

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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September 4, 2014
Start: 11:35 a.m.
Recess: 11:54 a.m.

HELD AT: Committee Room-City Hall

B E F O R E:
DAVID G. GREENFIELD
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Brad Lander
Vincent Gentile
Maria del Carmen Arroyo
Inez E. Dickens
Daniel R. Garodnick
Rosie Mendez
Ydanis Rodriguez
Peter Koo
Mark Weprin
Inez Barron
Andrew Cohen
Mark Treyger
Ben Kallos
Ritchie Torres
Vincent Ignizio
Stephen Levin
Donovan Richards
Antonio Reynoso

CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: [background voices] Good morning, my name is David Greenfield. I'm the Council Member from the 44th Council District in Brooklyn and I'm privileged to serve as the chair of the Land Use Committee. I want to welcome my esteemed colleagues who are members of the committee. Council Member Lander actually, we'll start first with him 'cause he gets the gold star for being the first member here, although he kind of cheated 'cause he had a earlier hearing here, but we'll give him the credit well, nonetheless, Council Member Gentile, Council Member Arroyo, Council Member Dickens, Council Member Garodnick, Council Member Mendez, Council Member Rodriguez, Council Member Koo, Council Member Weprin, Council Member Barron, Council Member Cohen and Council Member Treyger. Also, I wanted to recognize the chairs of the subcommittee, Chair Mark Weprin, Chair Peter Koo, as well as Chair Inez Dickens. I want to thank you all for your attendance today.

You will see on the table before you several items relating to the committee. First is the agenda prepared by the committee staff pertaining to those matters which have had a hearing and have

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2 been fully vetted by the subcommittees. Those are
3 the matters on which we will be acting today. Also
4 before you we have the joint reports of the Land Use
5 Committees and applicable subcommittee for each item
6 we are voting on today and the proposed resolution
7 for each item. What the committee is voting on today
8 is to approve each of the resolutions before you for
9 presentation and vote by the full council. The
10 resolutions reflect the recommendation of the
11 applicable subcommittee. In addition today you will
12 find a briefing sheet, which gives you additional
13 information about those matters and other matters
14 which have scheduled by the subcommittee.

15 Today, we have only two applications on
16 our calendar for consideration: Land Use Number 111,
17 L&C Oyster Company, an application to operate an
18 unenclosed sidewalk café located at 254 Fifth Avenue,
19 two tables and 12 chairs in Manhattan's Community
20 Board 5 in Council Member Garodnick's district and LU
21 Number 112, the Irish Arts Center, an application
22 submitted by HPD to allow the designation of
23 properties located at 762/728 11th Avenue and 553/55
24 West 51st Street, an Urban Development Action area
25 and disposition of the property to facilitate the

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2 development of the five-story Irish Art Center and
3 the enlargement of Community Gardens in Manhattan
4 Community Board 4 in Council Member Johnson's
5 district. Subcommittees are recommending approval of
6 these items, as have the council members in whose
7 districts these projects are located. I recommend an
8 aye vote on all these matters. I also want to
9 recognize Council Member Kallos, who has just joined
10 us. Does anyone have any questions, statements?
11 Hearing none, I will ask the clerk to call the roll.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,
13 Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on Land
14 Use. Council Member Greenfield.

15 CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Aye on all.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gentile.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye on all.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: [Response not
20 heard]

21 CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Would you like
22 to abstain as a result? Thank you.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin.

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cohen.

COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos.

COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Treyger.

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: On a vote of 14 in the affirmative, 0 negative, no abstentions all items have been adopted.

CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Thank you. As is our practice, we will keep this committee open for

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2 votes for 15 minutes until 11:53 a.m. Thank you very
3 much.

4 [Pause]

5 [gavel]

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Torres.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Aye on all. Aye
8 on all.

9 [Pause]

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: I vote aye.

12 [Pause]

13 [gavel]

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Levin.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

18 [Pause]

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Reynoso.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye.

21 [Pause]

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote on Committee
23 on Land Use 19 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative
24 and no abstentions. Thank you.

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 09/05/2014