

CITY COUNCIL  
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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August 16, 2011  
Start: 10:24 am  
Recess: 10:30 am

HELD AT: Council Chambers  
City Hall

B E F O R E:  
LEROY G. COMRIE, JR.  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
Maria del Carmen Arroyo  
Charles Barron  
Inez E. Dickens  
Sara M. Gonzalez  
Robert Jackson  
Jessica S. Lappin  
Rosie Mendez  
Diana Reyna  
Joel Rivera  
Larry B. Seabrook  
James Vacca  
Albert Vann  
Brad S. Lander

## A P P E A R A N C E S

## COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Thank you.

Good morning. We are convening the Land Use Committee for Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011. We have present from the great village of Harlem, Council Member Inez Dickens and from the borough of Brooklyn, we have Council Member Albert Vann and from the great borough of Staten Island, Council Member Vinny Ignizio and from the borough of Brooklyn, we have three members, Council Member Sara Gonzalez, Council Member Jumaane Williams and Council Member Charles Barron. We have from the borough of the Bronx, the majority leader, Council Member Joel Rivera and we have Council Member from the Bronx as well, Council Member Jimmy Vacca and the Council Member from the borough of Queens, Council Member Peter Koo. We have from Brooklyn and Queens, Council Member Diana Reyna. We have the Chair of the Subcommittee, Council Member Mark Weprin from Queens and Council Member Steve Levin from Brooklyn and Council Member Jessica Lappin from Manhattan.

We have a short agenda this morning. We have a rezoning in Council Member Inez Dickens' district. It's the West 116<sup>th</sup>/117<sup>th</sup>

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2 Street rezoning in Manhattan Community Board 10.  
3 We need to just be quiet for one minute so I can  
4 read these numbers into the record. It's Item No.  
5 C 100243 ZMM. It's an amendment to the Zoning Map  
6 that facilitates the develop of a project with  
7 affordable housing. There's no name for the  
8 property, so all of these items were discussed  
9 previously in the Subcommittee meetings. If there  
10 are any questions, members can ask during the  
11 meeting. It's being recommended by the Council  
12 Member.

13                   There's also in Council Member  
14 Vann's district in Brooklyn Community Board 3;  
15 it's called - - Pointer Apartments, Item No.  
16 2025028 HAK. It's an amendment to a previously  
17 approved UDAP [phonetic] to facilitate the  
18 development of affordable rental housing.

19                   We have two sidewalk cafés—Land Use  
20 Item No. 441 in Speaker Quinn's district,  
21 Manhattan Community Board, Item No. 20115580 TCM--  
22 the sidewalk café for a restaurant called  
23 Grillade.

24                   In Council Member Levin's district,  
25 Land Use Item No. 443, Bar Tabac, in Community

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2 Board 2, Item No. 20115653 TCK and it's for a  
3 sidewalk café at 128<sup>th</sup> Smith Street.

4 That is the entire agenda for the  
5 day. Would any members like to comment on the  
6 agenda? We are being joined by two members from  
7 the Bronx—Council Member Larry Seabrook and  
8 Council Member Maria del Carmen Arroyo. Seeing no  
9 one that wishes to comment on the items, the chair  
10 recommends a yes vote on all of the items on  
11 today's agenda and we will have a clerk call the  
12 roll.

13 CLERK: William Martin, Committee  
14 Clerk from the great borough of Queens, Council  
15 Member Comrie?

16 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Aye on all.

17 CLERK: Rivera?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye  
19 on all.

20 CLERK: Reyna?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye on all.

22 CLERK: Barron?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: This breaks  
24 my heart, but aye on all.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye on

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on

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CLERK: Arroyo?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

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CLERK: Dickens?

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: From the

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great village of Harlem, aye on all.

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CLERK: Lappin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all.

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CLERK: Weprin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: The city

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of Brooklyn, aye.

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CLERK: Ignizio?

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

CLERK: Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye on all.

CLERK: By a vote of 16 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no abstentions, all items have been adopted. Members, please sign the Committee reports. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Thank you. We will hold the roll open for—I know Council Member Garodnick had a conflict. He is trying to get here, but he had a meeting that he had to attend, so we're going to try to give him 20 minutes to get here. With that, the next Subcommittee meetings will be on September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and the full Land Use Committee on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Oh, sorry. The Subcommittee is on the 5<sup>th</sup>; the full Committee is on September 6<sup>th</sup>. With that, the meeting is now adjourned. Well, we're leaving it open, so the meeting is over, but it will not be adjourned for 20 minutes. Yes.

[gavel]

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Thank you all for attending. Enjoy the rest of your day. Stay

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CLERK: Council Member Lander?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye on all.

CLERK: The vote now currently stands at 17 in the affirmative.

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CLERK: Council Member Jackson?

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: I vote aye on all.

CLERK: The vote now currently stands at 18 in the affirmative.

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CLERK: Council Member Mendez?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: I vote aye on all.

CLERK: The vote now stands at 19 in the affirmative.

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CLERK: Council Member Halloran?

COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye on all.

CLERK: Final vote in the Committee on Land Use is 20 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no abstentions.



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MALE VOICE: The Land Use Committee

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is adjourned.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ 8/25/11