

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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April 4, 2013

Start: 10:47 a.m.

Recess: 11:44 a.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers  
City Hall

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  
Robert Jackson  
Jessica S. Lappin  
Rosie Mendez  
Annabel Palma  
Diana Reyna  
Joel Rivera

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

## COUNCIL MEMBERS:

James Vacca  
Albert Vann  
Brad S. Lander  
Stephen T. Levin  
Mark S. Weprin  
Jumaane D. Williams  
Daniel J. Halloran III  
Vincent M. Ignizio  
Peter A. Koo

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2 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: This is a  
3 meeting of the full Land Use Committee being held  
4 on Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013. We are joined by  
5 Council Members Steve Levin, Inez Dickens, Daniel  
6 Garodnick, Al Vann, Peter Koo, Mark Weprin, Brad  
7 Lander - - Charles Barron, Ruben Wills, and Sara  
8 Gonzalez, and also we have Joel Rivera with his  
9 lovely daughter Sophia here--princess Sophia,  
10 there you go. We have a few items on today's  
11 agenda. A major item on today's agenda is Land  
12 Use number 783 to 786 which are related around  
13 Pier 57 in Manhattan Community Board 4 in Council  
14 Member Quinn's district. This is to create the  
15 changes necessary to rehabilitate and update Pier  
16 57 for usage as a retail location for the Hudson  
17 River Trust. The item is number C130100CMM,  
18 C130101ZSM, C130102ZSM, C130103ZM. The next item  
19 is we have is an AirTrain text amendment, Land Use  
20 number 787, Comrie, Wills and Gennaro's district.  
21 It's encompassing Queen's Community Board 12, item  
22 number N130096ZRQ. This is to amend the sidewalk  
23 regulations for the special downtown Jamaica  
24 district right around the AirTrain area to allow  
25 for more access to the sidewalk in that area. We

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2 also have a sidewalk café in Council Member  
3 Rivera's district. It's a withdrawal approval of  
4 a motion to file pursuant to withdrawal for Tino's  
5 Delicatessen, item number 20135273TCX in Bronx  
6 Community Board 6, known as Tino's Delicatessen at  
7 2410 Arthur Avenue. We also have another approval  
8 of a motion to file pursuant to withdrawal for  
9 Land Use item number 741, which is Council Member  
10 Rodriguez's request to have these two UDAPs  
11 withdrawn at this time. Two addresses--2110, 2185  
12 Amsterdam Avenue. Everything has been fully  
13 vetted in the subcommittees. Does any member have  
14 any comment on today's agenda? Council Member  
15 Barron?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Yes, I'd  
17 like to see the blow up of the pictures here  
18 because I have some concerns. There is not a  
19 black person in these pictures, and I want to know  
20 what does that mean, that we will not be allowed?  
21 There is not one in this picture. There is a  
22 possibility, but that it is a little dot. Look at  
23 this--this other picture, this little dot in the  
24 mall area. There may be--I suspect there may be  
25 one in this picture. Let me see the blow up

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pictures.

MALE VOICE: There's one.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: One? We're the majority. What do you mean there is one? And he is mixed.

[laughter]

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Let me see that other picture you have. The other one too.

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Charles, we have members have that have to leave.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I know. I am leaving too, but look at this. Move over so we see the people. There is a possibility one, but look at that, way back there.

[background conversation]

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: The sister in there is a nanny. She is pushing the stroller of--

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: [interposing] Alright. Alright.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I just wanted to register my complaint, but on the serious side, when you do pictures like this, let it be reflective of the city and not of someone's

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mindset.

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Alright. Any other comments or questions on anything on today's agenda?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I don't see any Asians there.

[background conversation]

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Since everybody is in a mood, I am going to call for a vote, and ask Billy, our clerk, to vote everyone. I would recommend an aye vote on everything on today's agenda, and thank the subcommittee chairs for all of the vetting that they did to make it happen and also the Land Use staff, their usual excellent job in making it happen, so Mr. Mitchell, when you are ready.

COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin, committee clerk. Roll call vote Committee on Land Use. Council Member Comrie?

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron?

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COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Critically,  
aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann?

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Can I explain  
my vote?

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: I vote with  
the Chairman. I vote aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Gonzalez?

COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on  
all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens?

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick?

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I vote aye.

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: Wills?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 12 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no abstentions, all items have been adopted. Members, please sign the committee report.

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: We are going to adjourn the meeting, but we are going to hold it open. Please check your schedules for the next set of subcommittee meetings on April 16<sup>th</sup>. With that, we will adjourn the meeting, but we will hold the roll open until 11:15 as members have indicated to me that they are on their way. Thank you. With that, the Land Use Committee meeting for April 4<sup>th</sup> is adjourned.

[gavel]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Jackson?

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: I vote aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote now currently stands at 13 in the affirmative.

[pause]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Palma?

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COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: The final vote in the Committee on Land Use is now 17 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no abstentions.

[pause]

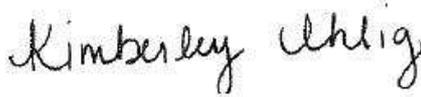
COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Today's April 4<sup>th</sup> Land Use meeting is hereby adjourned.

[gavel]

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Kimberley Uhlig 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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