

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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October 27, 2009  
Start: 11:05 am  
Recess: 11:11 am

HELD AT: Council Chambers  
City Hall

B E F O R E:  
MELINDA R. KATZ  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Joel Rivera  
Tony Avella  
Charles Barron  
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.  
Eric N. Gioia  
Robert Jackson  
John C. Liu  
Larry B. Seabrook  
Helen Sears  
Albert Vann  
Sara M. Gonzalez  
Daniel R. Garodnick  
Jessica S. Lappin

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

## COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Rosie Mendez  
Vincent Ignizio  
Simcha Felder  
Elizabeth Crowley  
Maria del Carmen Arroyo

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SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Quiet, please.

CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Let's start the meeting, it's a very quick meeting. Thank you all for being here on a timely fashion, relatively speaking, I guess.

LU number 1225 is a ULURP UDAAP to facilitate the construction of a mixed-use building, 115 units for the elderly at the Riverway Apartments in Council Member Barron's district.

LU number 1226 is The Dempsey, it's in Council Member Dickens' district, it's a ULURP and UDAAP, with 80 low-income units.

LU number 1231 is Coretta Scott King Apartments, Council Member Barron's district, it's a 202 project, ULURP UDAAP.

LU number 1232 is Taboon, it is a sidewalk café in Speaker Quinn's district.

LU number 1236 is Council Member Sanders' district.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down, please, keep it down.

[Off mic]

CHAIRPERSON KATZ: It's an

1  
2 amendment to the zoning map to facilitate the  
3 construction of a commercial building.

4 In Council Member de Blasio's  
5 district, it's the rezoning of Carroll Gardens,  
6 which is a contextual rezoning of 89 blocks.

7 LU numbers 1246 and 1247 are  
8 related, they're both in Council Member Barron's  
9 district, it's an amendment to the city map,  
10 amendment to the zoning map to create an  
11 opportunity to construct affordable housing.

12 [Off mic]

13 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Eldert Lane  
14 Residential Development, which Council Member  
15 Barron points out to me is 100% affordable  
16 housing.

17 LU number 12--

18 [Off mic]

19 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: A hundred  
20 percent affordable housing, I believe he might be  
21 winning the Council Member Dickens/Council Member  
22 Barron's fight that's going on here, I believe  
23 there's one for Council Member Barron and in that.

24 Council Member Vacca's district is  
25 LU number 1248, it is P.S. 292 and it's a siting

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for a primary school.

There are two UDAAPs, Council Member Vann's district, 1242, and in Council Member Mitchell's district as well, 551 Bay Street and 571 Bay Street, and also, I'm sorry, there's a third in Council Member Dilan's district, LU number 1241.

Any comments? Questions? Call the roll.

CAROL SHINE: Carol Shine, Counsel to the Committee. Chair Katz?

CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Aye on all.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member Rivera.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye on all.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member Avella.

COUNCIL MEMBER AVELLA: Madam Chair, if I can just make a moment, I vote aye on all and I'd like to thank Chair Lapin and the Members of the Subcommittee for their support thus far on the police academy and laying over the vote so that we have more time to discuss this issue

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with the Administration.

[Off mic]

CAROL SHINE: Regular [off mic].

Council Member Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye on all and I want to thank my colleagues for your support. All three housing developments will be 100% affordable in our district. One is project-based Section 8, which means only 30% of the income of those in that particular development, but they're all 100% affordable. And I want to thank my colleagues for your support. Aye on all.

CAROL SHINE: Sorry. Council Member Comrie.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye on all.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member Gioia.

COUNCIL MEMBER GIOIA: Yes on all.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member Jackson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on all.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member Liu.

COUNCIL MEMBER LIU: Yes.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member

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Seabrook.

COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member Sears.

COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: Aye.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member Vann.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member

Gonzalez.

COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member

Dickens.

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Permission

to--

[Pause]

CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Yes.

FEMALE VOICE: One, two, three,  
four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven  
[pause] 15, 16, 17, 18.

[Off mic]

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Well  
everybody can hear me, there's 100% affordable at  
40% AMI, so the matter of a 10% differential is  
not that huge and the fact that he has some  
commercial space that will help to underwrite is

1  
2 an assistance. Whereas, in my development we  
3 don't have any commercial space to help to  
4 underwrite, so hence the difference. And I thank  
5 you all and I vote aye.

6 [Off mic]

7 CAROL SHINE: Council Member--

8 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: [Interposing] I  
9 think we can all agree it's good for the city, so  
10 we love the competition and it's good, everyone  
11 should win.

12 CAROL SHINE: Council Member  
13 Garodnick.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

15 CAROL SHINE: Council Member  
16 Lappin.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

18 CAROL SHINE: Council Member  
19 Mendez.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

21 CAROL SHINE: Council Member  
22 Ignizio.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes, I  
24 vote aye. And in my family we always went with  
25 the mama, so I'm going with Inez on this one. But



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I vote aye on all.

CAROL SHINE: All right. Council Member Felder.

[Off mic]

MALE VOICE: I always lost in my house.

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

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: I vote aye on all.

CAROL SHINE: By a vote of 19 in the affirmative, none in the negative, and no abstentions, the aforementioned items are approved. The next set of Subcommittee meetings is the 12th.

CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Next Subcommittees are the 12th--

CAROL SHINE: And then Land Use would be the 16th.

CHAIRPERSON KATZ: --Land Use is the 16th and, by the way, session, I believe, is also the 16th.

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MALE VOICE: Of November.

CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Council Member  
Sears?

COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: Well I just  
need to make an announcement.

CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Okay.

COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: I need to  
make an announcement about another committee.  
Government Op members, since it's a vote, we're  
going to meet in here because Transportation is  
meeting in the lounge, so we need everyone's vote  
to pass out on the post office. Thank--

CHAIRPERSON KATZ: All right,  
Government Operations is meeting here next.  
Great, thank you everybody. We're going to leave  
the meeting open for 10 minutes-- [pause] Thank  
you very much.

[Pause]

CAROL SHINE: Council Member  
Arroyo.

FEMALE VOICE: We're not voting on  
the Academy--

[Pause]

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye on all.

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CAROL SHINE: The final vote is 20  
in the affirmative, none in the negative, and no  
abstentions.

FEMALE VOICE: Could you turn [off  
mic], please?

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: How do I do  
that?

FEMALE VOICE: Just say Committee  
on Land Use is--

[Pause]

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Committee  
on Land Use is adjourned.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Tammy Wittman, 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 Tammy Wittman

Date November 4, 2009