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

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SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Quiet, please.

COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: This hearing will now come to order. I get a chance to live my dream of a lifetime, and I always dreamed of being Brad Lander, and for a few moments today I am going to be your Brad Lander. In my lesser life, I'm Council Member James Sanders, Jr., but today I'm going to chair this hearing that we're going to have.

To my far left--

COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: How is that possible?

[Off mic]

COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: --is the far left among the City Council, Dan Halloran from Queens; Jumaane Williams from Brooklyn, I have--

[Off mic]

COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: --oh, of course, Council Member Rosie Mendez, who is Manhattan and working and steadily working; I have Brooklyn's best, Sara Gonzalez; and I have Annabel Palma, who is moving her chair, the more I got it together.

I want to thank everyone for coming

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2 here and we're going to hear two issues today.  
3 The first is going to be of Green-Wood Cemetery,  
4 and we're going to call the people--will the  
5 people who are going to testify on Green-Wood  
6 please come in and get ready to testify. I  
7 believe that there are three of you.

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[Off mic]

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COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: In the  
10 order that you sit down--

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COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: --is the  
13 order that you will testify.

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[Off mic]

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COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Or I will  
16 have the representatives of the cemetery testify  
17 first.

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[Off mic]

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[Pause]

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COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: That's all  
21 right, we all want to be someone else today.

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PAUL PROULX: Well I'm actually  
23 someone else today also, I'm sitting in for Ken  
24 Fisher, your former colleague, who's under the  
25 weather and sends his regards. My name is Paul

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2 Proulx, I'm with the law firm Cozen O'Connor, we  
3 act as land use counsel to Green-Wood Cemetery.

4 As I'm sure everybody knows, Green-  
5 Wood Cemetery is a long-standing Brooklyn  
6 institution, they've been around since 1838. And  
7 as a cemetery, they are regulated by the New York  
8 State Not-for-Profit Corporation law.

9 Pursuant to one of the sections  
10 there, Section 1506 in the NPCO, we're obligated  
11 to request the City Council's approval and consent  
12 for the purchase of any new property. Green-Wood  
13 is here today to request your consent for the  
14 purchase of the William McGovern Greenhouse on the  
15 corner of--sorry--

16 RICHARD MOYLAN: Fifth Avenue and  
17 25th Street.

18 PAUL PROULX: --5th Avenue and 25th  
19 Street. The greenhouse here is depicted in the  
20 pictures, it's a landmark building that was  
21 landmarked in 1982 and has been used as a  
22 floristry for many years. It's in a remarkable  
23 state of disrepair currently though, and the  
24 former owner has come on hard times and they've  
25 decided to get out of the business. So Green-Wood

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2 would like to purchase that building and after  
3 they purchase it, they intend to renovate it for a  
4 number of different uses.

5 A couple of those bullet points  
6 here. The greenhouse itself will likely be a  
7 visitor's center once the renovation is done, and  
8 the Landmarks commission has approved the plans  
9 that they'll develop to do that restoration.

10 And then the building just to the  
11 north--just to the south, rather, this white one  
12 here, will be likely demolished and replaced by a  
13 new modern building that will house offices that  
14 will be accessory to the cemetery use and you'll  
15 free up some space in the cemetery itself, which  
16 is across the street, for additional burials.

17 This is ideally located right near  
18 the R train subway stop at 4th Avenue and it's in  
19 a manufacturing district. Manufacturing district  
20 is a--I've got a couple of pictures of the  
21 surrounding buildings--the manufacturing district  
22 is about four or five blocks on either side, and  
23 this will be a nice addition and a nice  
24 improvement to that district.

25 I'm here with Richard Moylan, the

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2 president of Green-Wood Cemetery, and we're here  
3 to like to answer any questions that you have or  
4 provide any additional information that you need.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Thank you.  
6 Do my colleagues have any questions? We have the  
7 esteemed Ms. Sara Gonzalez, who also represents  
8 this district. Madam Gonzalez.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Thank  
10 you, Chair Lander, Jr., you said? Or my friend,  
11 Councilman Sanders, thank you.

