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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

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COMMITTEE ON PARKS AND RECREATION

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October 20, 2008

Start: 1:11pm

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HELD AT: Committee Room  
City Hall

B E F O R E: HELEN D. FOSTER  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr.  
Helen Sears  
Letitia James

CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Good

afternoon. I'm Council Member Helen Diane Foster, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee. This meeting is being held on Intros 608 and it has to do with the correct naming of a street so that EMS and other personnel can know where they're going. And in the process of doing some name changes, we didn't change it completely. I'm going to ask Council Member Addabbo to speak on it briefly. Oh, excuse me; it's 776, 815 and 500 in addition to 608. Council Member?

COUNCIL MEMBER ADDABBO: Madam

Chair, thank you very much. I also want to thank my Committee Members, my Colleagues and also the staff of this Committee for allowing us to introduce this Intro today, actually two of them, to address this situation, an issue of safety. Down in the areas of Howard Beach there are certain roads that are familiar in number as far as address is concerned, but they're separated by water. There's Shellbank Basin that separates two parts of Howard Beach and the Conduit Avenue, basically, separates two parts. And EMS frequently has issues about where certain

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2 locations or a certain emergency exists. And as  
3 we know, with emergencies, every second counts. I  
4 am hopeful with these two introductions and the  
5 name changes that we do, not only does it make it  
6 more clear for EMS and 911 but also in a true  
7 emergency it could save a life. Many of our  
8 residents have spoken out in favor of these and  
9 have brought it to my attention, and I  
10 wholeheartedly agree with them that we are  
11 correcting something that for decades has been an  
12 issue. Some of the name changes that we are doing  
13 in parts of Howard Beach were traditional names  
14 years ago. Over time, for some reason, these  
15 names have changed to numbers, and that has caused  
16 great confusion. So now we are correcting  
17 something that has been in existence for decades.  
18 And I appreciate your help, as Chair, and again  
19 your staff. Thank you very much.

20 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Thank you.

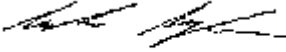
21 We've been joined-- and I'm sorry I didn't do this  
22 initially, of course, Council Member Addabbo from  
23 Queens; Council Member Helen Sears from Queens;  
24 Council Member Letitia James from Brooklyn; and  
25 staff to the Committee Patrick Mulvihill, Lyle

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Frank and Chima Obichere. We will actually be voting on this bill on Thursday morning at 10:15. So members, please be advised. Thank you for your attendance. Seeing no one here to testify, this meeting is adjourned.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Erika Swyler 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  \_\_\_\_\_

Date October 23, 2008 \_\_\_\_\_