Meeting Date: April 12, 2013

Members in attendance: Barbara Albrecht, Robert Berne, Corey Blay, Sewin Chan, Mariam Ehrari, David Engel, Allyson Green, Wen-Jui Han, Angela Kamer, Perri Klass, Marty Kurth, Ted Magder (chair), Laurence Maslon, Panos Mavromatis, Tony Movshon, Tony Saunders, Rosemary Scanlon, Andrew Schotter, Jalal Shatah, Matt Stanley, David Vintinner, Larry White, Diane Yu

Members unable to attend: John Billings, Mary Cowman, James Jacobs

1. Call to order and announcements

In addition to the members noted above, Michael Patullo attended as staff coordinator for the Group.

2. Discussion of Quality of Town Hall Meeting

The Working Group discussed the information gleaned from the town hall meeting held by the Quality of Life subcommittee on April 10. Members noted that, while attendance was sparse, a large proportion of the audience was comprised of non-NYU affiliates.

The following main points from the town hall meeting were discussed among members of the Working Group:

- Engaging in continued dialogue with the community about the ongoing stewardship of the superblocks
- Making space available in a new building for community use, including in the event of a disaster or emergency situation
- Designing an attractive new building or buildings that uphold the highest environmental and aesthetic standards

Members noted the need to break down the virtual barrier between the University and the external community, and expressed support for increased NYU stewardship of both this relationship and the physical spaces on the superblocks.
3. Discussion of principles, objectives, and recommendations

To begin the discussion of the process to be employed in reaching a reporting stage, the Working Group (in the absence of the two members of the University Administration) discussed a proposal to exclude these members from voting on recommendations. The Working Group members, however, decided that they hope to reach decisions by consensus as much as possible (rather than by vote) and that they will vote on the voting status of this constituency, as well as other distinct groups, via email to ensure that all members are able to provide input. In the meantime, the members of the administration were welcomed to participate as they feel appropriate.

Members began to discuss possible recommendations, including one recommending building on the southern superblock. A conversation about the appropriateness and scope of a forthcoming preliminary or interim report ensued. Members agreed that they needed to hear a full report from each subcommittee before being able to offer or put forth specific recommendations. Each subcommittee was then asked to prepare a summary of its findings and deliberations and present them to the group at the April 17 meeting, including information in the following categories:

- Major findings
- Principles
- Major recommendations
- Minor recommendations
- Items for future discussion/consideration

Following a brief discussion of principles, objectives, and recommendations, members used the remainder of the meeting time to meet in subcommittees to prepare for next week’s meeting.