12 Okay. I would like to thank, of  
13 course, the chair and yourself and the Land Use  
14 staff, Gail, for all of their work on this matter.

15 Historic Green-Wood Cemetery has  
16 been a pillar of the Sunset Park and surrounding  
17 Brooklyn communities for over a century. Their  
18 dedication to the areas and the residents I  
19 represent is second to none. This project will  
20 continue that commitment.

21 My office has been in contact with  
22 Mr. Moylan and, of course, Mr. Moylan is here with  
23 us, and the Green-Wood representatives about the  
24 details of this most recent endeavor, and I am  
25 confident that it provides a unique opportunity to

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reclaim a neglected historical site for the benefit of the adjacent neighborhood.

And as he said, it's in bad condition so, therefore, this project will certainly bring it forth into an incredibly beautiful historical place, a visitor's center, and a lot of other things that are going to go on there, which we certainly welcome.

Green-Wood's plans for the Weir Greenhouse property is both sensitive to the history of the site, while calling for major investment in rehabilitation that will ensure visitors will have the opportunity to enjoy the space.

I am fully in support of Green-Wood's application and look forward to its approval by the Council.

And, again, I would like to welcome other people that are here. It's John Burns, who is a community member--

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COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: --status, and Aaron Brashear as well, and of course, thank you to Ken Fisher, who so diligently cares about



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2 community and also was our colleague as well  
3 continues to be former Councilman Ken Fisher. And  
4 thank you to the Land Use Committee, and I ask for  
5 a vote of yes. And here is Councilman Lander.

6 Thank you.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: I thank  
8 you very much, although I must admit I am not  
9 finished being Lander. I've never had it so good  
10 in my life and I fear I never will again. So I  
11 will recognize that we've been joined by that  
12 force from the Bronx, Council Member Carmen  
13 Arroyo.

14 Since even I must yield in the face  
15 of a far greater, my Lander moment is over, I  
16 thank you for this great opportunity, and I  
17 surrender the seat.

18 MALE VOICE: Good job.

19 [Applause]

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: It's  
21 Maria, Maria del Carmen.

22 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: So first to  
23 my--

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Maria.

25 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: --colleagues

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2 and to the staff, I apologize for being late, I'm  
3 Council Member Brad Lander. To the esteemed Chair  
4 Sanders, thank you. So I apologize to my  
5 colleagues, it's good to see you all.

6 I am extremely enthusiastic about  
7 the McGovern Florist, while by a couple of blocks,  
8 it's in Council Member Gonzalez's district, it is  
9 close to mine and close to my home, and I was so  
10 thrilled to hear this deal was in the works to  
11 preserve it, to make it part of the cemetery. And  
12 so I'm delighted to be able to be here today and  
13 supports it as well.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Thank  
15 you.

16 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Thank you.  
17 Okay. Where are we in the process?

18 CAROL SHINE: They've testified--

19 [Pause]

20 [Off mic]

21 PAUL PROULX: Oh great, well thank  
22 you very much for those statements in support. We  
23 have two additional documents to add to the  
24 record, if you don't mind.

25 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Great, please.

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2 PAUL PROULX: One is just a fact  
3 sheet summarizing the points of the sale and then  
4 another is a letter of support from our neighbor,  
5 the Brooklyn Monument and Company to our west.

6 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Wonderful,  
7 thank you. Do any of my colleagues have  
8 questions? Okay. We have a couple other people  
9 signed up to testify, so stick around 'cause if it  
10 raises any question that we have for you, we may  
11 ask you to come back. But otherwise, again, thank  
12 you for being here today, and even more for all  
13 the work that went into making this deal possible,  
14 which has many different kinds of values,  
15 including a preservation, you know, important  
16 preservation values. So even though this is the,  
17 I think, the public siting's aspect or the unnamed  
18 cemetery's aspects of this committee's  
19 jurisdiction, we're still enthusiastic about it  
20 from the preservation point of view as well. So  
21 thank you very much.

22 PAUL PROULX: Thank you.

23 RICHARD MOYLAN: Thank you.

24 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: All right, we  
25 have three people signed up to testify on this

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2 item so we'll call them all up together, if that's  
3 okay. Aaron Brashear, a local resident and  
4 community leader and Community Board member; John  
5 Burns, member of Community Board 7 and a  
6 neighborhood resident and leader; and Simeon  
7 Bankoff from the Historic Districts Council. So  
8 if you guys would all please come up and give your  
9 testimony, that'd be great.

