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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DISPOSITIONS & CONCESSIONS

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City Hall

B E F O R E:
STEPHEN LEVIN
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Charles Barron
Daniel J. Halloran

A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

Carol Clark
Assistant Commissioner
HPD

Victor Hernandez
Director of the Tenant Interim Lease program
HPD

3 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: Good afternoon,
4 welcome to the Subcommittee on Planning,
5 Dispositions and Concessions. I want to thank
6 everyone for coming out today. My name is Council
7 Member Stephen Levin, representing the 33rd
8 district.

9 Today I have two of my colleagues
10 with me, both to my right today, actually.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Isn't
12 that great--

13 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: Yes.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: --Charles
15 is on the right?

16 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: Charles is on
17 the right.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I'm right
19 again.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: I'm more
21 right than you, Charles.

22 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: Two of our
23 colleagues on this Subcommittee, Council Member
24 Sara Gonzalez and Council Member Inez Dickens are
25 currently in Israel with a Council delegation, so
they--

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3 [Off mic]

4 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: --so they are
5 excused. But we have quorum, so we'll move
6 forward with the items on today's calendar.

7 The first item on the calendar,
8 Land Use number 19 was heard at the meeting, the
9 last subcommittee meeting of February 8th. This
10 item will be coupled--the hearing on this item was
11 closed at that hearing, so that item will be
12 coupled with the other Land Use item that is on
13 today's calendar, that's Land Use item 20, that's
14 a non-ULURP number 20105213 HAM, that is 342 East
15 100th Street in Manhattan in council district
16 eight, represented by Council Member Melissa Mark-
17 Viverito, it is in Community Board 11 in
18 Manhattan.

19 Today we have joining us to
20 testify--excuse me--Carol Clark and Victor
21 Hernandez from the Department of Housing
22 Preservation and Development. I want to thank you
23 guys for coming out and if you could please tell
24 us a little bit about this item for the Committee,
25 that would be great. Thanks.

CAROL CLARK: I'd be happy to.

3 Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Members of the
4 Committee. My name is Carol Clark, I'm an
5 Assistant Commissioner at HPD and, as you noted,
6 I'm joined by the Director of the Tenant Interim
7 Lease program, which we call the TIL program, at
8 HPD, Victor Hernandez.

9 LU 20 consists of the proposed
10 disposition of one vacant city-owned building. As
11 you noted, it's located at 342 East 100th Street
12 through HPD's Tenant Interim Lease program. TIL
13 assists organized tenant associations in city-
14 owned buildings to purchase and manage low-income
15 cooperatives.

16 This project consists of 24
17 residential units. Currently, 10 of them are
18 occupied, and when the renovation is completed,
19 there will be 24 units in the building. In fact,
20 the renovation is underway, the tenants in the
21 property have been moved to an alternate location
22 and the renovation is 90% complete.

23 Council Member Mark-Viverito has
24 indicated her approval of this project. Thank
25 you.

CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: I don't have

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3 any questions. Do any of my colleagues have any
4 questions for Ms. Clark or Mr. Hernandez regarding
5 this issue?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: No.

7 [Pause]

8 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: Great, so the
9 hearing on this matter is closed. We will be
10 calling up for a vote both items--Land Use number
11 19 and Land Use number 20.

12 CAROL CLARK: Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: Oh, you're
14 welcome. Brevity is a--virtue and brevity, is
15 that the--

16 [Off mic]

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Just a
18 point of information, Mr. Chair?

19 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: Yes, sir.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: So if the
21 two of us vote together, we have the power to
22 actually control the vote in this committee?

23 [Pause]

24 FEMALE VOICE: It only takes one of
25 you--

[Off mic]

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2 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: 'Cause we need
3 a quorum, right. So--

4 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Do you
5 want me to go to the lunchroom?

6 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: No, no, if you
7 could just stick around for two more minutes, we
8 can...

9 I would be calling both items, Land
10 Use item number 19 and Land Use item number 20,
11 coupled for a vote. If the Counsel could--oh, I'm
12 sorry, excuse me, I would recommend an aye vote on
13 both items. If the Counsel could call the roll.

14 CAROL SHINE: Carol Shine, Counsel
15 to the Committee. Chair Levin?

16 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: Aye.

17 CAROL SHINE: Council Member
18 Barron.

19 [Pause]

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Oh, aye.

21 CAROL SHINE: Council Member
22 Halloran.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Who am I
24 to stand in the way of progress, aye.

25 [Pause]

3 CAROL SHINE: By a vote of three in
4 the affirmative, none in the negative, and no
5 abstention, the aforementioned items are approved
6 and referred to the full Committee.

7 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: Thank you, Ms.
8 Counsel. And the hearing is adjourned--

9 [Off mic]

10 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: --the meeting
11 is adjourned, the hearings have been closed, we
12 will not be keeping open the roll for 15 minutes
13 because I do not believe that any of our
14 colleagues will be coming back from Israel within
15 the next 15 minutes. So with that, the meeting is
adjourned. Thank you.

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 March 8, 2010