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Of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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Chairperson

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- Inez E. Dickens
- Daniel R. Garodnick
- Sara M. Gonzalez
- Robert Jackson
- Jessica S. Lappin
- Rosie Mendez
- Annabel Palma
- Diana Reyna
- Joel Rivera
- Albert Vann
- Brad S. Lander
- Stephen T. Levin
- Mark S. Weprin
- Jumaane D. Williams
- Vincent M. Ignizio

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CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Okay, good morning.

We are here to convene the Land Use Committee meeting for committee August 20th, 2013. Joining me is Jumaane Williams, Jessica Lappin, Rosie Mendez, Daniel Garodnick, Al Vann, Peter Koo, Vincent Ignizio, Diana Reyna, Inez Dickens, Brad Lander, and Joel Rivera, and Robert Jackson will be here in a minute, and Mark Weprin was here. Where did Mark go? Oh, there he is. I knew I was missing somebody. Mark Weprin sitting on the other side. We have, just to inform you, that the next Subcommittee meetings will be held on September 3rd, and hopefully the Land Use Committee will be the next day. September 12th? Oh, okay, sorry. It'll be September 12th for the full committee.

We have a few items on the agenda today. First item is in Subcommittee Chair Weprin's district which is the St. Francis Prep School rezoning, Preconsidered LU in Community Board 8, Item Number C130170 ZMQ. This is to amend the zoning map to change from R32 to R4 for the property encompassing the area around St. Francis Prep High School in... what do they call that area, that's Bayside, what is that, Palace Hills? Fresh

1 Meadows, yeah. It's a wonderful school and it
2 deserves the extension so they can do more space.

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4 Also, we have Preconsidered Land Use
5 Item in Council Member Chin's district. It's known
6 as the Bialystoker Center and Home for the Aged.
7 It's the Landmark designation for Manhattan
8 Community Board 3. Item Number 20135751 HKM is to
9 create a stark landmark. This location which is
10 located at 228 Broadway, aka 228-230 East Broadway.

11 Another Preconsidered property is the
12 Goldwater Hospital surrender in Council Member
13 Lappin's district, Community Board 8, Item Number
14 20145045 HHM. It's to surrender to the City a 9.9-
15 acre parcel of land and buildings located on the
16 campus of Goldwater Specialty Hospital and Nursing
17 Facility. This is part of the Roosevelt Island
18 reconfiguration to allow for the new Cornell
19 University development. And Goldwater will be
20 relocating to buildings in Manhattan.

21 We also have Preconsidered Land Use
22 item in Council Member Dilan's district, Item
23 Number 20145044 HHK, in Brooklyn Community Board 5
24 is for an Urban Development Area Action project and
25 related tax exemption for Section 202, Supportive

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2 Housing Program for the Elderly, located at 137
3 Jamaica Avenue in the Block 3487 part of Lot 20 in
4 Brooklyn.

5 We also have the citywide
6 Telecommunications Authorizing Resolution, Land Use
7 Number 821, Item Number 20135563 GFY. It's to give
8 the do it the authorization to do
9 telecommunications and so that they can do the
10 infrastructure necessary to support the
11 telecommunication in and around the city. Then the
12 bids will go out to different groups to allow them
13 to bid on that. We had also made sure that there's
14 an opportunity to ensure that more MWBEs will be
15 notified through SBS as opposed to their
16 opportunities to bid on the infrastructure
17 development with the telecommunications.

18 Also, we have in Council Member Vann's
19 district, Land Use Number 866, the Bed-Stuy
20 Expanded Heights Historic District within Brooklyn
21 Community Board 3, Item Number 20135631 HKK. It's
22 the Landmark designation of the Bedford-
23 Stuyvesant/Expanded Stuyvesant Heights Historic
24 District.

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2 Also, we have in Council Member
3 Jackson's district again, Land Use Item Number 867,
4 211 West 147th Street, Manhattan Community Board
5 10, Item Number 20135776 HAM. It's an Urban
6 Development Action project and related tax
7 exemption for property located at 211 West 147th
8 Street.

9 Also, in Council Member Levin's
10 district, we have a HUD exemption, Land Use Number
11 868, Item Number 20135773 HAK, within Brooklyn
12 Community Board 1, known as 640 Broadway. It's an
13 exemption for real estate property taxes at 640
14 Broadway pursuant to Section 577 of the Private
15 Housing Finance Law.

16 Then we have in Council Member Chin's
17 district, Land Use Number 873, Item Number 20145031
18 PNM, within Manhattan Community Board 1, known as
19 the Pier 15 Maritime Lease. It's continuing the
20 proposed maritime lease agreement between the City
21 of New York and Hornblower New York, LLC as tenant
22 for certain city-owned berths and other
23 improvements located on Pier 15, Block 73, part of
24 Lot 2 in Manhattan.

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2 And then the last we have an Urban
3 Development Area project in Council Member Wills'
4 district. Land Use Number 816, Item Number
5 20135531 HAQ. The address is 140205 Rockaway
6 Boulevard, block and lot. It's an asset sales
7 program within Community Board 12. It's a building
8 that has been vacant for a long time, and HPD has
9 found finally someone that is willing to buy a
10 difficult building.

11 With that, I want to thank all of the
12 subcommittees, all of these items have been fully
13 vetted and discussed in the subcommittee meetings.
14 Does any member have any comment on anything on
15 today's agenda, Council Member Lander?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you, Mr.
17 Chairman. And I just want to note that one of the
18 items we landmarked yesterday, the Bialystoker
19 Center and Home for the Aged in Council Member
20 Chin's district. I was learning a little more
21 about this yesterday after the subcommittee, and
22 this week is the 70th anniversary of the Bialystok
23 ghetto uprising and unfortunately the liquidation
24 of the ghetto by the Nazis, but I think it's
25 fitting that we're landmarking on the day that

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2 we're commemorating both the courage and the
3 uprising and also the horror there. Bialystok has
4 given us some remarkable Americans like Studs
5 Terkel, and I'm glad that this week we're able to
6 commemorate that and I didn't know that yesterday,
7 so I just wanted to note it for the record. Thank
8 you.

9 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Okay. And thank
10 you for that little piece of historic history which
11 now I need to go look up, so... Pardon me? Well,
12 history is historic, yes, but I... did I say... yes,
13 sorry. I was trying to do three things at one
14 time. It wasn't working. Thank you for that
15 enlightenment, and we will have to go look that up.
16 So I would encourage people to look that up. Any
17 other comments on anything on today's agenda?
18 Seeing none, I would encourage a Yes vote to all of
19 the items on today's agenda, reminding folk that
20 the next subcommittee meetings will be September
21 3rd. With that, I would ask the clerk, Billy
22 Martin, to call the role.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,
24 Committee Clerk. Roll call vote committee on Land
25 Use. Council Member Comrie?

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CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote Aye on

all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna?

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson?

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann?

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens?

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick?

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lappin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin?

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 14 to the
7 affirmative, zero in the negative, and no
8 abstentions, all items have been adopted. Council
9 Members, please sign Committee reports. Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: We're going to
11 adjourn the meeting but leave the roll open until
12 11:30. I have two Council Members that promised
13 they'll be here by then, so with that we will
14 adjourn the meeting and thank everyone for
15 attending. So Land Use Committee meeting for
16 August 20th is hereby adjourned.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Barron?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote currently
20 stands at 15 in the affirmative. Council Member
21 Levin?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Current vote in the
24 Committee on Land Use is now 16 in the affirmative.
25 Council Member Arroyo?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote in the
Committee on Land Use is 17 in the affirmative,
zero in the negative, and no abstentions.

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.



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