10 [Pause]

11 [Off mic]

12 SIMEON BANKOFF: Oh, new ones.

13 Good morning, Council Members, I'm Simeon Bankoff,  
14 Executive Director of the Historic Districts  
15 Council. I am here in strong support of this  
16 acquisition.

17 The Green-Wood Cemetery is one of  
18 our strong neighborhood partners at HDC, I also am  
19 a nearby resident of the Green-Wood Cemetery  
20 along, a local supporter and sometime future  
21 resident of Green-Wood.

22 This particular building is, as was  
23 mentioned, is individual landmark and we had been  
24 watching it slowly deteriorate, working with  
25 Green-Wood working with the Landmarks Preservation

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2 Commission in trying to monitor its deterioration.  
3 This is really a best case scenario for all uses.  
4 We think that this will be an amazing, amazing  
5 addition to the Green-Wood historic complex and a  
6 real boon and boost for the local economy. So we  
7 really do strongly support this and we're pleased  
8 to be here.

9 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Thank you.

10 [Off mic]

11 AARON BRASHEAR: Hi, I am Aaron  
12 Brashear, co-founder of the Concerned Citizens of  
13 Greenwood Heights, a local resident, also a  
14 Community Board 7 member. I'm here just  
15 representing myself and the community. Wanted to  
16 read a prepared statement for testimony.

17 I'd like to thank the subcommittee  
18 for the opportunity to speak on behalf of my  
19 community and about the acquisition of the  
20 McGovern/Weir Florist by Green-Wood Cemetery.

21 I wholly support the purchase of  
22 the McGovern/Weir Florist by Green-Wood Cemetery.  
23 The purchase of the property by Green-Wood would  
24 not only be an excellent addition to the cemetery,  
25 but an asset to the community.

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2 My wife and I moved to Greenwood  
3 Heights in Brooklyn in 2004. We were fortunate  
4 enough to purchase a house directly across the  
5 street from Green-Wood. Since then, we have  
6 cherished our proximity to our biggest neighbor,  
7 as we like to say, for its green space, its  
8 history, nature, and serenity in the heart of the  
9 city.

10 Personally and through our  
11 community group, my wife and I have advocated many  
12 times on behalf of the cemetery, both to preserve  
13 its historic view corridor from Battle Hill to the  
14 Statue of Liberty and to educate our community  
15 about the importance of this cultural institution.  
16 When we learned of Green-Wood's possible purchase  
17 of the McGovern/Weir property across the street  
18 from their main entrance, we were very happy, to  
19 say the least.

20 Greenwood Heights has an eclectic  
21 mix of housing stock, mixed-use industrial  
22 businesses, and a diverse make-up. One of our  
23 biggest treasures is Green-Wood. Currently, that  
24 treasure is being marred by the current condition  
25 of the McGovern/Weir property.

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2 While its neighbor across the  
3 street has been able to maintain its National  
4 Historic Landmark Gothic Arch and grounds, the  
5 McGovern/Weir property has fallen into disrepair  
6 and is no longer the beautiful Victorian  
7 masterpiece it once was considered, which lead to  
8 its landmarking in 1982.

9 The cemetery has stated it will  
10 work to restore the greenhouse portion of the  
11 property to its former glory. In addition to the  
12 restoration, which will completely change the  
13 entryway to Green-Wood and our community from the  
14 25th Street R subway stop heading towards 5th  
15 Avenue, the cemetery has presented a plan of  
16 acceptable reuse of the property. The idea of  
17 turning the restored greenhouse into a visitor's  
18 center would make a wonderful introduction to the  
19 historic cemetery, and the community which it is  
20 situated in, and to the hundreds of thousands of  
21 visitors that the cemetery receives each year.

22 In conclusion, the proposed  
23 purchase is not only beneficial to the cemetery,  
24 something I alone would support, but it will add  
25 another jewel to our community, benefiting

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everyone who lives and visits our neighborhood.

