

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON PARKS AND RECREATION

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October 23 2008  
Start: 10:35am  
Recess: 10:40am

HELD AT: Council Chambers  
City Hall

B E F O R E:  
HELEN D. FOSTER  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr.  
Letitia James  
Helen Sears  
Alan J. Gerson

## A P P E A R A N C E S

## COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Gale A. Brewer

Tony Avella

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

Joseph Hellmann  
Co-Chair Landmarks Committee  
Community Board 11

2 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Good morning.  
3 I know we have a lot going on. I'm Council Member  
4 Helen Diane Foster. This is the Parks and  
5 Recreation Committee. Before we get started to  
6 call on the vote on Intro, I think there are about  
7 four or five them, which is Intro 500, 608, 776  
8 and 815. Excuse me, there are four of them. Let  
9 me acknowledge the community members from  
10 Douglaston, who, through miscommunication, did not  
11 show up on Monday, thinking the meeting was  
12 cancelled, to give their testimony. But, for the  
13 record, we have testimony from Arthur Kelly, Julia  
14 Sheck [phonetic], is that how I say it? Okay.  
15 And, Joanne Cor--

16 JOAN CORPASERRA: Joan Corpaserra  
17 [phonetic]

18 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: --Joan  
19 Corpaserra. Did I say that correctly? Okay.  
20 Thank you very much. And, who are here, or would  
21 have come on Monday to testify in favor of these  
22 Intros. And, one point of reference that I think  
23 is interesting for the Douglaston area is the  
24 names that are scheduled to be changed are those  
25 that were designated in 1906. So, thank you for

2 that information. And, I'm going to, if you need  
3 to say something, I'm going to need you to come to  
4 a mic and identify yourself. Come. Do you have  
5 testimony for the record also?

6 JOSEPH HELLMANN: Yes.

7 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Turn the mic  
8 on and identify yourself, please. If the light is  
9 off, the mic is on.

10 JOSEPH HELLMANN: Oh, okay. My  
11 name is--should I testify now? Yeah.

12 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Yes.

13 JOSEPH HELLMANN: Okay. My name is  
14 Joseph Hellmann. I'm with the Community Board 11  
15 in Queens.

16 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Okay.

17 JOSEPH HELLMANN: And, I'm co-chair  
18 of the Landmarks Committee there. And, I want to  
19 bring to your attention that at September 5<sup>th</sup>,  
20 2006, Community Board meeting, a motion was made  
21 to recommend approval of the City map change, as  
22 we've discussed. And, the motion carried by a  
23 vote of 35 in favor and one opposed. And, a  
24 letter was sent to Councilman Avella. I don't  
25 know if you got a copy of this letter.

2 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: No. Do you  
3 have a copy of that?

4 JOSEPH HELLMANN: Well, I can give  
5 you a copy of this--

6 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: No, no, you  
7 don't have to give me your copy. What we'll do is  
8 when this is over, Lyle Frank, who's the counsel  
9 to the Committee will make sure to get a copy from  
10 you so that we can have it all for the record.

11 JOSEPH HELLMANN: Okay.

12 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Okay.

13 JOSEPH HELLMANN: Okay.

14 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Thank you very  
15 much.

16 JOSEPH HELLMANN: Thank you.

17 WILLIAM MARTIN: Apparently, we do  
18 have it. Mr. Avella gave it to us.

19 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Oh, I'm sorry.  
20 I was just notified that we do have it for the  
21 file. Council Member Avella did forward it on to  
22 the Committee. That being said, I will  
23 acknowledge our members that are here. We've got  
24 Council Member Joe Addabbo, from Queens, Council  
25 Member Letitia James from Brooklyn, Council Member

2 Gale Brewer, who's not on the Committee and is  
3 just waiting for me to finish and staff--

4 WILLIAM MARTIN: Sear and Gerson.

5 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: --and Sears  
6 and Gerson are next door. So, when you are ready,  
7 Billy, we are ready. Thank you.

8 WILLIAM MARTIN: William Martin,  
9 Committee Clerk. Council Member Foster.

10 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Yes.

11 WILLIAM MARTIN: Addabbo.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ADDABBO: Madam  
13 Chair, may I be very briefly excused to--

14 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Of course.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ADDABBO: --explain  
16 the vote? Again, let me, once again, thank you  
17 and the staff for the change that we do today.  
18 And, again, from my district, these changes are  
19 not ceremonial, but they are of safety. And, we  
20 are in hope that when we change these street names  
21 in my district, it does possibly save a life or  
22 tend to an emergency sometime in the future. So,  
23 once again, I thank you and your staff for doing  
24 this. And, I vote aye.

25 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Thank you for

2 your diligence on this matter.

3 WILLIAM MARTIN: James.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: I vote aye.

5 WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote of three  
6 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no  
7 abstentions, all items are adopted. Members,  
8 please sign the Committee Reports.

9 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Thank you.  
10 And, if we can keep the roll open for Sears and  
11 Gerson, who are next door. That being said, this  
12 meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

13 Yes, we're good? Council Member  
14 Avella.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER AVELLA: Thank you,  
16 Chair Foster. I want to, first of all, thank you  
17 for holding this hearing and voting for these map  
18 changes. I'll just be brief. These are the two  
19 map changes that the Committee has voted to  
20 approve have been long-standing for about 30 years  
21 to correct inconsistencies and mistakes in the  
22 City map. And, this will go a long way to help  
23 people in Malba and in Douglaston improve  
24 emergency response. And, I really appreciate you  
25 helping getting these--



2 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Absolutely.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER AVELLA: --things  
4 passed. Thanks.

5 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Thank you.  
6 That being it, we adjourn this meeting again.  
7 Thank you very much. And, thank you for the  
8 constituents for Douglaston for taking the time to  
9 come out and give us that information for the  
10 record.

11 [pause]

12 WILLIAM MARTIN: Council Member  
13 Sears.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: I vote aye.

15 WILLIAM MARTIN: Vote now stands at  
16 four in the affirmative, zero in the negative and  
17 zero abstentions.

18 [pause]

19 WILLIAM MARTIN: Committee on  
20 Parks, Council Member Gerson.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GERSON: Aye on all.

22 WILLIAM MARTIN: The final vote on  
23 the Committee on Parks and Recreation now stands  
24 at five in the affirmative, zero in the negative  
25 and zero abstentions. Thank you.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, DeeDee E. Tataseo 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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "DeeDee E. Tataseo". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Date October 30, 2008