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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES  
Of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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HELD AT: Committee Room - City Hall

B E F O R E: David G. Greenfield  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Vincent J. Gentile  
Annabel Palma  
Maria Del Carmen Arroyo  
Inez E. Dickens  
Daniel R. Garodnick  
Darlene Mealy  
Rosie Mendez  
Ydanis A. Rodriguez  
Peter A. Koo  
Brad S. Lander  
Stephen T. Levin  
Jumaane D. Williams  
Ruben Wills  
Donovan J. Richards  
Inez D. Barron  
Andrew Cohen  
Ben Kallos  
Antonio Reynoso

Council Members:

Ritchie J. Torres  
Mark Treyger  
Vincent M. Ignizio

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

CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Folks [gavel].

Good morning. Good morning. Quiet on the set, please. My name is David Greenfield. I'm the Council Member from the 44<sup>th</sup> Councilmatic [sic] district of Brooklyn and privileged to serve as the Chair of the Land Use Committee. Folks, can we keep it down? If you have a conversation, you can feel free to take it outside. I want to welcome my esteemed colleagues who are members of the committee. Gold star today goes to Council Member Inez Dickens. Congratulations. Thank you so much. I want to recognize Council Member Arroyo, Council Member Garodnick, Council Member Mendez, Council Member Koo, Council Member Williams, Council Member Wills, Council Member Richards, Council Member Barron, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Reynoso, Council Member Treyger, and Council Member Ignizio. I want to thank all of you for your prompt attendance. You'll see on the table before you several items relating to the committee. First, is the agenda report by the committee staff containing those matters in which we've had a hearing and have been reviewed and fully vetted by the subcommittees. Those are the matters in which we will be acting on today. I'd just like to thank the opportunity to

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2 thank our subcommittee Chair, Chair Dickens, Chair  
3 Peter Koo and acting temporary Chair, Dan Garodnick.  
4 Thank you for your service. Also, before we have the  
5 joint [sic] [inaudible] Land Use Committee and  
6 applicable subcommittee for each item we're voting on  
7 today with the proposed resolution for each item.  
8 What the committee is voting on today is to approve  
9 each of the resolutions before you for presentation  
10 and vote by the full council. Resolution reflects  
11 the recommendations of the applicable subcommittee.  
12 Before we go through the items, I want to acknowledge  
13 that today is a bitter sweet day here at the City  
14 Council, because after 26 years of extraordinary  
15 service to the Council, including setting up the Land  
16 Use Division when the Council first received its Land  
17 Use powers, Alonzo Carr [sp?] is retiring.

18 [applause]

19 CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Alonzo--

20 [off mic]

21 CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: That's what I was  
22 going to say. You want to wait until I finish my  
23 remarks before you clap. Alonzo has worked on some  
24 of the biggest projects that have come through the  
25 Council, projects like the Downtown Brooklyn Plan and

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2 has helped members with literally thousands of  
3 different items in their districts from the siting's  
4 of schools to rezonings and everything in between. I  
5 will tell you that for those of you who haven't had  
6 the opportunity to work with Alonzo, he really is an  
7 extraordinary gentleman and is certainly one of the  
8 best dressed individuals in the New York City  
9 Council. He's a man of distinction, of class, and  
10 really one of the smartest people we've had the  
11 opportunity to work with, and so it is certainly a  
12 very sad day for us, but I want to thank you, Alonzo.  
13 You've helped hundreds of Council Members, thousands  
14 of rezonings, and we couldn't have done it without  
15 you. I want members to know that we're going to have  
16 a celebration for Alonzo next Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. in  
17 the Land Use Division. We invite you all to stop by  
18 and bring your favorite alcoholic beverage, and with  
19 that, I certainly want to take the opportunity to  
20 thank Alonzo, to wish him well, and now to ask you  
21 all to please give him a big round of applause.

