

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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December 18, 2008

Start: 10:30am

Recess: 10:35am

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:

MELINDA R. KATZ
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Daniel R. Garodnick
Joel Rivera
Tony Avella
Maria Baez
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Simcha Felder
Eric N. Gioia
Robert Jackson
John C. Liu
Michael E. McMahon
Helen Sears
Sara M. Gonzalez
Annabel Palma

A P P E A R A N C E S

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Maria del Carmen Arroyo
Inez E. Dickens
Jessica S. Lappin
Rosie Mendez
Vincint Ignizio
James S. Oddo

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2 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: We're going
3 right now. It will take two minutes, literally,
4 to go through the agenda.

5 [Pause]

6 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Hello? Can the
7 Sergeant-at-Arms try to gather up anybody? I
8 think we only need two more people or so. I'm
9 waiting for my Counsel to tell me, otherwise I get
10 jabbed.

11 [Pause]

12 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Do I have to--
13 where is Maria del Carmen Arroyo?

14 [Pause]

15 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: We'll go through
16 the agenda very quickly and then call up the Bronx
17 delegation to vote afterwards. We have a quorum
18 in the room. LU numbers 898 is Council Member
19 Arroyo's district. It is an amendment to the
20 zoning map. These are all six related
21 applications for construction of a mixed-use
22 development. Should we read it into the record,
23 the agreement?

24 [Pause]

25 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: There was an

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2 agreement between the administration and the
3 Council Member. It was read into the record at
4 the Subcommittee, LU number 899 is an amendment to
5 the zoning text. LU number 900 is the special
6 permit. 901 is also a special permit. 902 is the
7 acquisition of the property and 903 is the ULLURP
8 UDAAP. Any discussion? Council Member Arroyo is
9 supportive of the project and please call the
10 roll.

11 WILLIAM MARTIN: Council Member
12 Katz?

13 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Aye on all. Let
14 me ask Council Member River, do you want to vote
15 so you can get to delegation?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes. Thank
17 you, Madam Chair. If I can have permission to
18 vote on the previous items voted two days ago and
19 items on today?

20 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Sure.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye
22 on all items on today's agenda and the other day's
23 agenda.

24 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Thank you.

25 WILLIAM MARTIN: Avella.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER AVELLA: Aye.
3 WILLIAM MARTIN: Comrie.
4 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.
5 WILLIAM MARTIN: Gioia.
6 COUNCIL MEMBER GIOIA: Yes.
7 WILLIAM MARTIN: Seabrook.
8 [Pause]
9 WILLIAM MARTIN: William Martin,
10 Committee Clerk. Roll Call on Land Use. Sears.
11 COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: Aye on all.
12 WILLIAM MARTIN: Gonzalez.
13 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye.
14 WILLIAM MARTIN: Palma.
15 [Pause]
16 WILLIAM MARTIN: Arroyo.
17 [Pause]
18 WILLIAM MARTIN: Dickens.
19 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.
20 WILLIAM MARTIN: Garodnick.
21 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.
22 WILLIAM MARTIN: Lappin.
23 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.
24 WILLIAM MARTIN: Mendez.
25 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Ignizio.

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Oddo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Felder.

COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Yes.

WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote of 14 in
the affirmative, zero in the negative and no
abstentions, all items have been adopted.
Members, please sign committee reports.

CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Let me just,
before everybody goes, tell you that this is the
last Land Use meeting of 2008. We can have
another one if you want. We'll have one on the
31st. No, I want to just wish everyone a very,
very happy holiday season, a good year ahead of us
in 2009. Happy and a healthy. And thank you for
all the work that we do here for the City. Happy
New Year.

[Pause]

CHAIRPERSON KATZ: And--

[Pause]

CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Is he here? Not
here.

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[Pause]

CHAIRPERSON KATZ: By the way, can the Council Members please give-- hello? Can the Council Members please give a great round of applause to our excellent Land Use staff for all the work that they did in 2008?

[Applause]

CHAIRPERSON KATZ: It's the last meeting of Land Use. Thank you very much, everyone. We're going to keep the meeting open for ten minutes. Council Member Palma?

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: I vote aye.

CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Council Member Baez?

COUNCIL MEMBER BAEZ: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Sign the reports, please.

[Pause]

WILLIAM MARTIN: Council Member Arroyo?

[Pause]

WILLIAM MARTIN: Council Member Jackson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on

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[Pause]

[END 1004]

[START 1005]

CHAIRPERSON KATZ: We are reopening Land Use, especially since it is for Congressman McMahan. This is his very last day as a member of the Land Use Committee.

[Applause]

CHAIRPERSON KATZ: That clap was just to send him luck, I assume. So we are happy to do it today and wish him all the luck in congress that he needs, because he's going to need a lot of luck, I believe, the way things are going. So Congressman McMahan, represent us well. How do you vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER MCMAHON: Thank you, Chairwoman Katz. One of the great pleasures I've had here in the Council has been serving on this Committee under your leadership.

CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER MCMAHON: You've been, for the last seven years, an incredible Chairwoman on this very difficult Committee. It's

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more judicial than legislative and you've done a great job with that and I appreciate it and I vote aye on all. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Thank you. Good luck. The meeting is now closed. Right? John is nowhere near here, right?

[Pause]

CHAIRPERSON KATZ: All right. We're going to close it though, final, right now. Closed. Thank you.

[END 1005]

[START 1006]


CHAIRPERSON KATZ: We are reopening Land Use. Councilman Liu, how do you vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER LIU: Thank you, Madam Chair. I vote yes.

CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Thank you.

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Signature  _____

Date January 2, 2009 _____