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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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October 3, 2013
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HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm,
16th Fl.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Maria Del Carmen Arroyo
Inez E. Dickens
Daniel R. Garodnick
Robert Jackson
Jessica S. Lappin
Rosie Mendez
Annabel Palma
Diana Reyna
Albert Vann
Brad S. Lander
Stephen T. Levin
Mark S. Weprin
Jumaane D. Williams
Vincent M. Ignizio
Peter A. Koo
Ruben Wills

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2 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: 'Kay, we are
3 convening the Full Committee on Land Use for October
4 3rd, 2013. Present we have Inez Dickens, Al Vann,
5 Jessica Lappin, Jumaane Williams, Daniel Garodnick,
6 Annabel Palma, Diana Reyna, Ruben Wills, Mark Weprin,
7 Vinny Ignizio and Peter Koo and myself, Leroy Comrie.
8 Yeah, I said Daniel Garodnick; I can say Daniel
9 Garodnick again and I said Annabel too.

10 We have a quorum; we have a few items on
11 the agenda; Land Use Numbers 0885 through 0890, which
12 are related, dealing with MSK CUNY in Council Member
13 Lappin's District, Manhattan Community Board 8, Item
14 Number C130214 ZMM.

15 And we have Land Use Item Number 0891...
16 You want me to read all the item numbers; do I have
17 to... oh, okay, sorry; I was trying not to. Alright;
18 sorry.

19 Okay, it's Land Use Numbers 0885 through
20 0890, which is MSK CUNY; I said the first Item
21 Number; the next Item number's N 130215 ZRM, C 130216
22 ZSM, C 130217 ZSM, C 130218 ZSM, and C 130219 PPM, so
23 they can be properly noted in the record; I wanna
24 thank the lawyer for making sure that we did that.

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2 And we have in Council Member Arroyo's
3 District Land Use Item Number 0891, known as the New
4 Hope Transitional Housing in Bronx Community Board 2,
5 Item Number C 110154 ZSK. Members, we are voting yes
6 to disapprove this item, at the request of the
7 Borough President and the Council Member especially;
8 we are voting yes to disapprove this item.

9 Now we have in Council Member Williams'
10 District Land Use Number 0892 and 0893 dealing with
11 the Brooklyn College campus in Brooklyn Community
12 Board 14, Item Numbers C 120326 MMK and C 130306 ZMK.

13 And then we have the Flood Resilience
14 Text, Land Use Number 0921, which is the City-wide
15 implications and it's Item Number N 130331(A) ZRY.

16 And we have in Council Member Rivera and
17 Cabrera's District Land Use Numbers 0934 and 0935,
18 which are related, in Bronx Community Board 6 dealing
19 with the East Fordham Road rezoning, Item Numbers
20 130273 ZMX and Item Number N 130274 ZRX.

21 And then we have some UDAAPs, Land Use
22 Number 0919 and 0943; we have UDAAP 0919, the Item
23 Number is 20145061 HAK; they encompass Council
24 Members Mealy, Barron, Vann, Levin, Reyna and Dilan;
25 the addresses are 178 Rockaway Avenue in Community

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2 Board 3,; 275 Menahan Street in Community Board 4;
3 663 Willoughby Avenue in Community Board 3; 76 Grove
4 Street in Community Board 4... she's right there... 717
5 Flushing Avenue... and she moved... in Community 1; 160
6 Glenmore Avenue in Community Board 16; 877 Dumont
7 Avenue in Community Board 5 and these are all in
8 Brooklyn.

9 And then we have under Land Use Number
10 0943, Item Number 20145082 HAX, 384 Grand Concourse
11 in Community Board 1 in the Bronx, 1038 Rogers Place,
12 Community Board 2, 1129 Morris Avenue and 1202 Clay
13 Avenue, all in the Bronx; both of those are in
14 Community Board 4; these are all multi-family
15 preservation loans under the UDAAP actions with HPD
16 and under the new State Private Housing Finance Law.

17 And does anyone have any questions or any
18 statements on any items on today's agenda? Council
19 Member Williams.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you, Mr.
21 Chair. I just wanted to go on the record thanking
22 President Gould and Steve Schechter, whose here and
23 Brooklyn College in general for working with my
24 office to get through some issues that I had; namely,
25 making sure the traffic signal was gonna be put in to

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2 a new part of the street that was gonna open up,
3 having a meeting room available for local community
4 organizations in the new building and temporary
5 building that's gonna be there and supporting and
6 engaging my office and others to try to replicate an
7 area that was taken away that was a market; one of
8 the few organic... when I say organic... organic places
9 that people met organically from different cultures,
10 you know from the Caribbean; the Orthodox community
11 came to shop and it's been taken away and I thank
12 their working with me on all those issues. Thank
13 you. So I encourage everyone to vote aye.

