

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

SUBCOMMITTEE ON LANDMARKS, PUBLIC SITING AND MARITIME
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August 24, 2010
Start: 10:09am
Recess: 10:18am

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
BRAD S. LANDER
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Maria del Carmen Arroyo
Margaret S. Chin
Daniel J. Halloran, III
Rosie Mendez
Annabel Palma
James Sanders, Jr.
Jumaane D. Williams

2 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: I'm Brad

3 Lander, Chair of the Subcommittee, joined by
4 Committee Members Jumaane Williams of Brooklyn,
5 Rosie Mendez of Manhattan and Annabel Palma of The
6 Bronx. We are reconvening where we recessed
7 yesterday to take up the matter and consider
8 voting on the Soho Cast Iron Historic District
9 Extension, Land Use No. 165, application number
10 20105716 HKM. We heard a lot of public testimony
11 on this matter yesterday, some members had some
12 questions based on concerns about the historic
13 district's extension presented by the Real Estate
14 Board of New York. We looked at some of the
15 additional testimony materials that were
16 presented. I had conversations with Council
17 Member Margaret Chin whose district it is, who
18 assures me that there have, that these issues have
19 been thoroughly examined and investigated by the
20 community, by the Community Board, by her office,
21 that she's had conversations with quite a few of
22 the site owners, including the site owner of sort
23 of the, the largest site that we had some
24 questions about. And that she feels comfortable
25 that the right balance has been struck. I, I

2 support her in this, in this, in her thinking, and
3 would urge a vote of aye on the Soho Cast Iron
4 District Extension, but do want to make a minute
5 if any members want to make comments before we
6 vote. [background voice] Okay. All right, so
7 the Chair recommends a vote of aye and asks the
8 Counsel to call the roll.

9 COUNSEL: Christian Hilton, Counsel
10 Committee. Chair Lander.

11 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Aye.

12 COUNSEL: Council Member Palma.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Permission
14 to vote on yesterday's, that, on the items that
15 were on yesterday's agenda?

16 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Granted.

17 [laughs]

18 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: I vote aye
19 on the previous items and I vote aye on today's
20 item.

21 COUNSEL: Council Member Mendez.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: I vote aye,
23 and I will not quote Jane Jacobs today.

24 [laughter]

25 COUNSEL: Council Member Williams.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: May I be
3 excused to explain my vote?

4 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: [off mic] Of
5 course.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I was one
7 of the people who were pretty concerned about what
8 was going on. But I did hear what the Landmarks
9 Commission said about the not style [phonetic] and
10 being treated differently. I would still say that
11 I still have some concerns about what we're doing
12 here, and in the future I'm not sure which way I
13 will end up, but I do want to support my
14 colleague. And I vote aye.

15 COUNSEL: By a vote of four in the
16 affirmative, none in the negative, no abstentions,
17 LU 16--165, Soho Cast Iron District Extension's
18 approved, and referred to the full Land Use
19 Committee. Previous items, Preconsidered 20085696
20 and LU 164 are approved by a vote of seven in the
21 affirmative, none in the negative, no abstentions.

22 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Although I
23 sense it may not be very long, we'll leave the
24 roll open until the full Land Use Committee
25 meeting begins. The meeting of the subcommittee

2 is adjourned.

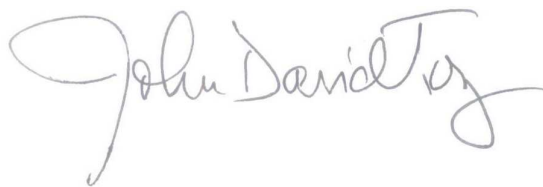
3 [pause]

4 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Okay, we're
5 going to convene the full Land Use Committee now,
6 in one minute, so nobody leave the room. Yeah,
7 soon as, soon as you're ready, bro [phonetic].

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, JOHN DAVID TONG certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John David Tong". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned above the printed word "Signature".

Signature

Date September 9, 2010