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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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March 15, 2017
Start: 12:07 p.m.
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HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Room
16th Floor

B E F O R E: David Greenfield
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Daniel R. Garodnick
Peter A. Koo
Antonio Reynoso
Mark Treyger
Vincent Gentile
Brad Lander
Donovan Richards
Andrew Cohen
Ben Kallos
Ritchie Torres
Rafael Salamanca
Inez Barron
Ydanis Rodriguez
Rosie Mendez

CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Good

afternoon. My name is David Greenfield. I am the Council Member from the 44th District of Brooklyn [inaudible]. I want to welcome my esteemed colleagues who are members of the committee and who are joining us today. Council Member Gentile, Council Member Gardonick, Council Member Lander, Chair Richards, Council Member Barron, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Kallos, Council Member Reynoso, Council Member Torres and Council Member Treyger. I want to thank Chair Salamanca, Chair Richards and Chair Koo for their excellent work on Land Use Subcommittee. Today we will be voting on LU Number 548, 585 and 586, Sunset Park Library at 5108 4th Avenue in Council Member Menchaca's district and LU #587, the Bushido Sidewalk Café in Council Member Reynoso's district and the Sunset Library application. The Department of [inaudible] Preservation Development is seeking approval of a disposition of a city owned site of the Sunset Park Library, an Urban Development Action Area Project for the site and an acquisition of the property. The UDAAP [inaudible 00:01:24] will facilitate the development of an eight story building with a new

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2 expanded library and 49 units of affordable housing
3 reserved for families making between 30 and 80
4 percent of the area median income. The site would
5 be disposed of to the developer, Fifth Avenue
6 Committee, which would develop the site under a
7 condition that would convey the new library space
8 back to the city once it is completed. It has been
9 determined that the disposition application, LU
10 585, is duplicative and that the disposition of the
11 site is covered under UDAAP approval and LU 584.
12 Therefore, LU 585 has been withdrawn. Council
13 Member Menchaca has indicated his support for this
14 project. In the Bushido Sidewalk Café application,
15 the applicant is seeking approval for revocable
16 consent for the use of a city owned sidewalk on 321
17 Star Street in Brooklyn to operate and use an new
18 unenclosed sidewalk café with ten tables and two
19 chairs for a two year term. Council Member Reynoso
20 is supportive of this project. Are there any
21 questions or remarks on either one of these
22 applications? Hearing none, [inaudible 00:02:33]
23 recommendations of the subcommittees we will now
24 move on to a vote to approval LU 584 and 586 and to
25 approve a motion to file LU 585 and to approve LU

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587. I will ask -- is there a clerk or is it council? The clerk, yes. Great to see you again. Glad that the snow didn't slow you down. Welcome back and I will ask the Clerk to please call the roll.

CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on Land Use. Chair Greenfield?

CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Aye.

CLERK: Gentile?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.

CLERK: Garodnick?

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

CLERK: Lander?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye. Request permission to explain my vote?

CLERK: Council Member Lander to explain his vote on the sidewalk cafe --

[Crosstalk]

CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: No, no, I'm teasing. No, no, I'm sure it is about the Fifth Avenue Project.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: The sidewalk café --

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[cross talk]

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: -- you see in this council. The Sunset Park Project, which I know is heard in Committee, is a fantastic project, a hundred percent affordable, great bigger, dynamite new library and despite how unbelievably good it is --

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CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Hold on, blowing up the library with dynamite, what was that?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: -- a lot of work on the part of both BPL and the Council Member and Fifth Avenue Committee so I am very enthusiastic about it and I vote aye on all.

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CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: I also vouch for the Fifth Avenue Committee. I hear they do good work. Thank you, Council Member Lander.

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CLERK: Richards?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: I just want to state that I hope [inaudible 00:03:08] library is watching this. I would love to see housing with new libraries in my district. With that being said, I vote aye.

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CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: [Inaudible
00:04:04] district for you?

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: There are but
I need more.

CLERK: Barron?

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye.

CLERK: Cohen?

COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

CLERK: Kallos?

COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye.

CLERK: Reynoso?

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye.

CLERK: Torres?

COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I vote aye.

CLERK: Treyger?

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

CLERK: Salamanca?

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I vote aye.

CLERK: For a vote of 12 in the
affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,
all items on today's Land Use agenda have been
adopted by the Committee.

CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Thank you,
Billy. I want to actually congratulate Chair

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2 Rafael Salamanca on assuming the chairmanship of
3 the Subcommittee on Planning Positions and
4 Concessions. He's doing fine work in that regard
5 and really has been pushing for the creation of
6 more and better affordable housing so thank you Mr.
7 Chair and we look forward to continue to work with
8 you. With that being said, as is our practice, we
9 are going to keep it open ten more minutes, 15 more
10 minutes until 12:25 p.m. Thank you all and have a
11 super day.

12 CLERK: Continuation roll call,
13 Committee on Land Use, Council Member Koo?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

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

17 CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Thank you,
18 Chair Koo and thank you again for your work
19 chairing the Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public
20 Siting and Maritime Uses.

21 CLERK: Continuation roll call,
22 Committee on Land Use, Council Member Rodriguez?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

24 CLERK: Continuation roll call,
25 Committee on Land Use, Council Member Mendez?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: I vote aye.

CLERK: Final vote now, Committee on Land Use, all items have been adopted by the Committee, 15 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions.

CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: This concludes the Land Use Committee that has been rescheduled from yesterday, March 14th, to today March 15, 2017. This meeting is hereby 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 there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is no interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date April 7, 2017