

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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March 18, 2013  
Start: 10:54 a.m.  
Recess: 11:03 a.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers  
City Hall

B E F O R E: LEROY G. COMRIE, JR.  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
Maria del Carmen Arroyo  
Charles Barron  
Inez E. Dickens  
Daniel R. Garodnick  
Sara M. Gonzalez  
Robert Jackson  
Jessica S. Lappin  
Rosie Mendez  
Annabel Palma  
Diana Reyna  
James Sanders, Jr.

## A P P E A R A N C E S

## COUNCIL MEMBERS:

James Vacca  
Albert Vann  
Brad S. Lander  
Stephen T. Levin  
Mark S. Weprin  
Jumaane D. Williams  
Daniel J. Halloran III  
Vincent M. Ignizio  
Peter A. Koo  
Joel Rivera

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2 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Okay. We are  
3 ready to start. We are ready to hold the Land Use  
4 Committee meeting for Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013. We  
5 are joined by Council Members Mark Weprin, Diana  
6 Reyna, Daniel Garodnick, Stephen Levin, Robert  
7 Jackson, Vinny Ignizio, Peter Koo, Maria del  
8 Carmen Arroyo, Ruben Wills, Sara Gonzalez, Jessica  
9 Lappin and Rosie Mendez. I believe we have a  
10 quorum for the vote. I just want to remind  
11 members that the next committee meetings or  
12 subcommittee meetings will be this Wednesday,  
13 March the 20<sup>th</sup>. It says the 20<sup>th</sup>. Subcommittees  
14 will be held at 9:30 and just the Zoning  
15 Subcommittee because we are not voting the South  
16 Street Seaport today. We are laying over Land Use  
17 items number 776 to 772 on today's agenda, so the  
18 subcommittee will be held this Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup>  
19 at 9:30, and hopefully, we will be able to vote it  
20 at that time, and the full committee will convene  
21 right after at 9:45 at the chambers at City Hall.  
22 So we are laying over those items today. On the  
23 calendar we have some sidewalk cafes that we are  
24 voting on. One in Council Member Lappin's  
25 district, Manhattan Community Board 8, known as

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2 the Vella Wine Bar Land Use number 777, item  
3 number 2013509TCM. It's to establish a sidewalk  
4 café at 1480 Second Avenue. Then we have a few in  
5 the Speaker's District, two in Community Board 2.  
6 The first one is called Slice the Perfect Food to  
7 continue to maintain a sidewalk café at 535 Hudson  
8 Street, Land Use number 778, item number  
9 2013512TCM. The other one is called Bone Lick  
10 Park, which is to continue to maintain a sidewalk  
11 café at 75 Greenwich Avenue depending on what part  
12 of the city you are from, Land Use number 779,  
13 item number 20135267TCM. The next sidewalk café  
14 is still in the Speaker's district. It's called  
15 Agave. It's a motion to file per withdrawal to  
16 withdraw an application for the sidewalk café at  
17 Agave, Land Use number 780, item number  
18 20135381TCM and the last one is in Council Member  
19 Koppell's district. It's known as Yo-Burger, and  
20 it's to establish a--Yo-Burger, that is what it  
21 says. Yo-Burger. It's to establish a sidewalk  
22 café at 3726 Riverdale Avenue. It's Land Use item  
23 number 781, 20135275TCX. We have two UDAPs in  
24 Council Member Jackson's district, Land Use number  
25 775 and 776. It's for UDAPs at 511 West 149<sup>th</sup>

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2 Street, 524 West 150<sup>th</sup> Street, 455 Convent Avenue,  
3 457 Convent Avenue under Land Use number 775, item  
4 number 20135346HAM, and then under Land Use item  
5 number 776, item number 20135347HAM, the addresses  
6 are 232-34 West 149<sup>th</sup> Street, 304 West 152<sup>nd</sup> Street,  
7 2797 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 2472 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. These are both  
8 UDAPS for neighborhood homes and multi-family  
9 preservation loans. That is everything on today's  
10 calendar. We have been joined by Council Member  
11 Dan Halloran. Thank you. Do we have any comments  
12 from any members of the Committee on anything on  
13 today's agenda? Council Member Jackson, do you  
14 want to speak on your UDAPs? He's good. Alright.  
15 Alright. Glad to hear that. Without further ado,  
16 I would recommend an aye vote on everything on  
17 today's calendar recognizing that the aye vote  
18 will include the motion to file per withdrawal for  
19 item number 780, Land Use number 780. If we could  
20 have the clerk call the roll, I recommend an aye  
21 on all.

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

25 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna?

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson?

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on

all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Gonzalez?

COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on

all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo?

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: 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.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin?

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Wills?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio?

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Halloran?

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 14

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in the affirmative--Council Member Williams?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 15

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in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no

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abstentions, all items have been adopted as

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indicated on the Land Use calendar. Council

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members, please sign the committee reports. Thank

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you.

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CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Okay. I just

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want to remind members that the subcommittee will

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be reconvening; the Zoning Subcommittee will be

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reconvening this Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 to

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vote on the Pier 17 issue. This Wednesday the

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20<sup>th</sup>, 9:30, and the full committee will be meeting

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at 9:45. We are going to progress to the budget

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hearing, but we are going to adjourn this meeting,

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but hold the roll open for any members that are on

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their way, and then we will start the budget

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meeting as soon as Landmarks gets here. Okay.

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2 Alright. Yes. So we are going to open the full  
3 budget hearing so that members that have to leave  
4 as soon as they are ready and get the tapes reset.  
5 Just hold on one minute. I know members have to  
6 go to the General Welfare, but just hang on one  
7 minute, so they can set the tape.

8 [background conversation]

9 FEMALE VOICE: Alright. I am going  
10 to call them. Council Member Palma?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: I vote aye.

12 FEMALE VOICE: Council Member  
13 Barron?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

15 FEMALE VOICE: The vote now stands  
16 17 in the affirmative, zero abstentions, zero  
17 negatives on Land Use Item 775, 776, 777, 778,  
18 779, 781, 780 motion to withdrawal.

19 [long pause]

20 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Okay. We can  
21 now open the roll for the vote for Councilman  
22 Lander on the Land Use Committee meeting.

23 MALE VOICE: Chair Lander?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: With  
25 appreciation for the opportunity, aye on all.



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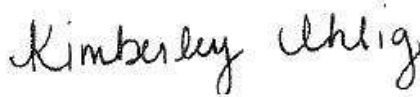
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MALE VOICE: With a vote of 18 in  
the affirmative and zero in the negative, all  
items are adopted.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Kimberley Uhlig 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

Handwritten signature of Kimberley Uhlig in cursive script, written over a horizontal line.

Date

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