

SUBCOMMITTEE ON LANDMARKS, PUBLIC SITINGS
AND DISPOSITIONS

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March 19, 2024
Start: 12:55 p.m.
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HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Kamillah Hanks, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Justin L. Brannan
Amanda Farías
Oswald Feliz
Christopher Marte
Sandy Nurse
Yusef Salaam

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Rafael Salamanca, Jr.
Kevin C. Riley
Darlene Mealy

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SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a microphone
check for the Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public
Sittings and Dispositions, located in the Committee
Room, recorded on March 19, 2024, by Nazly Paytuvi.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good afternoon and
welcome to today's New York City Council hearing for
the Committee on Landmarks, Public Sittings and
Dispositions.

At this time, we ask that you silence
cell phones and electronic devices to minimize
disruption throughout the hearing.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Chair, we're ready to begin.

CHAIRPERSON HANKS: [GAVEL] Good afternoon
and welcome to the meeting of the Subcommittee on
Landmarks, Public Sittings and Dispositions. I am
Council Member Kamillah Hanks, and I am the Chair of
the Subcommittee, and I am joined by my Colleagues,
Council Members Feliz, Fariás, Marte, Nurse, Salaam,
Riley, and Chair Salamanca, and Council Member Mealy.

Today's vote will be to approve the
Brownsville Arts Center and Apartments, LUs 15, 16,
and 17. This project is to facilitate the development
of a nine-story mixed-use affordable housing building

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2 with ground floor community space in Brownsville
3 neighborhood of Brooklyn, Community Board 16, in
4 Council Member Mealy's District. Council Member Mealy
5 is in support of this proposal, and I will take this
6 time to recognize the Council Member to make any
7 opening statements.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I will hold my
9 remarks until at Land Use, but I thank this Committee
10 and Chair Salamanca and all my Colleagues indulging
11 me and waiting until I felt that it was a great
12 project for this District, and I thank you all, and
13 our Minority Leader, thank you so much for bearing
14 with me.

15 CHAIRPERSON HANKS: Thank you so much,
16 Council Member Mealy.

17 Members of the Subcommittee who have
18 questions or remarks about today's items, please let
19 me know.

20 I will now call a vote to approve LUs 15,
21 16, and 17.

22 Counsel, please call the roll.

23 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Okay. Chair Hanks.

24 CHAIRPERSON HANKS: I vote aye.

25 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Feliz.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: I vote aye. I just
3 want to congratulate Council Member Mealy, a great
4 job fighting for your constituents.

5 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Fariás.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I proudly vote
7 aye. Congratulations, Council Member Mealy. This is a
8 great project.

9 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Marte.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: I vote aye.

11 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Nurse.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

13 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Salaam.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye and
15 congratulations.

16 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Do you want to leave
17 it open for Brannan or no?

18 CHAIRPERSON HANKS: Thank you, Counsel. We
19 will leave the vote for Council Member Brannan.

20 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: By a vote of six in
21 the affirmative..

22 CHAIRPERSON HANKS: Pardon me. Council
23 Member Mealy has a comment.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I think I said
25 Minority. Our Majority Leader, thank you.

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2 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: So six in the
3 affirmative, zero in the negative, and zero
4 abstentions, the items are adopted and referred to
5 the full Land Use Committee, and we will leave it
6 open until Land Use begins.

7 CHAIRPERSON HANKS: Thank you. This
8 meeting is adjourned and congratulations to you,
9 Council Member Mealy.

10 That concludes today's business. I would
11 like to thank the members of the public, my
12 Colleagues, Subcommittee Counsel, Land Use Staff, and
13 the Sergeant-at-Arms for your participation today.

14 We are holding it open for Council Member
15 Brannan who just walked in.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: I vote aye.

17 CHAIRPERSON HANKS: Thank you, Council
18 Member Brannan.

19 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Okay. Just to update
20 the vote, with a vote of seven in affirmative, zero
21 negative, and zero abstentions, the items are adopted
22 and referred to the full Land Use Committee.

23 CHAIRPERSON HANKS: This meeting is hereby
24 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.



Date March 30, 2024