Thank you and I hope you'll support this.

CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Thank you very much.

JOHN BURNS: Good afternoon or good morning, Chair. John Burns, and thank you, Councilman Sanders. I am here to support Greenwood Cemetery's plan to acquire the McGovern Florist/Weir Greenhouse property.

As a member of the South Park Slope-Greenwood Heights community, I know the acquisition of this property by Green-Wood will best serve the long-term interest of our community.

This beautiful landmark building, once restored, will provide a new space for exhibits and educational events. It will enhance the historic significance of Greenwood. Both my children attended PS 321 close by in Park Slope in Brooklyn, and every fall the 5th graders would be loaded on to buses and driven four or five hours to the west to Gettysburg. While there is obvious historic significance to that location, I could



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2 never understand why the students were never taken  
3 to Green-Wood, which was the model for the  
4 Gettysburg Cemetery. Green-Wood, while it is the  
5 home of many famous and infamous New Yorkers, I  
6 believe with the acquisition of this property, it  
7 will obviously enhance its historic benefit, not  
8 just to the education of the children of Brooklyn,  
9 but all New Yorkers across the city.

10 Green-Wood has been a great  
11 neighbor in our community, providing support to  
12 our rezoning efforts a few years ago and hosting  
13 many events open to the public for free, including  
14 the annual Battle of Brooklyn celebrations.

15 So let me add my name to all of  
16 those who are supporting this acquisition of the  
17 McGovern/Weir Greenhouse by Green-Wood.

18 Thank you very much.

19 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Thanks so much  
20 to all three of you, especially good to see  
21 friends and members of Community Board 7, but all  
22 three of you are great partners here in so many  
23 ways. You know, it's nice when we get a situation  
24 like this where the community, where an owning and  
25 stewarding institution like the cemetery can work

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2 together in such a positive way, even in this case  
3 where obviously the prior owner wasn't doing a  
4 good job of preserving the landmark to find a  
5 solution like this that, you know, comes from  
6 community advocacy that's well supported. It's  
7 something great to see, so I think it'll help the  
8 neighborhood, it'll help the cemetery, and help  
9 the community, but it's really a great model as  
10 well for both preservation and community  
11 partnership in the city. So I want to thank you  
12 for your time and for coming out today. Council  
13 Member Gonzalez, do you...?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: No, I've  
15 already said what I'm going to say, but I will  
16 just say to everyone that's here, and especially  
17 those folks who have a vested interest, because I  
18 think everyone should in the entire city, this is  
19 a beautiful property, I congratulate and I ask my  
20 colleagues to vote yes.

21 This is something moving forward  
22 that has responded to all our concerns, each and  
23 every time questions were asked, they were  
24 answered, I thank you for that, Mr. Moylan. And  
25 thank you to Ken Fisher and all of you that have

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worked so hard to make it happen today.

I love the District 38 and that this is in my district because it's incredibly beautiful. You could take a walk in Green-Wood, it's so incredibly gorgeous. The greenery, the history that it has, and now this is just going to be another added value and made more important for our community. So I thank all of you for your support, and I urge everyone to vote yes. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Great. Any other questions or comments from our colleagues? No, thank you very much. All right, appreciate your time. Those are the folks who have signed up to testify at the public hearing on this item, so seeing no others we'll go ahead and close the public hearing on Green-Wood Cemetery, and move to the one other item that is on today's calendar. Thanks very much everyone who came out for that one.

The other item on our calendar today is Land Use number 492, it's from the Landmarks Preservation Commission to us, 20125039 HKM, the Citizens Savings Bank building located at

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2 58 Bowery. And I'm pleased to invite Jenny  
3 Fernandez from the LPC up to present it to us.

4 [Off mic]

5 [Pause]

6 JENNY FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair  
7 Lander, members of the committee.

8 My name is Jenny Fernandez,  
9 Director of Intergovernmental and Community  
10 Relations for the Landmarks Preservation  
11 Commission, I am here today to testify on the  
12 commission's designation of the Citizens Savings  
13 Bank in Manhattan.

