

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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December 16, 2010
Start: 10:33am
Recess: 11:10am

HELD AT: Committee Room
250 Broadway, 16th Floor

B E F O R E:
LEROY G. COMRIE, JR.
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Maria del Carmen Arroyo
Charles Barron
Daniel R. Garodnick
Sara M. Gonzalez
Robert Jackson
Rosie Mendez
Annabel Palma
Diana Reyna
Joel Rivera
James Sanders, Jr.
James Vacca
Brad S. Lander

A P P E A R A N C E S

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mark S. Weprin

Vincent M. Ignizio

Jumaane D. Williams

Peter A. Koo

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2 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Okay. Thank
3 you Gerry. Hopefully this is our last Land Use
4 meeting of the year. So before we do the vote on
5 the items on today's calendar, I just want to
6 thank all of the Land Use staff starting with the
7 great Gail Benjamin, Carol Shine, Peter Janacek,
8 Christian Hylton, Amy Levitan and Danielle Decerbo
9 and all of the Land Use Committee support staff.
10 I don't remember everyone's names, but I want to
11 just thank them. I want to thank all of the
12 subcommittee chairs. This has been a very,
13 extremely easy transition for me, thanks to my
14 great subcommittee chairs, even though their
15 talking. I was about to say... Brad Lander, he's
16 still not paying attention. Brad Lander, Mark
17 Weprin and Steve Levin have been great
18 subcommittee chairs, making my life very much
19 easier, making these meetings for the full
20 committee short because the work is getting done
21 in the subcommittee.

22 I think everyone has had an
23 opportunity to really understand what's going on
24 in the committee due to the staff. So if we can
25 get quiet for one minute, I'll read the technical

1 things. Council Member Weprin, Garodnick, Barron.
2 Yeah, I know, but...

3 So we only have four items on
4 today's calendar. Three of the items are in
5 Council Member and Speaker Quinn's district, one
6 in Council Member Chin's district. They are all
7 sidewalk cafes.
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9 Also Land Use item 272--oh, I'm
10 sorry. The first item is a Landmark item in
11 Manhattan Community Board 3. It's the Lowes Canal
12 St. Theater Building, item number 20115271 HKM.
13 It's regarding the Landmark Designation of the
14 Lowes Canal St. Theater Building at 31 Canal.

15 Also the three sidewalk cafes, one
16 in Manhattan--one is going to be filed, motion to
17 file pursuant to withdrawal. Come on guys, give
18 me a minute. Land Use number 275, Baby Buddha, in
19 Speaker Quinn's District 20115001 TCM.

20 Two, to be voted on for approval,
21 Land Use item 273, 275, Wogie's Bar and Grill,
22 item number 20115218 TCM. Land Use Item 274 the
23 Good Restaurant, 20115210 TCM, and they are both
24 recommended for approval.

25 I just want to let the members know

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2 that there were 25 sidewalk cafes that were just
3 brought to us for consideration that must be
4 reviewed by the members today. And tomorrow it
5 must be given back to the Land Use staff.

6 Tomorrow if you're interested in voting them up or
7 down - - they can be on Monday's calendar. Right,
8 Peter? For Call Up on Monday's calendar. If
9 you're interested in calling them up, you need to
10 review them by tomorrow, no later than 12:00 so
11 that we can get them into the calendar for Monday.
12 So there are 25 sidewalk cafes, that are DCA--in
13 fact, Mr. Chairman, this is something that we need
14 to have a hearing about, because the Department of
15 Consumer Affairs always does this foolishness
16 where they try to drop it in just before a
17 holiday, be it Easter holiday, whatever holiday is
18 coming up, they drop these sidewalk cafes in so
19 that we don't have the opportunity to do due
20 diligence unless we respond immediately, and
21 that's just ridiculous.

22 So with that I want to recommend a
23 Yes vote to the items on today's calendar. Before
24 we do that I should introduce the members. We
25 have--starting with Rosie Mendez from Manhattan,

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2 Daniel Garodnick, Manhattan; Mark Weprin from
3 Queens; Charles Barron from Brooklyn; Jimmy Vacca
4 from the Bronx; Peter Koo from Queens; Diana Reyna
5 from Brooklyn and Queens; Sara Gonzalez from
6 Brooklyn; Brad Lander from Brooklyn; Annabel
7 Palma--sorry, I'm fighting a sniffle--Annabel
8 Palma from the Bronx; James Sanders from Queens;
9 and we have the Majority Leader and his boss is
10 here, Joel Rivera and his daughter, Sofia, are
11 here from the Bronx. And we've been joined by
12 Maria del Carmen Arroyo.

13 So with that I would want to
14 recommend a yes vote to all items on today's
15 calendar and Carol Shine will call the roll.

16 CAROL SHINE: Chair Comrie.

17 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Aye on all.

18 CAROL SHINE: Council Member
19 Garodnick.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Thank
21 you very much for the accommodation. I vote Aye.
22 And Mr. Chairman, yes, we will be happy to take
23 that issue up with the DCA, and I'd just ask
24 Counsel if there are items in the 4th District
25 that we have the occasion to talk today. Thank

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2 you, I vote Aye.

3 CAROL SHINE: Council Member

4 Rivera?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote Aye.

6 CAROL SHINE: Council Member Reyna.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: I vote Aye

8 on all, and I just wanted to wish everyone a merry
9 season, thank you.

10 CAROL SHINE: Council Member

11 Barron.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

13 CAROL SHINE: Council Member

14 Sanders.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Happy

16 Holidays. Aye on all.

17 CAROL SHINE: Council Member

18 Gonzalez.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on

20 all.

21 CAROL SHINE: Council Member Palma.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye on all.

23 CAROL SHINE: Council Member

24 Arroyo?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Yes.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member

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Mendez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye on all.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member Vacca.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye on all.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member

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Lander.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye on all,

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and I just want to point out that the Lowes Canal

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St. was really a wonderful hearing. It's a great

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project. The owner is supportive, a Chinese

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family that has owned the building for 30 years

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and was here in support of designation. It was

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very nice.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member

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Weprin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye on all.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member Koo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I vote Aye on

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all and have a happy holiday for the Land Use

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staff and of course our Chairman and our

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subcommittee chairmen, thank you.

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CAROL SHINE: By a vote of 14 in

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the affirmative, none in the negative and no

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2 abstentions, the aforementioned items are
3 approved.

4 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: I promised a
5 couple of committee members that we would stay
6 open until 11:05 because they said they were on
7 their way here, and one left his daughter's
8 Christmas play to get here, so we need to give
9 them the accommodation. With that though, I'd say
10 that the meeting is adjourned. Again, happy
11 holidays to everyone. Thank everyone for
12 everything that they've done to make this a smooth
13 year and a productive year. With that, the
14 meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

15 [Pause]

16 CAROL SHINE: Council Member
17 Ignizio?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes, I
19 vote Aye. Thank you.

20 CAROL SHINE: The vote stands at 15
21 in the affirmative, none in the negative and no
22 abstentions.

23 CAROL SHINE: Council Member
24 Jackson?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member

Seabrook?

COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye on

all.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member

Williams?

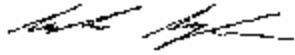
COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye on

all.

CAROL SHINE: By a vote of 18 in
the affirmative, none in the negative and no
abstentions, the aforementioned motions are
approved.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Erika Swyler, certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.



Signature

Date 12/29/2010