22 [applause]

23 CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Now, onto the  
24 business for this morning. LU 219, West 140<sup>th</sup> Street  
25 cluster: Application submitted by HPD for the grant

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2 of an Article 11 tax exemption for five multiple  
3 dwellings on West 140<sup>th</sup> Street to continue providing  
4 rental housing for low income families. The  
5 application is Council Member districts. LU 238,  
6 Eli's Essential, application for revocable consent to  
7 continue to maintain and operate unenclosed sidewalk  
8 café located at 1291 Lexington Avenue. This  
9 application is in Council Member Kallos' district.  
10 LU 239, Benvenuto Café, an application for revocable  
11 consent to continue and maintain and operate an  
12 enclosed sidewalk café is located at 189 Franklin  
13 Street. This application is Council Member Chin's  
14 district. LU 240, Bar Italia, application by 768 MAD  
15 Restaurant LLC for a revocable consent to continue to  
16 maintain and operate an unenclosed sidewalk café  
17 located at 786 Madison Avenue. This application is  
18 in Council Member Garodnick's district. LU 241,  
19 Brooklyn Public Library Stone Avenue Branch, the  
20 designation by the Landmarks Preservation Commission  
21 of the Brooklyn Public Library Stone Avenue Branch  
22 located at 581 Stone Avenue as a historic landmark in  
23 Council Member Mealy's district. LU 242, a power  
24 [sic] transit [sic] facility application admitted by  
25 New York City EDC for the transfer of city-owned

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2 property located on block 383 lot 60 in the Bronx  
3 for New York City Transit Authority for training and  
4 parking para-transit facilities. This application is  
5 in Council Member Vacca's district. LU 243, Newton  
6 [sic] Creek East. Newton Creek East Branch dilation  
7 [sic] facility. The application submitted by DEP and  
8 the Department of Citywide Administrative Services  
9 for site selection of a property located at 5826 47<sup>th</sup>  
10 Street for use an aeration facility. This  
11 application is Council Member Crowley's district. LU  
12 244 [inaudible] two, application submitted by HPD  
13 pursuant to Article 16 of the General Municipal Law  
14 for the proposed amendment to previously approve UDAP  
15 to allow for construction of a new nine-story  
16 building [inaudible] apartment. This application is  
17 in Council Member Gibson's district. The  
18 subcommittees have all recommended approval of these  
19 items as I do as well. Do any members have any  
20 questions or remarks? Hearing none, I will ask the  
21 clerk to call the roll.

22 WILLIAM MARTIN: William Martin,  
23 Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on Land  
24 Use. Chair Greenfield?

25 CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Aye on all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Palma?  
COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.  
WILLIAM MARTIN: Arroyo?  
COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.  
WILLIAM MARTIN: Dickens?  
COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Dickens?  
COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Oh, aye, aye,  
aye.  
CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Thank you.  
WILLIAM MARTIN: Garodnick?  
COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.  
WILLIAM MARTIN: Mendez?  
COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.  
WILLIAM MARTIN: Koo?  
COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.  
WILLIAM MARTIN: Lander?  
COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.  
WILLIAM MARTIN: Williams?  
COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.  
WILLIAM MARTIN: Wills?  
COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye.  
WILLIAM MARTIN: Richards?  
COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.  
WILLIAM MARTIN: Barron?



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COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Cohen?

COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Reynoso?

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Treyger?

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Ignizio?

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Gentile?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote of 17 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions, all items have been adopted.

CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Thank you. As is our practice we will keep the vote open for 15 minutes until 11:50 a.m. Thank you all and have a great day.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Council Member Levin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Council Member Kallos?

COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Vote aye on all.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Council Member Rodriguez?

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

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2 WILLIAM MARTIN: Final vote Committee on  
3 Land Use now stands at 20 in the affirmative, zero in  
4 the negative and no abstentions.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: The Land Use  
6 Committee Hearing of June 23<sup>rd</sup> is hereby adjourned.

7 [gavel]

8 UNIDENTIFIED: Sorry, sorry.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Correction. The  
10 Land Use Committee Hearing of June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 is  
11 hereby adjourned [gavel] by Council Member Mark  
12 Treyger.

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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 that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date July 6, 2015