter, Chief Spadafora, Shelton, Mayer: (8)

Members abstain: Foggin (1)

Adopted by the Loft Board on November 17, 2011

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ms. Alexander reported that there are 31 buildings registered under 281(5) with a total of 576 units. There are 174 docketed coverage applications: 12 of which have been settled, and 162

applications that are still pending. Overall, the total number of buildings seeking coverage pursuant to MDL 281(5) by registration or coverage applications is 108. The Loft Board currently has 321 buildings in its jurisdiction.

Ms. Alexander informed the Board that Deborah Fremder, Loft Board attorney gave birth to a baby girl, Maya. Ms. Fremder will be out on leave for an undetermined amount of time. The Loft Board also lost its paralegal Rosalind Quaye due to illness. We are currently working on filling the paralegal position.

Ms. Alexander stated that she, Deputy Commissioner Susan Pogoda and Ms. Cruz testified before the City Council's Housing and Buildings Committee to discuss the Loft Board, its functions and responsibilities. Ms. Alexander stated that during their testimony, the Deputy Commissioner gave an overview of the Loft Board and Ms. Alexander, Ms. Pogoda and Ms. Cruz answered questions regarding overall Loft Board functions, responsibilities, and matters concerning manufacturing constituents.

Ms. Alexander also stated that that she had sought out speakers with knowledge pertinent to the discussion of 2-06 to speak to the Board. In addition, she and the Chairman had met with Assemblyman Lopez, Councilmen Steve Levin, and a representative from Councilman Dilan's office to discuss, among other things, the interim rent guideline percentages. In addition, the Rent Guidelines Board's newly published 2011 Housing New York City Report was provided to each Board Member.

DISCUSSION OF RULE 2-06 INTERIM RENT GUIDELINES

Four speakers were present to address the Board and respond to the Board's questions. The speakers were Jack Freund from the Rent Stabilization Association, Jason Davidson, a partner in the law firm Rosenberg & Estes. Mario Mazoni, from the Met Council and Laura Braslow, a tenant applicant and member of Community Board 4.

All four speakers agreed to submit written testimony. Such testimony has not yet been submitted, but if and when it is submitted, the Loft Board will post on its website.

Chairperson LiMandri announced that there was a letter submitted by Councilman Vito Lopez, which will be made available on the Loft Board website.

Chairperson LiMandri concluded the November 17, 2011 Loft Board public at 5:15 pm. and thanked everyone for attending. The next public meeting will be held at Spector Hall, 22 Reade Street, on Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.