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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON PARKS AND RECREATION

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December 19, 2018

Start: 3:18 p.m.

Recess: 3:33 p.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm.
16th Fl.

B E F O R E: BARRY S. GRODENCHIK
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Joseph C. Borelli
Justin L. Brannan
Andrew Cohen
Costa G. Constantinides
Mark Gjonaj
Andy L. King
Peter A. Koo
Francisco P. Moya
Eric A. Ulrich
James G. Van Bramer

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

2 [sound check] [gavel]

3 CHAIRPERSON GRODENCHIK: Good afternoon
4 and welcome to the second December meeting of the
5 Parks and Recreation Committee of the New York City
6 Council. I am Councilman Barry Grodenchik. I have
7 the honor of chairing the committee for this Council
8 term. Today the committee will be voting on a
9 preconsidered bill that will ceremonially co-name 68
10 thoroughfares and public places throughout the city
11 of New York. This is our semi-annual bill where we
12 will seek to honor individuals and organizations that
13 have made lasting contributions to the people of our
14 city and frankly in many cases beyond our city. Some
15 of these include co-names for active community
16 members, heroic New Yorkers who sacrificed their
17 lives for others, people who committed their lives to
18 public service or those who greatly enriched the
19 city's cultural landscape. I am proud to support this
20 bill. I urge my colleagues on the committee to vote
21 in favor of this legislation, and among the people
22 today that we will be honoring Angelo Falcone,
23 Gertrude McDonald, who I knew personally and was a
24 member of Community Board 2 in Queens for many years.
25 Christopher Wallace also known as Biggie Smalls, and

2 we will soon have a Mount Everest Way honoring the
3 Nepali Community in the Borough of Queens. Any of my
4 colleagues like to speak at this time?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: [off mic] Yes.

6 CHAIRPERSON GRODENCHIK: Alright, Mr.
7 King, Dr. King, Andrew King from the great Borough of
8 the Bronx.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Thank you, Mr.
10 Chair and I'll be really brief, but I just want to
11 congratulate these names that have been submitted and
12 with the goal of offering remembrance to those who've
13 worked hard for us and the city of New York such a
14 Gerry Ram, who was a great NYCHA TA leader, and who
15 has done so much, and I appreciate the time that I
16 had to sit with her as she did what she had to do for
17 us in the boogie down Bronx and beyond. And as we
18 offer up this booklet of names [laughs] to shriek
19 your name across the city of New York while we
20 continue to remember. I ask us to also be
21 responsible and responsive, too, as we continue to
22 street rename that we don't oversaturate ourselves as
23 well when we change our—some of the history of the
24 city of New York by our street renamings. So, that
25 is what we said to all the pastors, all the

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2 legislators or activists and to everyone we keep in
3 remembrance today. I congratulate everyone today.
4 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

5 CHAIRPERSON GRODENCHIK: Thank you,
6 Council Member King. At this time hearing no other
7 requests for speaking, I will ask the Committee Clerk
8 to call the roll.

9 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk,
10 roll call vote Committee on Parks and Recreation
11 Preconsidered Introduction. Chair Grodenchik.

12 CHAIRPERSON GRODENCHIK: Aye.

13 CLERK: Cohen.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: [off mic] I vote
15 aye.

16 CHAIRPERSON GRODENCHIK: Thank you.
17 [laughter]

18 CLERK: King.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Aye.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I'm going to
21 speak at later time about the great Gertrude McDonald
22 and Terry Adams, but I'm proud to vote aye on those
23 two in particular in my district, but all of them.

24 CLERK: Moya.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Aye.

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2 CLERK: Borelli.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye.

4 CLERK: By a vote of 6 in the
5 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstention. The
6 item has been adopted by the committee.

7 CHAIRPERSON GRODENCHIK: I thank you all.
8 I'm going to hold this meeting open for another few
9 minutes, and at this time we're going to be
10 adjourned. [pause] [background comments]

11 CLERK: Continuation roll calls, the
12 Committee on Parks and Recreation, Council Member
13 Ulrich.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote aye.

15 CLERK: Preconsidered Introduction is now
16 adopted by the committee 7 in the affirmative, 0 in
17 the negative and no abstentions.

18 CHAIRPERSON GRODENCHIK: With that, this
19 hearing is now adjourned.

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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.



Date January 18, 2019