14 On March 22nd, 2011, the Landmarks  
15 Preservation Commission held a public hearing on  
16 the proposed designation as a landmark of the  
17 Citizens Savings Bank. Four people spoke in favor  
18 of designation, including representatives of the  
19 Historic Districts Council, Bowery Alliance of  
20 Neighbors, and New York Landmarks Conservancy.  
21 Commission staff met with the owners of the bank  
22 on September 17th, 2010. The owners chose not to  
23 attend the public hearing.

24 On August 9th, 2011, the commission  
25 voted to designate the building in New York City

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individual landmark.

The monumental Beaux-Arts style building at the southwest corner of the Bowery and Canal Street was designed in 1922 by the respected architect Clarence W. Brazer for the Citizens Savings Bank and completed in 1924. Chartered by the State of New York in 1860 to provide banking services to the small depositor, the Citizens Savings Bank moved to this location in 1862. The bank's business increased throughout the 19th century and by the 1920s bank officials determined that a larger building was required. During a two-year period, construction took place under, around, and over the existing building to avoid disrupting daily operations of the bank.

The Citizens Savings Bank is a fine example of the Beaux-Arts style bank building of the late 19th and early 20th century. Brazer's restrained interpretation of classical precedents conveyed a sense of financial strength and stability, while not overwhelming the bank's depositors.

The central grouping, a wreathed clock with an eagle and seated figures of Native

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2 American and a sailor, and beehives, the  
3 traditional symbols of thrift, were intended to be  
4 easily visible from commuters on the Third Avenue  
5 El, now demolished, and travelers on the Manhattan  
6 Bridge. Due to its prominent location, height,  
7 massing, and design, the Citizens Savings Bank,  
8 now a branch of HSBC, remains a visual anchor for  
9 commuters and surrounding community.

10 The commission urges you to affirm  
11 this designation.

12 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Thank you very  
13 much. We've been joined by Council Member  
14 Margaret Chin, whose district this building is in.  
15 Council Member Chin, do you have comments or--

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Oh, thank  
17 you, Chair Lander. Thank you, Jenny. I'm here to  
18 support the landmark of the Citizens Bank.

19 And it's really true to its name  
20 because I remember ever since I was here in 1963  
21 that was a symbol in the Chinese community and  
22 when other banks, you know, put in ATM machine and  
23 tried to, you know, speed up banking, the Citizens  
24 Bank always have long lines and the elders in the  
25 community, they just go there with their savings

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book. And I've been there many times myself, the lines are long.

And it's really true to its name. And I think that it will be a beautiful addition as a landmark because it lights up at night and really it is a gateway and everybody when they see that bank light up, they know that they are in the Bowery, they're in Chinatown.

So I strongly support this designation, and I urge my colleagues to do so. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Thank you. Now if they want to put in ATMs, they'll still be allowed to?

JENNY FERNANDEZ: We'll find a way-

CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Okay. Great.

JENNY FERNANDEZ: --to make that happen, yes.

CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Do any of my colleagues have questions or comments on this item?

COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: I'm against the long lines.

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2 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Thank you very  
3 much for your time in presenting it to us. We  
4 have one person signed up to testify, Mr. Ralph  
5 Lewis from 206 Bowery, please come up and present  
6 your testimony.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: I'd laugh  
8 if he was against the long lines.

9 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Just introduce  
10 yourself, state your name for the record--

11 [Crosstalk]

12 RALPH LEWIS: [Interposing] My name  
13 is Ralph Lewis, I live at 206 Bowery. Thank you  
14 guys for considering this architectural landmark.

15 I just wanted to come out as a  
16 resident who lives in an area to make sure that  
17 someone, a resident, could speak on behalf of the  
18 building and say, what a terrific landmark it is  
19 and that I hope you guys will affirm its  
20 designation. I think there, you know, there are a  
21 few really good reasons for it, it stands on the  
22 site of the Bull's Head Tavern, which was one of  
23 the first small businesses in New York City where  
24 the traders used to come to--when the cows came  
25 in, they'd get their meat there and take it to



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their markets.

There's been the Bowery Theater, which burned down four or five times on that site, and it's really interesting that you can see the structure now is definitely something that will never burn down again, it is a very solid stone building. It was built specifically so that when you came over the bridge, that's exactly what you would see--a historic magnificent structure.

