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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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July 23, 2013
Start: 10:55 a.m.
Recess: 11:25 p.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Maria del Carmen Arroyo
- Charles Barron
- Inez E. Dickens
- Daniel R. Garodnick
- Sara M. Gonzalez
- Robert Jackson
- Jessica S. Lappin
- Rosie Mendez
- Annabel Palma
- Diana Reyna
- Joel Rivera
- Albert Vann
- Brad S. Lander
- Stephen T. Levin
- Mark S. Weprin
- Jumaane D. Williams
- Vincent M. Ignizo

Peter A. Koo
Ruben Wills

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CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: The Sound Tech says he needs five minutes to start the meeting, so please if everybody could stay in place. Okay. We are ready to start the Full Land Use Committee Meeting for July 23rd, 2013. Present are Jessica Lappin, Charles Barron, Joel Rivera, Daniel Garodnick, Peter Koo, Inez Dickens, Ruben Wills, Diana Reyna, Rosie Mendez, Vinnie Ignizio, Sara Gonzalez, Robert Jackson. Is that everybody? I think so. And we have a quorum. I feel like I'm missing somebody.

We have a few things on the Full Committee Agenda today just to reinform the public everything had been fully vetted in the Subcommittee meetings. Just remind our Committee Members that we are still going to have to have a set of meetings tomorrow because there are items that must be voted on by tomorrow. There will a 10:30 Zoning meeting to hopefully finish on Governors Island, 10:40 Planning to hopefully deal with the USTA, and 11:00 Land Use tomorrow. Tomorrow is the stated day. All meetings will be held here in the chambers.

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2 We have a few things on the Committee
3 Agenda for today. Land Use No. 842 which is in
4 Council Member Mark-Viverito's office; Council
5 District and Community Board District 11 in
6 Manhattan. It's Item No. 2013567 HAM. It's for a
7 HUD project tax exemption located at 2353 2nd
8 Avenue. We have Council Member Ferreras that the
9 Land Use item is laid over. Item No. 852 dealing
10 with the USTA. We have in this speaker's district
11 two items with a motion to file pursuant to
12 withdrawal.

13 Land Use Items No. 857 known as
14 Westville for an unenclosed sidewalk cafe at 33
15 Hudson, and a Land Use Item 858 Cafe Condessa which
16 is to... yeah, motion to file I said also pursuant to
17 withdrawal for a Cafe Condessa located at 183 West
18 10th Street.

19 And we have the next two, Land Use Item
20 No. 859, File No. 20135774 TCM in Manhattan
21 Community Board 2 to continue to maintain an
22 unenclosed sidewalk known as Frankie's 570
23 Spuntino, located at 570 Hudson Street.

24 Then also Land Use Number... oh, that's
25 who's missing, Land Use No. 860, a sidewalk cafe to

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2 continue to maintain and operate a sidewalk cafe
3 located at 359 6th Avenue, File No. 20135775 TCM,
4 also in Manhattan Community Board 2.

5 The last sidewalk cafe in the speaker's
6 district is known as Piccola Cucina. Land Use No.
7 870, File No. 20135658 TCM, to continue to operate
8 a sidewalk cafe at 196 Spring Street.

9 Also in Community Board 2, we are
10 laying over the Governor's Island items, 861 and
11 862, in Council Member Chin's district until
12 tomorrow as I said.

13 We are moving on to vote in the full
14 committee on Culture Shed Text Amendment which
15 encompasses Manhattan Community Board 4, Land Use
16 No. 863, File No. N 130178 ZRM. This is to create
17 an opportunity to do the Zoning resolution for the
18 establishment of the Culture Shed Facility and the
19 Hudson Yards Rezoning.

20 Land Use No. 864 is a spot rezoning in
21 Council Member Dilan's (SIC) district on Pitkin
22 Avenue to allow for affordable housing in Brooklyn
23 Community Board 5, File No. C 130161 ZMK, and it's
24 for a specific property along Pitkin Avenue between
25 Berriman, Pitkin and Shepherd Avenues.

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2 We also have a spot rezoning in Council
3 Member Vallone's District in Queens Community Board
4 1, is known as a 23rd Avenue rezoning. Land Use
5 No. 865, File No. C 100178 ZMQ, to allow for spot
6 rezoning along 23rd Street and 33rd Avenue and
7 within that block.

8 We have a laid over for Council Member
9 Levin, an HPD exemption known as 640 Broadway, Land
10 Use Item 868, which will be laid over to vote.

11 Today, we have in Council Member Vann's
12 District, Land Use No. 869 in Brooklyn Community
13 Board 3, Item No. 20135777 HAK. It's to a property
14 disposition for a HUD property at Fulton Street
15 South, no address, Block 1861, Lot 119.

16 And that is everything on today's
17 agenda. I just want to do a clarification. Thanks
18 to Anne who is being meticulous and detailed as
19 usual. We want to just do a clarification, Land
20 Use Items 857 and 858 are motions to file pursuant
21 to Council Rule 7.90. These applications were not
22 withdrawn by the applicants. The Council is taking
23 no action on these two items. With that, would
24 anyone like to comment on anything? We've been
25 joined Council Member Jumaane Williams, and I'm

2 expecting Council Member Arroyo any minute. She
3 texted and said she was on her way. With that,
4 does any member have any comment on any item on
5 today's agenda? I would recommend a Yes vote on
6 all items that are being voted on on today's
7 agenda. Seeing no request for comments, I would
8 ask the Clerk Billy Martin to call the roll.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Roll
10 Call Vote Committee On Land Use. Council Member
11 Comrie?

12 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Aye on all.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:
14 Rivera?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote Aye on
16 all.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Reyna?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye on all.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:
20 Barron?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote No on LU
22 842, No on LU 869, and Aye on all the rest.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:
24 Jackson?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on all.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:
3 Gonzalez?
4 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on all.
5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:
6 Dickens?
7 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye on all.
8 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:
9 Garodnick?
10 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.
11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:
12 Lappin?
13 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.
14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:
15 Mendez?
16 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.
17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Koo?
18 Weprin?
19 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.
20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:
21 Williams? Wills?
22 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye on all.
23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:
24 Ignizio?
25 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.

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CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Please don't forget to sign the Committee reports that are going around.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:
Council Member Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote of 15 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no abstentions, all items have been adopted on today's agenda except for the following items which are LU 842 and 869 have been adopted by a vote of 14 in the affirmative, one in the negative, and no abstentions. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: I'm going to, as Council Member Arroyo has told me she's on her way in, I'm going to leave the roll open for a half-hour so that she can get here, and with that we can adjourn the meeting. Just remind folks 10:30 tomorrow Zoning, 10:45 Planning, 11:00 Land Use, and with that, today's meeting for July 23rd, the Land Use Committee is adjourned.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:
Council Member Arroyo?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Final

vote in the Committee on Land Use is now all items have been adopted by a vote of 16 in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and no abstentions, with the exception of Land Use Items 842 and 869 which have been adopted by a vote of 15 in the affirmative, one in the negative, and no abstentions. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Land Use meeting

for July 23rd is hereby 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.



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