

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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August 21, 2012
Start: 10:45 a.m.
Recess: 10:55 a.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

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

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Peter A. Koo

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2 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: We're going to
3 start the Land Use Committee for Tuesday, August
4 21st, 2012. I just want to say that if I make any
5 errors this morning, I was up until 4 o'clock.
6 Lynette Velasco [phonetic], who is chief of staff
7 for Councilman Inez Dickens is someone that I have
8 personally known for the past 30 years, so I had
9 to go over there last night. Lynette Velasco,
10 Inez Dickens' chief of staff, passed away last
11 night. Someone that I've known for over 30 years
12 and has been very helpful to me and to many other
13 people around the city. Anyhow, we have some
14 items to be considered on the calendar; Land Use
15 number 654, a sidewalk café called Dos Toros
16 Taqueria, item number 20125522 TCM in the
17 Speaker's district, Manhattan Community Board 12.
18 It's to establish a sidewalk café at 11 Carmine
19 Street. We are disapproving the item that we just
20 heard in the Subcommittee. Land Use number 655 in
21 Council District 39, Council Member Lander,
22 Brooklyn Community Board 6, item number 20125549
23 TCK to revoke the permission to operate an
24 unenclosed sidewalk café at 320 Court Street.
25 We're voting to approve Land Use number 656, a

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2 sidewalk café restaurant Doyle's Corner, Council
3 Member Van Bramer's district, Community Board 1 in
4 Queens, item number 20125699 TCQ to operate a
5 sidewalk café at 4202 Broadway. Land Use number
6 661 in the Speaker's district again, Manhattan
7 Community Board 2, known as Groove, item number
8 20125689 TCM to continue to maintain a sidewalk
9 café at 125 MacDougal Street. Again in the
10 Speaker's district, Land Use item number 662,
11 Yerba Buena, in Manhattan Board 2, item number
12 20125742 TCM, to continue to operate a sidewalk
13 café at 57 Greenwich Avenue. Another sidewalk
14 café in Councilman Van Bramer's district, Queens
15 Community Board 2—sorry, it's another item in
16 Council Member Van Bramer's district, pre-
17 considered Land Use item number is PS339 Queens,
18 item number 20125427 SCQ. It's the site selection
19 for a new 440 seat primary school facility to be
20 located at 5702 to 5708 39th Avenue and 3912 to
21 3916 58th Street to be within Community School
22 District 30. The next item is a school to be
23 located within my council district, Queens
24 Community Board 12, item number 20125428 SCQ would
25 be known as PS892 Queens. - - site selection for

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2 a new approximately 379 seat primary school
3 facility to be located at 19902 112th Avenue in
4 Community School District 29. The next is a
5 school to be located is in Council Member Brewer's
6 district, Community Board 6, known as pre-
7 considered item number PS342 in Manhattan,
8 Community Board 7, item number 20125429 SCM. It's
9 going to be building a new 692 seat primary
10 intermediate school facility located at the
11 southwest corner of West 61st Street and West End
12 Avenue in Community School District 3. The next
13 is a landmarks of the Sears Roebuck Department
14 Store in Council Member Eugene's district, Land
15 Use number 657, Brooklyn Community Board 14, item
16 number 20125726 HKK, land marking the Sears
17 Roebuck store at 2227-2323 Beverly Road as part of
18 a historic landmark. The next landmark is the Van
19 Tassell and Kearney Auction Mart, Land Use number
20 658 in Manhattan Community Board 3, item number
21 20125727 HKM. This is to designate as a historic
22 landmark the Van Tassell and Kearney Auction Mart
23 located at 126-128 East 13th Street. Then we have
24 another the Firehouse—okay, Land Use item number
25 659, 120 East 125th Street Firehouse in Manhattan

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2 Community Board 11, item number N120248 HAM in
3 Council Member Viverito's district. It is to
4 facilitate the rehabilitation of that vacant four
5 story building per reuse as a visual arts and
6 resource center for the Caribbean Cultural Center.
7 We have Land Use number 660, the Midtown West EMS
8 Station in the Speaker's district, Manhattan
9 Community Board 4, item number C120177 PCM. It's
10 for the acquisition of property located at 512
11 West 23rd Street for use as an ambulance station.
12 It's the site selection and reacquisition of
13 property for use as an ambulance bay station.
14 That's everything on today's agenda. Just want to
15 remind folks that the Subcommittee for Landmarks
16 will meet at 9:30 tomorrow at the full Land Use
17 Committee has to meet at 9:45 tomorrow to deal
18 with the—at the Committee Room at City Hall to
19 deal with the final item and landmarks to be dealt
20 with. Would any member like to speak to any item
21 on the agenda? Seeing none, I would recommend a
22 yes vote for all items on today's agenda noting
23 that the yes would be for disapproval for Land Use
24 item 655, and we have the impact statement here
25 because we did not know the resolution until this

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2 morning, so they couldn't print multiple copies if
3 anyone would like to see it. I ask the clerk to
4 call the roll and I recommend an aye vote on all.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,
6 Committee Clerk. Roll call vote Committee on Land
7 Use. Council Member Comrie?

8 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: [no audible
11 response]

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on
18 all.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Sanders?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.
3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick?
4 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.
5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez?
6 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.
7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vacca?
8 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.
9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo?
10 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.
11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin?
12 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.
13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin?
14 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.
15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio?
16 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.
17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Halloran?
18 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye on
19 all.
20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera?
21 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.
22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member
23 Williams?
24 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.
25 COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 18

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2 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no
3 abstentions, all items have been adopted. Council
4 Members, please sign the Committee reports. Thank
5 you.

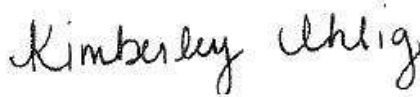
6 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Please check
7 with the Land Use staff about the next committee
8 meeting. It is tentative for September 5th, but
9 that is very tentative so please make sure that
10 you and your staff check and also let us know
11 about your availability those of you that are
12 going to not be in town during the first week of
13 September. Please notify the staff so that we can
14 set the proper meeting times. With that, I think
15 that we heard from many members that said they
16 were on their way that did not come—I haven't
17 checked my text. Council Member... With that we can
18 close this hearing and I'll leave the roll open
19 for ten minutes as just in case someone did not
20 reach out to us. With that, the Land Use
21 Committee meeting for August 21st is hereby closed.

22 [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 _____

Date 8/30/12