

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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December 17, 2012  
Start: 10:36 a.m.  
Recess: 10:44 a.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway  
Committee Room - 16<sup>th</sup> Floor

B E F O R E:  
LEROY G. COMRIE, JR.  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
Maria Del Carmen Arroyo  
Charles Barron  
Inez E. Dickens  
Daniel R. Garodnick  
Sara M. Gonzalez  
Daniel J. Halloran III  
Vincent M. Ignizio  
Robert Jackson  
Brad S. Lander  
Jessica S. Lappin  
Stephen T. Levin  
Rosie Mendez  
Annabel Palma  
Diana Reyna  
James Vacca  
Albert Vann  
Mark S. Weprin  
Jumaane D. Williams

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2 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE, JR.: Okay, we  
3 are convening the full Land Use Committee meeting  
4 for Monday, December 17, 2002, and we'll ... 2012,  
5 I'm sorry, Monday, December 17, 2012. Yeah, I  
6 appreciate the effort. And we are joined by  
7 Subcommittee Chairs Mark Weprin and ... see, I'm  
8 really having a morning. Let me start ... it really  
9 is 2002. I'm having a day, I'm really having a  
10 day here, all right, I'm sorry. We are joined by  
11 Subcommittee Chairs Mark Weprin and Steve Levin,  
12 Council Member Al Vann, Council Member Sara  
13 Gonzalez, Council Member Jumaane Williams, Council  
14 Member Robert Jackson, Council Member Inez  
15 Dickens, Council Member Jimmy Vacca, Council  
16 Member Vinny Ignizio, Council Member Annabel  
17 Palma, Council Member Rosie Mendez, and Council  
18 Member Charles Barron. I think we have everyone  
19 in the room. We have some items on the agenda  
20 today, not many, but that needed to be heard.  
21 Land Use #742, it's a sidewalk café known as the  
22 Double Seven in Speaker Quinn's district,  
23 Manhattan Community Board #2, Item #20135112 TCM,  
24 it's a sidewalk café located at 63 Gansevoort  
25 Street. Another one in the Speaker's district,

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2 Land Use #743, known as McCoy, it's a sidewalk  
3 café at 89 MacDougal Street, Item #20135084 TCM,  
4 and the last one is known as Olio, Land Use #744,  
5 it's also in Speaker Quinn's district, Item  
6 #20135137 TCM, to continue to maintain a sidewalk  
7 café located 3 Greenwich Avenue. Also we have a  
8 landmark in the Speaker's district in Manhattan  
9 Community Board #5, Land Use #745, Item #20135180  
10 HKM, known as the Rainbow Room, consisting of the  
11 eastern section of the 65<sup>th</sup> floor interior,  
12 including the fixtures, interior components of the  
13 space at 30 Rockefeller Center known as the  
14 Rainbow Room, to be an interior landmark. Then we  
15 have an HPD UDAP in Council Member Dickens'  
16 district, Land Use #746, the Hargate Apartments,  
17 AKA Gateway II, and in Manhattan Community Board  
18 #9, Item #20135199 HAM, that's a UDAP for  
19 exemption of real property taxes at 235 Central  
20 Park North. And then we have an application for  
21 exemption of property taxes in Council Member  
22 Jackson's district, Sinclair Houses Apartments,  
23 Item #20135202 HAM, and it's a tax exemption for  
24 property located at 502 West 151<sup>st</sup> Street. Council  
25 Member Garodnick and Council Member Lander have

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2 arrived, and Council Member Maria Del Carmen  
3 Arroyo is here as well. Just an update on Land  
4 Use #742, the Double Seven, there's a motion to  
5 withdraw, pursuant to applications being withdrawn  
6 by the owner. So in other words, 742 is a yes  
7 vote for an application to withdraw. As you know,  
8 all of the items have been vetted in the  
9 Subcommittees, does any member have any questions  
10 or comments on anything on today's agenda?  
11 Council Member Dickens. Pardon me? Council  
12 Member Jackson, no? All right, everybody's good?  
13 Well, I would recommend an aye vote on everything  
14 on today's agenda, and I think these are the last  
15 meetings before the Christmas holidays, so I would  
16 want to just thank the Land Use staff, let's give  
17 the Land Use staff a round of applause for  
18 everything that they've done to work with us, and  
19 to guide all of these projects through, and I wish  
20 everyone a happy and peaceful and positive holiday  
21 season. I would recommend an aye vote on  
22 everything on today's agenda, and I'm not going to  
23 get upset with all of this crosstalking during the  
24 meeting, because it's the holiday season. Thank  
25 you. Mr. Martin, could you please call the roll?

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COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,  
Committee Clerk, roll call vote of the Committee  
on Land Use. Council Member Comrie.

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE, JR.: Aye on  
all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: It breaks  
my heart, but aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on  
all. Thank you, happy holidays everyone.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Gonzalez.

COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on  
all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma.

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vacca.

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin.

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Hanukkah  
sameach, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy New  
Year, aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio.

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Buono  
Natale and aye on all.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Feliz  
navidad, I'm sorry.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna.

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 17  
in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no  
abstentions, all items have been adopted.

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Members, please sign Committee reports.

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE, JR.: Okay, we are going to hold the roll open, there's a Contracts Committee meeting and other Committee meetings going on, so we'll wait for those members to come down. Please members, check your calendars for the next meetings, and with that we're going to hold the roll open for 15 minutes. Okay, we'll hold the roll open for 15 minutes, but the Committee meeting for Land Use is adjourned for today, Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012. You're rowdy folks today. Good morning, tomorrow ... Thursday? Thursday, oh, it's Thursday, all right. I thought it was tomorrow. All right.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Lappin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote now stands at 18 in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Halloran.

COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN III: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: The final vote on

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the Committee on Land Use now stands at 19 in the

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affirmative, zero in the negative and no

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abstentions.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN III: On

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behalf of the Committee Chair I adjourn this

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meeting.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Richard A. Ziats, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ December 20, 2012 \_\_\_\_\_