

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON PARKS AND RECREATION

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March 22, 2011
Start: 12:11 pm
Recess: 1:16 am

HELD AT: Committee Room
250 Broadway - 14th Fl.

B E F O R E: MELISSA MARK-VIVERITO
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Elizabeth Crowley
Julissa Ferreras
Vincent J. Gentile
James Vacca
Daniel Dromm
James G. Van Bramer

[gavel]

CHAIRPERSON MARK-VIVERITO: Alright, good afternoon. I'd like to open this hearing today of the Committee on Parks and Recreation. I'm Council Member Melissa Mark-Viverito. To follow up a hearing that we held previously in March 22nd with regards to Intro No. 417, a local law in relation to renaming one thoroughfare in the borough of the Bronx, Southern Boulevard and to amend the official map of the City of New York. Accordingly and co-naming the thoroughfare Dr. Theodore Kazimiroff Boulevard, and also proposed Intro No. 446-A, a local law in relation to the naming of the Ed Koch Queensboro Bridge. We considered these back in March 22nd, we had hearings, so today's hearing is about voting on those two items. I am joined here by Council Member Danny Dromm, Council Member Jimmy Vacca, Council Member Elizabeth Crowley. We have other council members of the Committee that will be joining us shortly, so once we take the vote, we will leave the record open. And so with that, I would like to—so with that, if anybody has any comments, anything to say, we can then proceed to

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2 the vote, so we're going to vote each of these
3 items individually. We'd like to first quickly
4 start off with 417, which is the naming of
5 Southern Boulevard and to amend the official map.
6 If the clerk could call the roll...

7 CLERK: Kevin Pin, Committee Clerk,
8 roll call in the Committee on Parks and Recreation
9 Intro 417. Council Member Mark-Viverito?

10 CHAIRPERSON MARK-VIVERITO: I vote
11 aye.

12 CLERK: Vacca?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

14 CLERK: Crowley?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: I vote
16 aye.

17 CLERK: Dromm?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

19 CLERK: Van Bramer?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

21 CLERK: By vote of five in the
22 affirmative, zero in the negative and no
23 abstentions, the item has been adopted. Now roll
24 call on Intro 446-A. Council Member Mark-
25 Viverito?

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2 CHAIRPERSON MARK-VIVERITO: I vote
3 aye.

4 CLERK: Vacca?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: I vote aye.
6 It's a pleasure to vote aye on this item. I'm an
7 admirer of the Mayor.

8 CLERK: Crowley?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.

10 CLERK: Dromm?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: I'd like to
12 explain my vote. While at first I was undecided
13 about which way to vote on Intro 446-A, I listened
14 to testimony from former Queens Borough President,
15 Claire Shulman, and from Landmarks Preservation
16 Commissioner, Robert Tierney at a recent Parks
17 Committee Hearing. Borough President Shulman and
18 Chair Tierney both spoke in support of the adding
19 of Mayor Koch's name to the Queensboro Bridge.
20 Chair Tierney who is entrusted with the
21 preservation issues in New York City stated that
22 the new name would actually enhance the history of
23 the bridge. I also took into careful
24 consideration some of the political stances Mayor
25 Koch has taken over the years with which I

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2 disagree. After much soul-searching and
3 recognizing that the bridge is also known
4 colloquially as the 59th Street Bridge, I have
5 decided to vote in favor of the compromise name of
6 the Ed Koch Queensboro Bridge, which protects the
7 bridge's legacy and also recognizes Mayor Koch's
8 contributions to our great borough and city. I
9 vote aye.

10 CLERK: Van Bramer?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: No.

12 CHAIRPERSON MARK-VIVERITO: We've
13 been joined by Council Member Ferreras.

14 CLERK: Ferreras?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: I vote
16 aye.

17 CLERK: By vote of five in the
18 affirmative, one in the negative and no
19 abstentions, the item has been adopted. Members
20 please sign the Committee reports.

21 CHAIRPERSON MARK-VIVERITO: We can
22 also take the roll call with Julissa with regards
23 to 417, which is the one of Kazimiroff Boulevard
24 in the Bronx. We voted on the two items
25 separately, so how do you...

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2 CLERK: Roll call on Intro 417
3 continuation. Ferreras?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye.

5 CLERK: Vote stands at six in the
6 affirmative, zero in the negative and no
7 abstentions.

8 CHAIRPERSON MARK-VIVERITO: Thank
9 you all. We're going to leave the roll call open.
10 There's a couple of members that have not arrived,
11 so we'll leave it open for another 30 minutes, and
12 thank you all. With that..

13 CLERK: Continuation vote on Intro
14 417. Council Member Gentile?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.

16 CLERK: Final vote on Intro 417 is
17 seven in the affirmative, zero in the negative and
18 no abstentions. Continuation vote on Intro 446-A.
19 Gentile?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.

21 CLERK: Final vote on Intro 446-A,
22 six in the affirmative, one in the negative and no
23 abstentions.

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

Kimberley Uhlig

Date

April 11, 2011