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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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September 10, 2024

Start: 2:19 p.m.

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HELD AT: 250 BROADWAY - COMMITTEE ROOM, 14TH
FLOOR

B E F O R E: Rafael Salamanca, Jr., Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Shaun Abreu
Joseph Borelli
Selvena N. Brooks-Powers
Amanda Farías
Crystal Hudson
Francisco P. Moya
Kevin C. Riley
Pierina Ana Sanchez

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Sound check for the
3 Committee on Land Use. Today's date is September 10,
4 2024, being recorded by Danny Huang on the 14th Floor
5 Hearing Room.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good afternoon, and
7 welcome to today's New York City Council hearing for
8 the Committee on Land Use.

9 At this time, please silence all cell
10 phones and electronic devices to minimize disruptions
11 throughout the hearing.

12 If you have testimony you wish to submit
13 for the record, you may do so via email at
14 landustestimony@council.nyc.gov. Once again, that is
15 landustestimony@council.nyc.gov.

16 Thank you for cooperation.

17 Chair, we're ready to begin.

18 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: [GAVEL] All right,
19 good afternoon, and welcome to the Committee on Land
20 Use. I am Council Member Rafael Salamanca, Chair of
21 this Committee. I would like to welcome my esteemed
22 Colleagues who have joined us today. We've been
23 joined by Council Member Moya, Rivera, Chair Riley,
24 Brooks-Powers, Abreu, Majority Leader Farías, Hudson,
25 Sanchez, and Borelli.

2 Today, we are voting on a number of items
3 recommended by our Landmark Subcommittee and, as
4 always, I want to thank Chair Hanks and also Chair
5 Riley for their ongoing leadership.

6 Today, we are voting on three landmark
7 designations by LPC, including two in Manhattan and
8 one in Staten Island. Today, we will vote to approve
9 LU 108 related to the Heckscher Building, now known
10 as Crown Building, in Council Member Powers' District
11 in Manhattan. Once a pioneering example of urban
12 skyscraper architecture and a rare example of a
13 building designed to meet the zoning regulations of
14 1916, today the Crown Building accommodates a wide
15 range of uses, including retail in the lower floors
16 and residential above.

17 We will also vote to approve LU 129
18 related to the Temple Court Atrium, now the Beekman
19 Hotel in Council Member Marte's District, just one of
20 the other sides of City Hall Park. The building is
21 the city's earliest remaining fireproof office
22 building and a rare example of a commercial structure
23 around a full height exterior skylighted atrium,
24 which will now be protected as an interior landmark.

2 Finally, we will also vote to approve LU
3 131 related to the Frederick Douglass Memorial Park
4 in Council Member Carr's District in Staten Island.
5 The site, which remains an active cemetery, is the
6 only existing non-sectarian cemetery founded by and
7 specifically for New York City's black community. The
8 site includes a monumental sculpture honoring
9 Frederick Douglass, the prominent abolitionist,
10 social reformer, and statesman for which it is named.

11 Now, are there any Members from the panel
12 that wish to ask questions or have comments?

13 Seeing none, I will now call for a vote
14 with support of the local Members to approve LUs 108,
15 129, and 131. Will the Clerk please call the roll?

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
17 afternoon. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
18 vote, Committee on Land Use. All items are coupled.
19 Chair Salamanca.

20 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Moya.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
24 you. Riley.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: I vote aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Rivera.
3 Brooks-Powers.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Abreu.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Farías.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye on all.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanks.

10 Hudson.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye on all.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Sanchez.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye, aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank

15 you. Thank you, Council Member Sanchez. Borelli.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Rivera.

18 With a vote of nine in the affirmative, zero in the
19 negative, and no abstentions, all items have been
20 adopted by the Committee.

21 Final vote is nine in the affirmative,
22 zero in the negative, and no abstentions.

23 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: All right, thank
24 you. That concludes today's business.

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2 I would like to thank the members of the
3 public, my Colleagues, Land Use and other Council
4 Staff, and the Sergeant-at-Arms for attending today's
5 hearing. This meeting is hereby adjourned. [GAVEL]

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Date September 13, 2024