

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON PARKS AND RECREATION

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December 18, 2019

Start: 1:22 PM

Recess: 1:29 PM

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm.
16th Fl.

B E F O R E: PETER A. KOO
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Adrienne E. Adams
Joseph C. Borelli
Justin L. Brannan
Andrew Cohen
Mark Gjonaj
Mark Levine
Francisco P. Moya
Carlina Rivera
Eric A. Ulrich
James G. Van Bramer

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

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2 (SOUND CHECK) (PAUSE) (BACKGROUND
3 COMMENTS) (GAVEL)

4 CHAIRPERSON KOO: The committee will come
5 into order. Good afternoon. I am Council Member
6 Peter Koo, and I'm pleased to chair the Committee on
7 Parks and Recreation. Today, the Committee will be
8 voting a preconsidered bill that will ceremonially
9 co-name 55 thoroughfares and public places throughout
10 the city. This is our semi-annual bill where we seek
11 to honor individuals and organizations that have made
12 lasting contributions to the people of our city.
13 Some of these include co-names for active community
14 members, heroic New Yorkers who sacrificed their
15 lives for others, people who committed their lives to
16 public service, or those who really enriched the
17 city's cultural landscape. I'm proud to support this
18 bill, and I urge my colleagues on the committee to
19 vote in favor of this legislation. We will hold the
20 meeting for 15 minutes after the vote is done. Thank
21 you. (background comments). Any members of the
22 committee want to speak? No? Seeing none--

23 MALE SPEAKER: Council Member Adams.

24 CHAIRPERSON KOO: Oh, Council Member
25 Adams. Okay.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Thank you, Chair
3 Koo. Just wanted to note that I am very, very proud
4 to sponsor three particular co-namings today, one for
5 Detective Lawrence Cecil Smith, a hero in my
6 community District 28. Two in particular are
7 unprecedented, and that is Punjab Avenue and Gurdwara
8 Street, celebrating the Punjab and Sikh communities,
9 once again something that is unprecedented in my
10 District 28. I'd also like to mention that we will
11 also be honoring Reverend Floyd H. Flake with a
12 naming in his honor as well, and he is considered the
13 architect and builder of Southeast Queens. So, I
14 thank you, Mr. Chair.

15 CHAIRPERSON KOO: Thank you. Will the
16 Clerk please call the roll.

17 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk,
18 roll call vote committee on Parks and Recreation,
19 Preconsidered Introduction. Chair Koo.

20 CHAIRPERSON KOO: I vote aye.

21 CLERK: Cohen.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

23 CLERK: Van Bramer.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

25 CLERK: Rivera.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

3 CLERK: Adams.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye.

5 CLERK: Borelli.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye.

7 CLERK: By a vote of 6 in the
8 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,
9 the item has been adopted by the committee.

10 CHAIRPERSON KOO: The Committee will be
11 open for another 15 minutes for additional members to
12 come to vote. (pause) (background comments)

13 CELRK: Continuation roll call Committee
14 on Parks and Recreation. Council Member Levine.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: I vote aye.

16 CELRK: The final vote on this item is
17 now 7 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no
18 abstentions. Council Member Levine.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Okay, that
20 concludes our hearing. [gavel]

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Date December 28, 2019