

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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June 7, 2011
Start: 10:20 am
Recess: 10:30 am

HELD AT: Committee Room
250 Broadway - 16th Fl.

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
Diana Reyna
Joel Rivera
James Sanders, Jr.
Larry B. Seabrook
James Vacca

A P P E A R A N C E S

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Sorry, sir.

Okay. Today is a full Land Use Committee meeting. Today is June 7th. We'll consider the following items. Land Use No. 385, Carnarsie Cemetery, Council Member Fidler's district, Brooklyn Community Board 18, Item No. 20115618 CCK, approval of the transfer area and conveyance of the Carnarsie Cemetery.

A modified Land Use Item No. 395 in Council Member Dickens' district; it's an amendment to the zoning text for the special 125th Street district as a café text. It encompasses Manhattan Committee Boards 9, 10, and 11, Item No. N100373 ZRM. It's an application submitted by the Department of City Planning for an amendment of the Zoning Resolution of the City of New York concerning Article 1, Charter 4, Sidewalk Café Regulations in Article 9, Chapter 7 (the Special 125th Street District) to modify the regulations pertaining to the location of cafes within the Special 125th Street District. Modification to the 125th Street Special District text will allow sidewalk cafés on the west side of Malcolm X Boulevard between West 124th Street and West 125th

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2 Street and on the east side of 5th Avenue between
3 East 125th and East 126th Streets.

4 Also, Land Use Items 396 and 397,
5 which are related. The West Clinton rezoning;
6 it's an amendment to the zoning text, an amendment
7 to the zoning map in Speaker Quinn's district.
8 It's N 110176 ZRM and C 110177 ZMM. It's known as
9 the West Clinton Zoning, and it's two related
10 applications to provide new opportunities for
11 residential development and compatible
12 manufacturing usage and to preserve neighborhood
13 character.

14 Also, Land Use Item No. 398 in
15 Council Member Vallone's district; it's the HANAC
16 parking garage—an amendment to the zoning map,
17 Queens Community Board 1, Item No. C 110166 ZMQ.
18 It's to build a parking garage in Community Board
19 1. There's also--related to 398, Item No. 399.
20 For the HANAC parking garage, a special permit.
21 The two related applications are to facilitate the
22 construction. Item No. C 110031 ZSQ.

23 Next item is Land Use No. 400,
24 amendment to the zoning map in Community Board 7,
25 to modify for 10-24 154th Street in Council Member

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2 Halloran's district, C 100457 ZMQ. It is to
3 establish within an existing and proposed R3-1
4 District a C2-2 District bounded by a line changed
5 to 145 feet northerly of 11th Avenue, 154th Street
6 and a line 335 feet easterly of 154th Street. Say
7 that five times fast. It's shown on a diagram.
8 It's to facilitate the expansion of an existing
9 restaurant and catering facility.

10 Next item is a Landmark Item, the
11 Neighborhood Playhouse, Land Use Item No. 401 in
12 Council Member Chin's district, Manhattan
13 Community Board 3, Item No. 20115596 HKM. And we
14 have another Landmark, the Engineer's Club
15 building in Speaker Quinn's district, Land Use
16 Item No. 402, Manhattan Community Board 5,
17 20115597 HKM to landmark a building at 32 West 40th
18 Street. Two other landmarks; one in Council
19 Member Garodnick's district, Land Use Item No.
20 403, the Japan Society Headquarters in Manhattan
21 Community Board 6, Item No. 20115598 HKM. It's
22 Japan Society Headquarters located at 333 East 47th
23 Street. Landmark Item No. 404 in Council Member
24 Koppell's district. It's the Greystone Gatehouse,
25 Item No. 20115599 HKX in Bronx Community Board 8.

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2 It's for the gatehouse located at 4695
3 Independence Avenue. That was a historic
4 landmark.

5 Then we have Land Use Item No. 407;
6 it's the west Manhattan plan and project. It's
7 modification to a plan and project for property
8 located at Block 1861/Lot 10, Council District 8,
9 Manhattan Community Board 7, Item No. 20115753
10 HAM. Land Use Item 408 in Council Member
11 Viverito's district; it's a Manhattan west
12 conveyance, Manhattan Community Board 7, Item No.
13 20115754 HAM; it's to working with HPD pursuant to
14 the New York Housing Finance Law for the approval
15 of a conveyance from the current owner to a new
16 owner for a property located at Block 1861/Lot 10,
17 modification pursuant to the Private Housing
18 Finance Law to facilitate the construction for
19 housing for the elderly. I want to thank all of
20 you for your non-attention this morning.

21 [laughter]

22 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: A lot of texts
23 to be read, your non-attentiveness was noted for
24 the record. And then we can proceed... If anyone
25 has any comments—seeing none; not looking for any,

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2 we will proceed to a vote. Council Member
3 Seabrook needs to vote first because he has to
4 attend a funeral for—I just heard that he passed
5 away—Luther Gatling, who was a major leader in
6 this community and a predecessor and a fighter for
7 community advocacy, community rights and
8 empowerment for people also, the former president
9 of 100 Black Men and a real leader in this city,
10 and I did not know that he passed away until I
11 walked in here this morning. He is truly someone
12 that this city should memorialize in a real way
13 because he did a lot for this city, so with that,
14 I would ask for an aye vote on the entire agenda
15 and with permission, for Council Member Seabrook
16 to vote first.

17 COUNSEL: Carol Shine, counsel to
18 the Committee. Council Member Seabrook?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye on
20 all.

21 COUNSEL: Chair Comrie?

22 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Aye on all.

23 COUNSEL: Council Member Rivera?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye
25 on all.

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COUNSEL: Council Member Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote
aye and [off mic].

COUNSEL: Council Member Ignizio?

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: No on Land
Use 404. Aye on all others.

COUNSEL: Council Member Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I vote aye on
all.

COUNSEL: The items are approved by
a vote of 17 in the affirmative, none in the
negative and no abstentions, with the exception of
L.U. 404, which is approved by a vote of 16 in the
affirmative and one in the negative.

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: We're going to
leave the roll open. I haven't heard from any of
the members that did not 'cause Council Member
Arroyo called me. I haven't seen anybody else
flashing me saying that their member would be
late. Halloran is on the way? Who? Levin and
Halloran and Vacca claim they're on their way, so
we'll hold the roll open ten minutes. Remind
folks that the next subcommittee meetings are—I
thought they were the 22nd? They got moved to the

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2 21st? I was telling people the 22nd. Okay. June
3 21st and the full committee on the 23rd. We'll keep
4 the roll open until 10:45.

5 COUNSEL: Council Member Levin?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all.

7 COUNSEL: The vote stands at 18 in
8 the affirmative, none in the negative and no
9 abstentions and on L.U. 404, 17 in the
10 affirmative, 1 in the negative and no abstentions.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thanks,
12 Carol.

13 COUNSEL: You're welcome. Council
14 Member Halloran?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye on
16 all.

17 COUNSEL: The vote stands at 19 in
18 the affirmative, none in the negative and no
19 abstentions, with the exception of L.U. 404 on
20 which the vote is 18 in the affirmative, 1 in the
21 negative and no abstentions.

22 COUNSEL: Council Member Mendez?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: I vote aye
24 on all.

25 COUNSEL: The vote stands at 20 in

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abstentions. [pause] Council Member Sanders?

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COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: I vote aye

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on all.

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COUNSEL: Council Member Vacca?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye on all.

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COUNSEL: The vote stands at 22 in

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which the vote is 21 in the affirmative, 1 in the

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negative and no abstentions.

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MALE VOICE: This meeting is hereby

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adjourned.

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[gavel]

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 June 15, 2011