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CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DISPOSITIONS AND
CONCESSIONS

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June 20, 2017
Start: 1:10 p.m.
Recess: 1:32 p.m.

HELD AT: Committee Room - City Hall

B E F O R E:
RAFAEL SALAMANCA, JR.
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Darlene Mealy
Ydanis A. Rodriguez
Andrew Cohen
Mark Treyger

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

Jordan Press
Executive Director of
Development and Planning
Government Affairs Unit
NYC Housing Preservation and Development

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2 [sound check]

3 [pause]

4 [laugh]

5 [pause]

6 [gavel]

7 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Alright, good
8 afternoon everyone. I am Council Member Rafael
9 Salamanca, chair of the Subcommittee on Planning,
10 Dispositions and Concessions. Welcome everyone to
11 today's hearing. Today we're joined by Council
12 Member Any Cohen and Council Member Mark Treyger.
13 Today we will hold only one hearing and we'll vote on
14 a number of items.

15 The item we will hear is the Lower East
16 side People's Mutual Housing Association tax
17 exemption application; this item, LU 693, is a
18 correction to an application that the Council
19 approved recently pursuant to Article XI of the
20 Private Housing Finance Law. The affected properties
21 are located in the districts of Council Members Chin
22 and Mendez.

23 We will also be voting on items that were
24 previously heard and laid over; these items: the five
25 remaining POMP applications -- LU 659, 660, 662, 663,

2 and 666, seeking Article XI tax exemptions for
3 properties that were acquired in rem by the City of
4 New York then disposed of through the Private Owners
5 Management Program. These projects are in the
6 districts of Council Members Gibson, Cabrera, Palma,
7 Torres, and Speak Mark-Viverito.

8 The amendment to a previously approved
9 UDAAP project and an Article XI tax exemption for the
10 TMN904 Cluster, LU 672; this property is in Council
11 Member Perkins' district.

12 I am now opening up the public hearing on
13 LU 693, the Lower East Side People's Mutual Housing
14 Association tax exemption application. Please
15 introduce yourself.

16 JORDAN PRESS: Good afternoon. My name
17 is Jordan Press, Executive Director for Planning and
18 Development in HPD's Government Affairs Unit.

19 Land Use No. 693 consists of a technical
20 amendment to Resolution No. 1495, approved by the
21 City Council on May 24, 2017. HPD's original
22 submission to the Council inadvertently indicated the
23 legal name of the sponsor to be Lower East Side
24 People's Mutual Housing Association Housing
25 Development Fund Corporation; however, this entity is

2 legally known as LESPMHA Housing Development Fund
3 Corporation. Therefore, HPD is seeking to amend the
4 prior resolution by deleting paragraph 1(e) and
5 replace it with the following:

6 (e) HDFC shall mean the LESPMHA Housing
7 Development Fund Corporation.

8 This project remains the same in all
9 other respects. Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Thank you,
11 Mr. Press. Are there any questions from the
12 Committee? [laughter]

13 Alright, are there any members of the
14 public who wish to testify? I see none. I will now
15 close the public hearing on LU 693.

16 We will now vote on the following items
17 which have the support of the local council members:
18 LU 693, 659, 660, 662, 663, 666, and 672. Mr.
19 Counsel, please call the vote.

20 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Chair Salamanca.

21 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

22 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Cohen.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye on all.

24 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Treyger.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye on all.

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2 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: By a vote of 3 in the
3 affirmative... we'll keep the vote open; right?

4 Alright.

5 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Alright, awesome.
6 So I would like to thank members of the public, my
7 colleagues, counsel, and Land Use staff for attending
8 today's hearing and we'll keep the roll open.

9 [pause]

10 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
11 Rodriguez.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

13 [pause]

14 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Mealy.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I vote aye on all
16 and... [crosstalk]

17 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: The... The items are...
18 By a vote of 5 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative;
19 0 abstentions, the items are approved and recommended
20 for adoption by the full Land Use Committee.

21 [pause]

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Hi, we're gonna
23 close out the Subcommittee on Planning, Dispositions
24 and Concessions and we now call this [gavel] hearing
25 closed.

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[gavel]

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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 July 18, 2017