14 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Anyone else have a
15 comment on any item on today's agenda? I'm gonna
16 remind the public that most all of these items have
17 been thoroughly vetted in the Subcommittees; I wanna
18 thank the Subcommittee Chairs for their thorough
19 hearings on the matter and the opportunity for input
20 from the public; we've been joined by Council Member
21 Stephen and if there are no other comments, then I
22 would ask that you remember that the next Land Use
23 Committee meetings will be held on October 9th at
24 9:45, the Subcommittee. Yeah, the Subcommittee will
25 be at 9:45; the Full Committee will be at 10:00; we

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2 have a lot of items on the agenda, a lot of things
3 that need to be worked out over the next week, so
4 please stay in contact with those Council Members
5 that have items that are coming up over the next week
6 between Hallets Point and Willets Point and Points..
7 and Points all over the place at the moment, so we...

8 [laughter]

9 [background comments]

10 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Yeah, that's the day
11 that's stated, so the next... next Subcommittee meeting
12 will be scheduled for 9:45; the Full Land Use is
13 scheduled for 10:00 on stated day and those times are
14 suggested [laugh].

15 Oh, that's in City Hall. I just wanna
16 remind everyone that on Land Use 0891, which is in
17 Council Member Rose's District, it's an aye to
18 disapprove. With that we will call the roll.

19 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Chair Comrie.

20 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Aye on all.

21 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Reyna

22 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Permission to
23 explain my vote.

24 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: So moved.
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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: I just wanted to thank the Land Use Committee for helping move the agenda of the homes that are City-owned property that will be developed and rehabbed for affordable housing units, not only in my District, but there's 10 different sites in I believe eight different council members; not an easy task, and I want to thank HPD for clustering this package so that we are moving forward with affordable units in the City of New York. Thank so much. I vote aye.

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: We've been joined by Council Member Lander.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Vann.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Palma.

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Dickens.

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Garodnick.

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Lappin.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye on all with
3 the exception of Land Use Items 0885 to 0890 on which
4 I recuse myself from voting.

5 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Koo.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

7 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
8 Lander.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye on all.

10 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Levin.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all.

12 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Chair Weprin.

13 CHAIR WEPRIN: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
15 Williams.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I forgot to
17 mention that I am excited about the School of
18 Business coming. May I have permission to explain my
19 vote, 'cause Wills said that I forgot to ask? Thank
20 you... [interpose]

21 [laughter]

22 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Chairperson...
23 that' not Wills? I forgot to say that I'm very
24 excited about the School of Business coming to
25 Brooklyn College and it also is my alma mater;

1 graduated there twice; sense of pride. Huh?

2 [interpose]

3 FEMALE VOICE: Sing the fight song.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I don't know
5 the fight song; do we have a fight song?

6 [laughter]

7 [background comments]

8 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: We've gotta get
9 it... next time... I need to know the fight song or I'm
10 not voting to approve it... no... [laugh]. I vote aye on
11 all.
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13 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Wills.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye on all.

15 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
16 Ignizio.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: By a vote of 14 in
19 the affirmative, 0 abstentions and 0 negatives, all
20 items have been adopted with the exception of Land
21 Use Items 0885 to 0890, which are adopted by a vote
22 of 13 in the affirmative, 0 abstentions and 0
23 negatives.

24 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Yeah, I'm expecting
25 Council Member Arroyo; she called me twice to say

1 that she was almost here, so members can... yeah, we
2 will adjourn the com... we will adjourn the Committee;
3 leave the roll open. October 9th is the next Subs
4 and the Full Committee. With that I thank you all
5 for being here and enjoy your morning; the Land Use
6 Committee for October 3rd is hereby adjourned.
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8 [gavel]

9 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
10 Jackson.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: I vote aye on
12 all.

13 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: The vote now stands
14 15 in the affirmative, 0 negatives, 0 abstentions on
15 all adopted items with the exception of Land Use
16 Items 0885 to 0890, which now stands at 14 in the
17 affirmative, 0 abstentions, 0 negatives.

18 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
19 Arroyo:

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye on all.

21 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Vote now stands 16 in
22 the affirmative, 0 negatives and 0 abstentions on all
23 adopted items with the exception of Land Use Items
24 0885 to 0890, stands at a vote of 15 in the
25 affirmative, 0 abstentions, 0 negative.

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COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
Mendez.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: I vote aye on
all.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Final vote total; all
items have been adopted... Land Use Committee, all
items have been adopted, 17 in the affirmative, 0
negatives and 0 abstentions with the exception of
Land Use Items 0885 to 0890, which have been adopted
by 16 in the affirmative, 0 abstentions and 0
negatives.

FEMALE VOICE: The Land Use hearing is
now adjourned.

[gavel]

C E R T I F I C A T E

World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date October 14, 2013