

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DISPOSITIONS AND CONCESSIONS

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January 31, 2013
Start: 10:00 a.m.
Recess: 10:04 a.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway
Committee Room, 16th Floor

B E F O R E:
STEPHEN LEVIN
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Charles Barron
Inez E. Dickens
Peter Koo

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

Christopher Gonzalez
Assistant Commissioner, Government Affairs
HPD

Sal D'Avola
Executive Director
Neighborhood Homes and Restored Homes

2 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: Good morning.

3 Okay.

4 FEMALE VOICE: Oh, okay.

5 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: It's not
6 exciting enough.

7 FEMALE VOICE: Oh, okay.

8 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: It doesn't make
9 for good television. Good morning, welcome to the
10 Subcommittee on Planning, Dispositions, and
11 Concessions, I'm Council Member Steve Levin, Chair
12 of the Subcommittee. I am joined this morning by
13 my colleagues on the Subcommittee, Council Member
14 Peter Koo of Queens, Council Member Inez Dickens
15 of Manhattan.

16 We have two items on the agenda
17 this morning, we'll make this very quick. We have
18 Land Use numbers 719, that's non-ULURP number
19 20135098 HAK, 1416 Eastern Parkway Extension, and
20 1413 Pitkin Avenue in Brooklyn that is in
21 Community Board district 16, and that is in
22 Council district 41, that's the Council district
23 represented by Council Member Darlene Mealy.
24 Testifying on this item this morning, we have
25 Chris Gonzalez, Assistant Commissioner at HPD and

2 Sal D'Avola of Restored Homes.

3 CHRISTOPHER GONZALEZ: Good
4 morning, good morning, committee members, Chair
5 Levin. I am Christopher Gonzalez, Assistant
6 Commissioner of Government Affairs at HPD, I am
7 joined by Sal D'Avola, Executive Director of
8 Neighborhood Homes and Restored Homes.

9 Land Use item 719 consists of an
10 amended project and proposed disposition of a
11 vacant City-owned lot located at Block 1475, Lots
12 39 and 78. Under the Asset Control Area Program,
13 the Council approved a tax exemption on September
14 21st, 2011, for property located at 1413 Pitkin
15 Avenue. Located adjacent to 1413 Pitkin Avenue is
16 a City-owned lot, 37, also known as 1416 Eastern
17 Parkway Extension.

18 The sponsor proposes to utilize
19 this 756 square foot lot as a backyard for the
20 1413 Pitkin Avenue building. The home has been
21 conveyed to the new owner, however, the lot line
22 is so close to the home that it does not allow
23 escape in case of emergency. Combining the two
24 lots into one project area will solve the egress
25 issue, therefore, HPD is seeking to amend the

2 prior approval in order for both properties to be
3 combined to form one project area and facilitate
4 one tax exemption authorization for both
5 properties.

6 Council Member Mealy's office has
7 been briefed on this project.

8 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: And Council
9 Member Mealy is in support of the proposal?

10 CHRISTOPHER GONZALEZ: Yes.

11 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: Great, okay.

12 Very good. Okay. I have no further questions on
13 this item, do any of my colleagues have any
14 questions on this item? Seeing none, I thank you
15 both very much for coming out this morning, and we
16 will close the hearing on Land Use number 719.
17 Thank you.

18 CHRISTOPHER GONZALEZ: Thank you.

19 [Pause]

20 FEMALE VOICE: Okay. So you're
21 going to call the--

22 [Pause]

23 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: So we're going
24 to call the other Land Use number is 741, that's
25 non-ULURP number 20135198 HAM, that's 2110

2 Amsterdam Avenue, 2185 Amsterdam Avenue in
3 Manhattan. That is the Council district
4 represented by Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez,
5 that's Council district number 10 and Community
6 Board district number 12.

7 We are laying that item aside this
8 morning, and so we will be voting solely on the
9 Land Use number 719. I will ask counsel to the
10 committee to call the roll, and I recommend an aye
11 vote on this item.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Chair Levin.

13 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: I vote aye.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member
15 Dickens.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Koo.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: By a vote of three
20 in the affirmative, none in the negative, and zero
21 abstentions, Land Use item 719 is approved and
22 referred to the full Land Use Committee.

23 [Pause]

24 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: I will be
25 holding the Subcommittee in recess until the other

2 members join or the full Land Use Committee
3 convenes. Thank you.

4 [Long pause]

5 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Quiet, please.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Quiet,
7 please, I'm voting.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Land Use 719,
9 Council Member Barron.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: May I be
11 excused to explain my vote? No, aye on all.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Vote now stands
13 four in the affirmative, zero abstentions, no
14 negatives, Land Use 719 is approved and referred
15 to the full Land Use Committee.

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 February 13, 2013