

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

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December 16, 2013  
Start: 10:00 a.m.  
Recess: 10:06 a.m.

HELD AT: Committee Room  
City Hall

B E F O R E: PETER F. VALLONE  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Erik Martin Dilan  
Daniel R. Garodnick  
David G. Greenfield

A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

CHAIRPERSON VALLONE: All right. Good morning. Sorry for the delay. Welcome to the Public Safety Hearing. We're going on proposing for 859A. I'm going to sum this up and say that in '05, we passed a law requiring that the City give us information on the top 20 parks by size. And by '08, they were supposed to give us information on all the parks greater than an acre. By '08, that would've been about 800 parks.

Since we've passed the bill in '05, they've given us ten more parks for a total of 31 including Central Park. And we have waited. We have waited. We've had the patience of Joe [phonetic] here. We have worked with them, given them every break that we basically could, written letters. Two years ago the Commissioner told me he was going to do a study based on, you know, how much it would cost to do this, never got us the study.

We kept saying, if you don't work with on this, we will have to pass -- we will have eliminate the new poll which they have been relying on, which basically says if they don't have the technological ability to do it, they don't have to

1 do it. It's been, I don't know how many years now,  
2 but if you can't figure out how to technologically  
3 do it, then we're going to force you to come up  
4 with ways to do it. Six years from '05 until now.  
5 So we are now going to pass a bill that says they  
6 have to give us information on eight -- about every  
7 park over an acre and under that. We're going to  
8 include playgrounds and basketball courts and pools  
9 and places where we've heard testimony from the  
10 unions and the advocates most of the crime actually  
11 occurs or a lot of the crime actually occurs.

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13 So I want to thank the committee  
14 members who are here and who have been here for a  
15 while. I know that Council Member Dilan had a  
16 hearing with the Building's Department, but we're  
17 all here now. So is Billy. So we're going to call  
18 the vote.

19 MR. MARTIN: Lee Martin, Committee  
20 Clerk, roll call vote Committee on Public Safety,  
21 Introduction 859A. Council Member Vallone.

22 CHAIRMAN VALLONE: I vote aye.

23 MR. MARTIN: Dilan.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: I vote aye.

25 MR. MARTIN: Garodnick.

1 MR. GARODNICK: Aye.

2 MR. MARTIN: Greenfield.

3 MR. GREENFIELD: Does the Chair  
4 recommend an aye vote?  
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6 CHAIRMAN VALLONE: About an hour ago I  
7 did. I forget now.

8 MR. GREENFIELD: I vote aye.

9 MR. MARTIN: A vote of four in the  
10 affirmative, zero in the negative and no  
11 abstentions. Item is adopted. Notice based on the  
12 committee report. Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN VALLONE: Thank you. I don't  
14 know if any other council members are coming to  
15 keep the vote open. But it's been now over 20  
16 minutes, so we're going to close the vote. And I  
17 think this is our last Public Safety Committee of  
18 this term. Should've brought me flowers. I'm  
19 upset about that. Council Member Greenfield would  
20 like to say something.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Just on the  
22 record, I would like to thank the Chair Peter  
23 Vallone for his outstanding dedication to public  
24 service and for his leadership of this committee.  
25 He's always been at these meetings on time, rather

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2 early. He stayed until the end. And he has  
3 certainly show great leadership, and we're going to  
4 miss him. Although I know that we're going to be  
5 inheriting his better looking brother, so I guess  
6 that's a reasonable swap. But we're looking  
7 forward and wishing success in whatever it is you  
8 do in the future.

9 CHAIRMAN VALLONE: Thank you. I  
10 appreciate that. Somebody noticed my 12-year on  
11 time record. And it was almost worth it to be  
12 noticed here at the last minute by Council Member  
13 Greenfield. But thank you for that and it's been  
14 an honor to serve the council as Public Safety  
15 Chair. Look forward to -- I'm a cell phone call  
16 away if you guys need me. Thanks. And this  
17 hearing is adjourned.

18 [Gavel]  
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