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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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April 18, 2013  
Start: 10:39 am  
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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  
Daniel R. Garodnick  
Sara M. Gonzalez  
Robert Jackson  
Jessica S. Lappin  
Rosie Mendez  
Annabel Palma  
Diana Reyna  
Joel Rivera

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

## COUNCIL MEMBERS:

James Vacca  
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: Alright. Good morning. We are going to start the full Land Use Committee for Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013. We are joined by Council Members Sara Gonzalez, Al Vann, Robert Jackson, Peter Koo, Brad Lander, Vinny Ignizio, Mark Weprin, Majority Leader Joel Rivera, Rosie Mendez, Jessica Lappin, Annabel Palma, Maria del Carmen Arroyo, and we have other members that will be joining us shortly. We also have the finance chair in the room, Council Member Domenic Recchia, who will be speaking in a minute regarding an issue within his district. We have a very short agenda. It has all been vetted in the subcommittees. We just have three short items. Pre-considered Land Use item number 20135519RSY. It encompasses Brooklyn Community Board 13 in Finance Chair Recchia's district to amend a previously executed agreement establishing the special process for review and approval of the Coney Island Amusement Park project plan. We have in Council Member Mendez's district, Land Use number 782, item number 20135421HAM known as Permanence Houses for a tax exemption for the property located at 291 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 189 East

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2 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and 203 Avenue A, all within Manhattan  
3 Community Board 3 and also, the last item on the  
4 agenda, Land Use number 800, item number  
5 2013544HAM in Council Members Dickens' and  
6 Jacksons' district, Manhattan Community Board 10.  
7 It is a tax exemption--HPD requesting a tax  
8 exemption for properties located at 151-53 West  
9 145<sup>th</sup> Street, 155-57 West 145<sup>th</sup> Street and 2468 and  
10 70 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue. That is everything on today's  
11 agenda. We know that Council Member Recchia wants  
12 to make a statement regarding the Coney Island  
13 special park project plan. We are joined by  
14 Council Member Charles Barron and Council Member  
15 Daniel Garodnick. Council Member Recchia?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Yes. Good  
17 morning. Thank you, Chairman Comrie. I want to  
18 thank you. I want to thank Chairman Weprin. I  
19 want to thank the entire Land Use Committee. I  
20 want to thank the staff and the leadership of Gail  
21 Benjamin. What is on the agenda today in my  
22 district is to extend the lease of the amusement  
23 park industry. The purpose of that is because of  
24 super storm Sandy we hit tremendously damaged with  
25 the rides. The amusement park owners are out

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2 there borrowing money, but in order for them to  
3 get these loans and to recoup they asked the  
4 banks, need an extension of their lease so they  
5 can recoup back their money, and they feel much  
6 better in extending the lease, so in order to do  
7 this so we get the amusement park operators up and  
8 running for the summer in addition to that to  
9 expand the amusement and put more rides. I also  
10 want to know that in the 450 jobs, those jobs went  
11 to Coney Island residents--people who actually  
12 live in Coney Island, and that was all under our--  
13 we have a process, a hiring - - process where  
14 about 2,000 people lined up during March to be  
15 interviewed. 400 people were hired. So I just  
16 hope everybody can vote aye and I appreciate your  
17 support. Thank you very much.

18 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Council Member  
19 Mendez, do you want to speak on your Land Use  
20 item?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Thank you,  
22 Mr. Chair. Thank you for the opportunity to talk  
23 about Permanence Houses. This is affordable  
24 housing. I can't remember. I think it is about  
25 35, 36 units, and this will go a long way to

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2 maintaining the affordability for all of those  
3 families who are there. Thank you very much.

4 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Council Member  
5 Jackson, do you want to speak on your Land Use  
6 item?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you,  
8 Mr. Chairman. My colleagues, Inez Dickens and  
9 myself, we support this particular vote  
10 understanding that there are three buildings that  
11 are going to be rehabbed by the developer, and  
12 it's going to be for low income and working  
13 families all within the AMI less than 100 percent  
14 AMI, and as you know, that is for individuals who  
15 are low income and for individuals who are working  
16 family members. Both Inez Dickens and myself, we  
17 support this waiver. Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: --comment on  
19 anything on today's agenda? Seeing none, I would  
20 recommend an aye vote on all. I'd ask the clerk  
21 to call the roll, and he is going to call the  
22 Consumer Affairs Committee members first because  
23 they have an ongoing committee meeting with a vote  
24 that is required down there as well. So Mr.  
25 Martin, if you could please call the roll.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,  
3 committee clerk. Roll call vote Committee on Land  
4 Use. Council Member Garodnick?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye,  
8 Chair Comrie. Aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Comrie?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on  
17 all.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gonzalez?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on  
22 all.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye on all.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Lappin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye, and I

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look forward to riding the slingshot with Council

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Member Recchia.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio?

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 16

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in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no

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abstentions, all items have been adopted.

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Members, please sign the committee reports. Thank

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you.

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CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Next committee

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meetings will be April 30<sup>th</sup>. We are going to hold

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the roll open for a half hour, 15 minutes. We

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have a couple of members that said they were on



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2 their way. We have--there is a Consumer Affairs  
3 Committee and there is also a briefing on the  
4 industrial business - - both happening on 14.  
5 With that, the meeting is adjourned, but the roll  
6 will be held open pending hearing from the  
7 committee members that claim they are on their  
8 way. Thank you.

9 [gavel]

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member  
11 Reyna?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: I vote aye.

13 [long pause]

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member  
15 Wills?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye on all.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote in the  
18 Committee on Land Use is now 18 in the  
19 affirmative, zero in the negative and no  
20 abstentions. Thank you.

21 [gavel]

22 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Meeting  
23 adjourned.

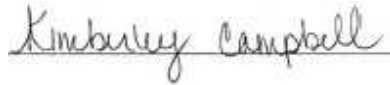
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Kimberley Campbell 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 5/13/12