It's also important because it is with the bridge already landmarked, the colonnade there, already landmarked. It is the trifecta of the southern end of the Bowery--the oldest road in Manhattan--and it is bookend by Cooper Union at the other end of the Bowery. And there are several other historic buildings along there, though maybe not of the size and grandeur, because 200 years ago they didn't build buildings like that.

And I just want to put in a word for those other buildings between Cooper Union and this bank, that there could be a historic district of the Bowery that would represent the oldest parts of Manhattan. The first time I'd ever

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2 attended one of these meetings was last month on  
3 behalf of 135 Bowery and I was just crushed to see  
4 that designation revoked because those are the  
5 kind of buildings that are on the Bowery.

6           You know, I mean, this is great, I  
7 think you guys are going to approve this bank, but  
8 you don't really get any high accolades for this,  
9 you know, this is what they call the low-paying  
10 fruit of landmarking, in golf it's called a gimme.  
11 You know, but it's all those other smaller  
12 structures, those federal style row houses of  
13 which there are so few of them, that need to be  
14 preserved because they tell such an important  
15 story about the history of Manhattan, and I know  
16 that more of these buildings will come before you  
17 guys in the future. So I thank you for what  
18 you're doing for this bank and that I hope when  
19 you get back to the more difficult decisions about  
20 some of the smaller structures, you will see the  
21 importance of those and how they connect all of  
22 those, and will make this vote today even more  
23 relevant. So thank you for your time.

24           CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Thanks very  
25 much for coming out today as well. We, you know,

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2 certainly you and your neighbors and colleagues at  
3 our most recent hearing made clear that the  
4 community is, you know, in strong support of the  
5 preservation of the Bowery, and we appreciate the  
6 time that you have spent to come out and tell us  
7 that.

8 Any questions or comments? Seeing  
9 none, and no one else signed up to testify, we  
10 will close the public hearing on this item, and  
11 move forward to vote on both items on today's  
12 subcommittee calendar. And the chair recommends a  
13 vote of aye on both items.

14 CHRISTIAN HYLTON: Christian  
15 Hylton, Counsel to the Committee. Chair Lander?

16 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Aye.

17 CHRISTIAN HYLTON: Council Member  
18 Sanders.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Permission  
20 to explain my vote?

21 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: You can grant  
22 it to yourself.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Having had  
24 my 15 minutes of fame, having lived my dream of  
25 being Lander at least for a moment, although I am

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jealous, I'm scheming, but I concede that I am unequal to the task of being Brad Lander, so I join him in voting aye.

CHRISTIAN HYLTON: Council Member Palma.

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: I vote aye.

CHRISTIAN HYLTON: Council Member Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Yes.

CHRISTIAN HYLTON: Council Member Mendez.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

CHRISTIAN HYLTON: Council Member Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

CHRISTIAN HYLTON: Council Member Halloran.

COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: May I be excused to explain my vote? Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON LANDER: I'm sorry, go ahead, yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I will vote aye on the siting of the cemetery and, while I think this is an

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2     incredibly wonderful bank that deserves to be  
3     preserved, I am going to maintain my continuous  
4     vote of no on all items before the committee  
5     regarding landmarking because the LPC continues to  
6     refuse to come to my district and deal with the  
7     historic designations in my community. So my vote  
8     is no on that designation.

9                     CHRISTIAN HYLTON: By a vote of  
10     seven in the affirmative, none in the negative, no  
11     abstentions, LU 466, Green-Wood Cemetery is  
12     approved and referred to the full Land Use  
13     Committee.

14                    By a vote of six in the  
15     affirmative, one in the negative, no abstentions,  
16     LU 492, Citizens Savings Bank, is approved and  
17     referred to the full Land Use Committee.

18                    CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Thank you very  
19     much to our counsel, Christian Hylton, and to  
20     Carol Shine for sitting in earlier. This meeting  
21     of the Subcommittee is adjourned.

22                    COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Do we have  
23     to sign--

24                    [Pause]

25                    CHAIRPERSON LANDER: --sign it to--

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Tammy Wittman, 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 *Tammy Wittman*

Date November 11, 2011