

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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February 26, 2009
Start: 10:33am
Recess: 10:37am

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
MELINDA R. KATZ
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Maria del Carmen Arroyo
Tony Avella
Maria Baez
Charles Barron
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Inez E. Dickens
Simcha Felder
Daniel R. Garodnick
Miguel Gonzalez
Vincent Ignizio
Robert Jackson

A P P E A R A N C E S

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Jessica S. Lappin

John C. Liu

Rosie Mendez

James S. Oddo

Annabel Palma

Joel Rivera

Helen Sears

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2 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: One is a special
3 permit to facilitate the retail development at
4 Shops at Gateway, which is in Council Member
5 Barron's district. The next is to do a sidewalk
6 café, an enclosed sidewalk café, LU 990 it's the
7 Horace Café in Council Member Mendez' district.
8 Did you want to say anything Council Member
9 Barron?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Yes. In
11 the future when things come out of my district,
12 don't tell them it's mine because it's in jeopardy
13 once you tell them it's mine. So I would
14 appreciate it if you won't attach a name to my
15 stuff and my district. But I want to recommend a
16 yes vote. We had some conflicts that we were able
17 to work out in a positive way. My districts or my
18 concerns around the big bot competition were
19 resolved and some of the environmental impact was
20 resolved so I want to recommend a yes vote.

21 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Any other
22 discussion? Despite the Council Member's
23 endorsement of the project, I recommend a yes vote
24 on the two projects. Call the roll.

25 CLERK: William Martin, Committee

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2 Clerk, roll call on the Committee on Land Use.
3 Council Member Katz.

4 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: With my
5 congratulations to Council Member Barron for
6 working it out. I know you worked hard in
7 discussing it with the administration and with
8 everybody involved. I vote aye on all.

9 CLERK: Rivera.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye
11 on all.

12 CLERK: Avella.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER AVELLA: Aye on all.

14 CLERK: Barron.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

16 CLERK: Comrie.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye on all.

18 CLERK: Gioia.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GIOIA: Yes on all.

20 CLERK: Jackson.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON:

22 Congratulations to everyone and I vote aye on all.

23 CLERK: Sears.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: Aye.

25 CLERK: Gonzalez.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on
3 all.

4 CLERK: Palma.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Yes.

6 CLERK: Arroyo.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Yes.

8 CLERK: Dickens.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Permission
10 to explain my vote. I have a question of Council
11 Member Barron. Did you assure that NWBE standards
12 are in place? How many affordable units did you
13 get? I want to ensure that you have protected the
14 community because this is the people's house. I
15 don't want a response. Aye on all. Thank you and
16 congratulations.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Since you
18 voted I just wanted to remind the Council Member a
19 point of information. There was no housing
20 involved and if you want to see affordability,
21 wait until my next project comes before this
22 committee. I got something for you.

23 CLERK: Felder.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: I just want
25 to follow up on Council Member Inez Dickens'

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2 questioning. Why was there no housing on this
3 project? I vote yes on all.

4 CLERK: By a vote of 13 in the
5 affirmative, zero in the negative and no
6 abstentions, both items are adopted. Members,
7 please sign the committee reports. Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Council Member
9 Barron, how many more projects do you have?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Wait until
11 the next one comes, you're going to love this one.
12 I'm going to break the affordability record,
13 watch.

14 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: We're going to
15 leave the roll open for ten minutes.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Madam Chair
17 I just want to say this real quickly, if I can. I
18 just want all of us, Wilbur Tatum, the
19 producer/founder of the Amsterdam News passed away
20 last night I believe it was. We just wanted to
21 express our condolences to his family. I just
22 wanted everybody to know that the publisher of the
23 Amsterdam News, Wilbur Tatum, a real champion in
24 our community and in all communities passed away
25 yesterday.

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2 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Thank you for
3 that information. Ten more minutes, thank you
4 very much everyone. Sign the reports.

5 CLERK: Council Member Garodnick.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

7 Thank you.

8 CLERK: Ignizio.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

10 CLERK: Oddo.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

12 CLERK: Mendez.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: I vote aye
14 on all. Thank you.

15 CLERK: Council Member Liu.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LIU: Yes.

17 CLERK: Council Member Lappin.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

19 CLERK: Council Member Baez.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BAEZ: Aye on all.

21 CLERK: Final vote of the Committee
22 on Land Use, LU 975 and 990 now stand at 20 in the
23 affirmative, zero in the negative and no
24 abstentions. Thank you.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: The

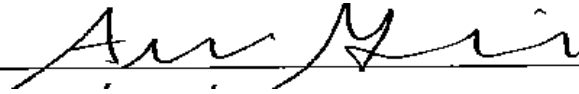
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meeting of the Land Use Committee is now
adjourned. Thank you.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Amber Gibson, 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.

Signature_



Date ___March 11, 2009___