

SUBCOMMITTEE ON LANDMARKS, PUBLIC SITINGS, RESILIENCY
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ROOM 2

B E F O R E: Christopher Marte, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Alexa Avilés
Kamillah M. Hanks
Sandy Nurse

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Lincoln Restler

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This
3 is sound test on Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public
4 Siting and Disposition. Today date is March 25, 2026,
5 location HR2, and was recorded by Roman Petrov
6 (phonetic).

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning. Welcome
7 to today's Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Siting,
8 Resiliency and Disposition.

9 Please silence all cell phones and
10 electronic devices.

10 Moving forward, no one is supposed to
11 approach the dais.

12 Chair, we are ready to begin.

13 CHAIRPERSON MARTE: [GAVEL] Good morning.
14 Welcome to the meeting of the Subcommittee on
15 Landmarks, Public Siting, Resiliency and Disposition.
16 I'm Council Member Christopher Marte, and I'm the
17 Chair of the Subcommittee. I'm joined today by my
18 Colleagues, Council Members Hanks, Avilés, and Nurse.

19 Before we begin today's agenda, I will
20 remind everyone that this meeting is being held in a
21 hybrid format.

20 On today's agenda, we have three votes.
21 Today, we are holding a vote to approve LU35 for the

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3 1727 Amsterdam Hilltop Apartment, an application by
4 HPD for the designation of an Urban Development
5 Action Area and an Urban Development Action Area
6 project, and for the disposition of such property to
7 a developer to be selected by HPD for the property
8 located in Manhattan in Majority Leader Abreu's
9 District. This action will facilitate the development
10 of a new nine-story mixed-use, 100 percent affordable
11 housing development with 200 dwelling units
12 consisting of both supportive and affordable housing
13 units together with this community facility space.

14 We will also be voting to approve LUs 36
15 and 37 for DEP Newtown Creek CSO Tunnel, an
16 application by the Department of Environmental
17 Protection and DCAS for a site selection acquisition
18 of 90 properties as well as the site selection of
19 nine City-owned properties to facilitate the
20 construction of a 3.26-mile, 550-million-gallon
21 combined sewer overflow storage tunnel along Newtown
Creek, roughly located between the English Kills and
Dutch Kills tributaries, including the construction
of a storage tunnel and the related facilities to
improve the water quality of Newtown Creek in

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3 Brooklyn Communities District 1 and Queens Community
4 District 2 and 5, located in the Districts of Council
5 Members Won, Restler, Wong, and Gutiérrez.

6 I would like to recognize Restler if he
7 has some comments.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: I do have
9 comments, and I will try to find them but I'll just
10 talk because, you know, I can talk. So, I really just
11 firstly want to commend the Department of
12 Environmental Protection, particularly the former
13 Commissioner Rit Aggarwal, and Deputy Commissioner
14 Angela Licata for proposing this update to the
15 long-term control plan. This was not mandated. They
16 were not directed to do this. They did it because it
17 was the right thing to do. There were opportunities
18 for us to achieve significantly greater combined
19 sewage overflow reductions in the Newtown Creek area.
20 The previous long-term control plan would have been
21 dumping a whole lot of poop into the future of
Bushwick Inlet Park. This updated plan does not. That
is a beautiful thing. No poop in Bushwick Inlet Park.
That is the message that I really want to very
plainly testify to today. In addition to a better

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3 plan that will have less impact construction-wise
4 across our District with a more tailored and smarter
5 approach, DEP also worked with us to ensure that
6 property owners who will be impacted by this plan,
7 that the construction will not impact their buildings
8 or their ability to, you know, make renovations to
9 their buildings, you know, as the piping will be
10 significantly underground. I'd also just like to
11 express gratitude to DEP because they agreed to work
12 with my office to review opportunities for further
13 great infrastructure improvements across District 33,
14 and in particular have committed to further
15 evaluations of the Private Sonsire Triangle, which is
16 one of the locations in our District that has the
17 most chronic flooding, and we really hope to be able
18 to identify long-term permanent solutions that will
19 mitigate the flooding risk for residents in the north
20 side who live in the immediate vicinity of that area.
21 And they've also agreed to look at Greenpoint
Playground, which we hope to do a major renovation of
this year and hope that green infrastructure can be a
part of that solution. Most of my District is a flood
zone, and so whenever there are opportunities for us

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3 to strengthen our resiliency, to mitigate flooding,
4 we want to maximize them. And I think that not only
5 are we reducing the amount of poop that's going into
6 the waterways in the immediate vicinity of our
7 waterfront community we're also advancing green
8 infrastructure opportunities across our District as
9 well. So, I'm really grateful for DEP and excited to,
10 to vote for this plan.

11 CHAIRPERSON MARTE: Thank you.

12 Finally, we'll vote to approve the
13 Pre-Considered LU for 754-seat primary and
14 intermediate school, an application by the New York
15 City School Construction Authority for the site
16 selection for approximately 754-seat primary and
17 intermediary school facility located at the corner of
18 Abingdon Avenue and East Reading Avenue and is
19 bounded by East Perkiomen Avenue to the north and
20 East Reading Avenue to the south, Abingdon Avenue to
21 the east, and Armstrong Avenue to the west in the
Great Kills neighborhoods in Staten Island in Council
Member Morano's District. He's not here.

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3 Members of the Subcommittee who have
4 questions or remarks about today's items, please let
5 me know.

6 Seeing none, I now call for a vote to
7 approve the items I've described.

8 Counsel, please call the roll.

9 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Chair Marte.

10 CHAIRPERSON MARTE: I vote aye on all.

11 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Avilés.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye on all.

13 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Majority Whip Hanks.

14 MAJORITY WHIP HANKS: Aye on all.

15 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Nurse.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

17 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: With a vote of four in
18 the affirmative, zero in the negative, and zero
19 abstentions, the items are adopted and referred to
20 the full Land Use Committee.

21 CHAIRPERSON MARTE: That concludes today's
business.

I would like to thank the members of the
public, my Colleagues, Subcommittee Counsel, Land Use

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3 Staff, and the Sergeant-at-Arms for your
4 participation today.

5 This meeting is hereby adjourned. [GAVEL]

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11 C E R T I F I C A T E

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14 World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing
15 transcript is a true and accurate record of the
16 proceedings. We further certify that there is no
17 relation to any of the parties to this action by blood
18 or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome
19 of this matter.
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