

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON PARKS AND RECREATION

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February 10, 2015  
Start: 1:17 p.m.  
Recess: 1:32 p.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Room  
14th Floor

B E F O R E: MARK LEVINE  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
Darleen Mealy  
Fernando Cabrera  
James G. Van Bramer  
Andrew Cohen  
Alan N. Maisel  
Mark Treyger

2 [sound check, pause]

3 CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: Okay, everybody.

4 Welcome to a meeting of the Committee on Parks and  
5 Recreation of the City Council. Today we have just  
6 one hopefully quick piece of business, which is going  
7 to be to vote on the bill that we had a hearing on,  
8 on January 29th. This is Proposed Intro 384-A, which  
9 would amend the existing requirement that Parks  
10 Department provide an annual report to the Council on  
11 private funding for city parks. It would enhance--it  
12 would require enhanced reporting on the annual  
13 expenditures made by conservancies with contracts to  
14 maintain city parks. I'm going to now call for  
15 questions?

16 [background comment]

17 CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: Got it. I'm going  
18 to introduce the members here. You can tell I  
19 haven't passed too many bills yet. I'm new at this,  
20 but I'll get very used to it soon.

21 We have Council Member Cohen from the  
22 Bronx; Council Cabrera from the Bronx; and Council  
23 Members Treyger and Maisel from Brooklyn. And I'll  
24 pause to see if any of my colleagues have questions  
25 or comments at this time.

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2 [pause]

3 CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: Okay. All right,  
4 we're going to call the roll at this time. I'm going  
5 to ask the clerk to please read out the names.

6 CLERK: Kevin Penn, Committee Clerk.  
7 Roll call on the Committee on Parks and Recreation,  
8 Intro 384-A. Council Member Levine.

9 CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: I vote aye.

10 CLERK: Cabrera.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

12 CLERK: Cohen.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

14 CLERK: Maisel.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Aye.

16 CLERK: Treyger.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

18 CLERK: By a vote of 5 in the  
19 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,  
20 the item has been adopted.

21 CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: Congratulations.  
22 Wonderful news.

23 [background comment]

24 CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: We're going to hold  
25 the vote open for I guess another 15 minutes in case.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: You're a  
3 legislative steamroller. [laughter] That's right.

4 CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: Are you comparing me  
5 to Andrew Cuomo? Is that what that is?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: No, I'm not.

7 CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: Oh, that was  
8 Spitzer. [sic]

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: I would never--I  
10 would never do that to you.

11 CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: Okay. Thank you.  
12 All right. Thank you everybody.

13 [pause, background comments]

14 CLERK: Van Bramer.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I vote aye.

16 [laughter and cheers]

17 CLERK: The vote stands at 6 in the  
18 affirmative.

19 [background comments, pause]

20 CLERK: Mealy.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I vote aye on all,  
22 and thank you chair--

23 CLERK: [interposing] The final vote on--

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: --for all the good  
25 work you do.

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2 CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: Thank you for your  
3 support, Council Member.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Any time.

5 CLERK: The final vote in the Committee  
6 on Parks and Recreation is 7 in the affirmative, 0 in  
7 the negative and no abstentions.

8 [background comments]

9 CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: Okay, this concludes  
10 our meeting.

11 [gavel]

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Date February 13, 2013