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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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June 17, 2010
Start: 10:17am
Recess: 10:50am

HELD AT: Hearing Room
 250 Broadway - 16th Floor

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
 Maria del Carmen Arroyo
 Inez E. Dickens
 Daniel R. Garodnick
 Sara M. Gonzalez
 Robert Jackson
 Annabel Palma
 Diana Reyna
 Joel Rivera
 Larry B. Seabrook
 James Vacca
 Albert Vann
 Brad S. Lander

A P P E A R A N C E S

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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: Good morning.
3 Today is Thursday, June 17th. Oh, that wasn't
4 the...? Okay. Good morning. This is the full Land
5 Use Committee, Thursday, June 17th, 2010. We are
6 joined by Council Member Al Vann, Councilman Peter
7 Koo, Council Member Mark Weprin, Council Member
8 Vincent Ingizio, Council Member Brad Lander,
9 Council Member Inez Dickens, Council Member Dan
10 Garodnick, Councilman Jimmy Vacca, Diana Reyna,
11 Mark--Mark? Robert Jackson. Mark Jackson? Where
12 did that come from?

13 [Laughter]

14 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Okay.
15 Majority Leader Joel River, Annabel Palma, Maria
16 del Carmen Arroyo and Sara Gonzalez.

17 Today we have, today we have a few
18 items on the agenda, starting with Land Use number
19 116, a sidewalk café in Council Member Levin's
20 District in Brooklyn Community Board 12.

21 Item number 20105441 TCK, Café Buon
22 Gusto. Item number--Land Use 117, in the
23 Speaker's District, a sidewalk café, Trattoria
24 Dell'Arte.

25 Item number 20105393 TCM, Manhattan

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2 Community Board 5, Land Use Item number 118, a
3 sidewalk café in Council Member Jackson's
4 District.

5 Item number 20105514 TCM, Manhattan
6 Community Board 12. Item number 119, Land Use
7 number 119, another sidewalk café in the Speaker's
8 District, calendar number 20105495 TCM, in
9 Manhattan Community Board 12, Bar Pitti.

10 And an amendment to facilitate the
11 development of a 13-story residential building in
12 Council Member Koppell's district, Bronx Community
13 Board 12, Land Use item number 120, calendar item
14 number C 090143 ZMX on East Fordham Road.

15 We have also in the Speaker's
16 district an amendment to the zoning text to ensure
17 that future development reflects the existing
18 neighborhood character within the Hudson Yards
19 Garment Center, Community Board 4, item number N
20 1000217 ZRM. It was a long overdue project to fix
21 and correct some zoning in the special Hudson
22 Yards District and the Special Garment Center
23 District. There's an amendment of the zoning text
24 to facilitate a project to include affordable
25 housing.

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2 Land Use item number 122 in the
3 Speaker's District, the Elliot Chelsea Housing,
4 calendar number N 100262 ZRM in Manhattan
5 Community Board 4. This is to deal with the
6 height and setback regulation for the housing.

7 In the Landmarks Committee we had
8 item number 123, Council Member Mendez's District.
9 It's the Germania Fire Insurance Company Building,
10 item number 20105519 HKM, Manhattan Community
11 Board 3.

12 Also, a primary school in Council
13 Member Crowley's District, a 600-seat primary
14 school, Land Use number 124, Queens Community
15 Board 5. It will be called PS 290 on 55-20
16 Metropolitan Avenue, item number 20105402 SCQ.

17 We have another primary school in
18 Council Member Ferreras's district. It's going to
19 be called PS 287, located at 110-02 to 110-20
20 Northern Boulevard, a 380-seat primary school in
21 Community Board 3, 20105362 SCQ.

22 In Council Member Van Bramer's
23 District, he's getting an IS/High School, 1,100
24 seat intermediate Intermediate/High School, Land
25 Use number 126, in Queens Community Board 2, item

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2 number 20105483 SCQ.

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In the Speaker's District there is going to be another school in Manhattan Community Board 4. It's a PS 51 replacement. It's a new, 630-seat Primary/Intermediate School, located at 515-533 West 44th St., item number 20105713 SCM.

Land Use Item number 129, it's a school in Council Member Mendez's district, 850-seat Intermediate/High School, Manhattan Community Board 5, 20105590 SCM. It's going to be located at 10 E. 15th Street.

And we have another item, an HPD action to facilitate the rehabilitation of an affordable housing project. It's known as Mother Zion, in Council Member Dickens's district, Manhattan Community Board 12, item number 20105714 HAM.

And that is the last item. I don't have the address for Mother Zion. I'm a little confused because it's so quiet in here this morning. Everybody's tired, I guess. Normally the meetings are so rowdy when I'm reading the calendar. All right. Well, we are done unless-- if any member would like to speak on any specific

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2 project, let me know. All right. Then we're
3 going to right to a vote. We've been joined by
4 Council Member Levin. Do you want to filibuster
5 until the Republicans get here? We've got
6 Republicans--we've got a Republican in the room.
7 Two Republicans. Yeah. I don't think Vinnie is
8 Republican. All right. Just to let you know that
9 there's a special Zoning meeting this Monday, June
10 21st at 10:00 in the Chambers, dealing with Domino
11 Sugar. And with that, we can ask the...

12 [Pause]

13 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Oh, I would
14 like to recommend an Aye vote on all items on
15 today's calendar. With that, I'd ask--I would ask
16 our Counsel to call the Roll.

17 CAROL SHINE: Carol Shine, Counsel
18 to the Committee. Chair Comrie.

19 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Aye on all.

20 CAROL SHINE: Council Member
21 Rivera.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote Aye
23 on all.

24 CAROL SHINE: Council Member Reyna.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye on all.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member Vann.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye on all.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member

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Gonzalez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member Palma.

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COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member

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COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Si.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member

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Dickens.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member

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Garodnick.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member Vacca.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member Levin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member

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Ignizio.

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes, I'd

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just like to vote Aye, but call out the fact that

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Chairman Comrie doesn't know how to say Trattoria

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Dell'Arte, but I've seen him have Italian food

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very often, so I'm very insulted. But, I vote eye

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on all.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member Koo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye on all.

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CAROL SHINE: By a vote of 15 in

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the affirmative, none in the negative and no

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abstentions, the aforementioned items are

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approved. Please sign the reports.

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CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: All right.

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Thank you, everyone. We'll keep the roll open for

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ten minutes. All right. Thank you, thank you.

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And that would--

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

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CAROL SHINE: By a vote of 16 in the affirmative, none in the negative and no abstentions, the aforementioned items are approved. Please sign the reports.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member Seabrook.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye on

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CAROL SHINE: By a vote of 17 in the affirmative, none in negative and no abstentions, the aforementioned items are approved.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member Halloran.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye on

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CAROL SHINE: By a vote of 18 in the affirmative, none in the negative and no abstentions, the aforementioned items are approved.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye on

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye on

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CAROL SHINE: By a vote of 19 in

the affirmative, none in the negative and no

abstentions, the aforementioned items are

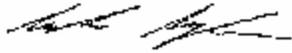
approved.

COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: The

meeting is adjourned.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Erika Swyler, 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 6/25/2010 _____