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FLOOR

B E F O R E: Kamillah M. Hanks, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Justin L. Brannan  
Amanda Farías  
Oswald Feliz  
Sandy Nurse  
Yusef Salaam

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Darlene Mealy

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SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a sound check  
for the New York City Subcommittee on Landmarks,  
Public Sitings and Dispositions recorded by Sergeant  
Ben Levy on the 16th Floor Committee Room on April 9,  
2025.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, and  
welcome to today's vote from the New York City  
Council Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Sitings and  
Dispositions.

At this point and going forward, I'd like  
to remind everyone present to please silence their  
electronic devices and at no point is anyone to  
approach the dais or the witness stand.

Chair, we're ready to begin.

CHAIRPERSON HANKS: Thank you. [GAVEL]  
Good morning, welcome to the meeting of the  
Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Sitings and  
Dispositions. Kamillah Hanks, and I am the Chair of  
the Subcommittee. I am joined today by Council  
Members Brannan, Feliz, Majority Leader Farías,  
Marte, Nurse, and Salaam. Excuse me, Marte has left.

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

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Today, we are holding a vote to approve with modifications LUs 244 and 246 in Brownsville NCP, an application by New York City Housing Preservation and Development for a zoning map amendment, zoning text amendment, and a designation of an Urban Development Action Area, Urban Area Action Area Project, and disposition of City-owned property to develop three new buildings for a total of approximately 74 units in Council Members Nurse's and Mealy's Districts in Brooklyn. We are recommending one modification to the application, which is to strike the MIH Option 2 and add MIH Option 3.

I would like to recognize Council Member Nurse who has comments.

COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Thank you, Chair. One, I just want to express my complete support for this project, and I want to thank HPD and Council's Land Use for the amount of work you've done on this project, the level of communication you've provided, the over communication that you have provided to both of the Members here who have projects in this District. Thank you for making adjustments. Thank you for bringing the rent down. Thank you for bringing

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the AMI down. This is a really good project for our  
District. It's a very good project for the 37th and  
Council Member Mealy's District, and I hope that it  
can move forward. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON HANKS: Thank you so much.

Now, I'd like to recognize Council Member  
Mealy who also has comments.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Yes. I want to  
thank City Council and all. Just for the record, I  
have tried to speak to the Speaker's Office. Land Use  
asked when was this project, City-owned land project  
has been given over to a developer. I asked when was  
that done? I have documentation from way before that  
this was proposed for another CBO. And now to say on  
the last day that you changed the project into giving  
us three more three-bedroom apartments is kind of  
shameful, and I'm sad for this Administration. Every  
time something is in the District that the community  
really need affordable housing, 70 to 80 percent AMI  
is not affordable, and Howard houses development  
really right across the street. This project at least  
should be 60 percent AMI. And with the audacity with  
this HPD saying that subject to change, and I'm  
letting my community know subject to change is that

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when this project go through, they're going to change to 80 or 90 AMI. I do not believe anything that they say as of yet, and putting it in that way that they will change it any other day after this project is done is shameful. And I vote no on this project, and I hope my Colleagues can help me because if they would do this to my District, they're going to do it to yours next so just remember that. And for the record, I'm voting no on this project.

CHAIRPERSON HANKS: Thank you so much.

Members of the Subcommittee, does anyone have any questions or remarks on today's items? Please let me know.

I will now call for a vote to approve with modifications LUs 244, 245, and 246. Counsel, please call the roll.

SUBCOMMITTEE COUNSEL: Chair Hanks.

CHAIRPERSON HANKS: I vote aye.

SUBCOMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Brannan.

COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

SUBCOMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Feliz.

COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye.

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SUBCOMMITTEE COUNSEL: Majority Leader  
Farías.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: I vote aye.

SUBCOMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member  
Nurse.

COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

SUBCOMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member  
Salaam.

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.

SUBCOMMITTEE COUNSEL: By a vote of six in  
the affirmative, zero in the negative, and zero  
abstentions, the items are adopted and referred to  
the full Land Use Committee.

CHAIRPERSON HANKS: Thank you, Counsel. Do  
we need to leave the vote open for the Subcommittee  
Members?

SUBCOMMITTEE COUNSEL: No.

CHAIRPERSON HANKS: Okay. Thank you so  
much. That concludes today's business.

I would like to thank the members of the  
public, my Colleagues, Subcommittee Counsel, Land Use  
Staff, and the Sergeant-at-Arms for your  
participation today.

This meeting is hereby adjourned. [GAVEL]

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



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