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A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

Jenny Fernandez
Landmarks Preservation Commission

Thomas Murphy
Concerned Citizen

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2 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Alright. Good
3 morning. We are at last ready to start with my
4 apologies for tardiness. I am New York City
5 Council Member Brad Lander pleased to call this
6 meeting of the City Council's Land Use
7 Subcommittee on Landmarks, Maritime Uses and
8 Public Sitings to order. We are joined this
9 morning by Council Members Maria del Carmen Arroyo
10 from the Bronx, myself and Council Member Jumaane
11 Williams from Brooklyn, who I believe this is the
12 first day that he was the first member of the
13 committee to get here, so we are giving him his
14 gold star.

15 [crosstalk]

16 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: For those of
17 you who follow along the whole series, we have
18 reduced our quorum from four to three because we
19 are down from seven members to five members of
20 this committee as part of our miniseries drama.
21 On the calendar this morning the proposed land
22 marking of five firehouses all around the city of
23 New York. Let me read them all together even
24 though we will handle them one by one just because
25 they are broadly in the same category. We have

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2 Land Use number 805, Fire Engine Company 268 in
3 Council Member Ulrich's district, Land Use number
4 806, Fire House Engine Company 46 in council
5 Member Rivera's district in the Bronx, Land Use
6 number 807, Fire Engine Company 73 in Council
7 Member Arroyo's district in the Bronx.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: And the
9 owner is not opposed.

10 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: And the owner
11 is not opposed.

12 [laughter]

13 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: We will see.
14 Still a few minutes for them to show up I guess.
15 Land Use number 808, Fire Engine Company 28 in
16 Council Member Gonzalez's district in Brooklyn,
17 and last but certainly not least Land Use number
18 809, Fire House Engine Company number 40 in my
19 district, also in Brooklyn. We will invite Jenny
20 Fernandez from Landmarks Preservation Commission
21 up to present them to us.

22 JENNY FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair
23 Lander, members of the Subcommittee. My name is
24 Jenny Fernandez, director of intergovernmental and
25 community relations for the Landmarks Preservation

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2 Commission. I am here today to testify on the
3 Commission's designation of Firehouse Engine
4 Company 268, Hook and Ladder Company 137 in
5 Queens. On December 11th, 2012, the Landmarks
6 Preservation Commission held a public hearing on
7 the proposed designation as a landmark of the
8 Firehouse Engine Company 268, Hook and Ladder
9 Company 137. There was one speaker in favor of
10 designation, a representative of the Historic
11 Districts Council. There were no speakers in
12 opposition to designation. The Commissioner
13 received one letter in support of designation from
14 the Fire Department of the city of New York. On
15 February 12th, 2013, the Commission voted to
16 designate the building a New York City individual
17 landmark. The imposing three story Firehouse
18 Engine Company 268, Hook and Ladder Company 137 in
19 the Rockaway Park section of Queens was
20 constructed in 1912, '13 to serve the growing
21 population of the Rockaway Peninsula, which had an
22 increasing number of permanent residents following
23 the completion of a train tunnel under the East
24 River connecting Queens to Manhattan. This is one
25 of three firehouses that were designed by

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2 prominent Brooklyn architect Frank Helm with
3 covered gardens for exercise. The firehouse
4 designed in the colonial revival style with arts
5 and crafts elements combines elements of these two
6 popular 20th century architectural styles. The
7 firehouse continues to serve the Rockaway Park
8 community today. The Commission urges you to
9 affirm this designation.

10 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Thank you very
11 much. Right, we have one person signed up to
12 testify on the two Brooklyn firehouses, so we will
13 go through all five and then invite public
14 comment. But I wonder if you wouldn't mind, this
15 obviously seems in some ways like where we have
16 the federal style buildings there clearly was some
17 interest on the part of the LPC to look at
18 firehouses, so do you mind just saying one word
19 about the firehouse, what could have led the LPC
20 to have this broader interest in how you picked
21 these five?

22 JENNY FERNANDEZ: Sure. The
23 Commission periodically does look at things, and
24 some in a thematic sort of way, and so there was a
25 close look at firehouses throughout the city and

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2 these five were part of--we also did a few last
3 year if you recall, and these firehouses are good
4 representation or excellent representations of
5 firehouses throughout the city that represent - -
6 during different commissions and campaigns that
7 were held throughout the city when these things
8 were being erected.

9 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Thank you.

10 Okay. So go ahead. You can just do the rest of
11 them in succession. - - all our questions if we
12 have them at the end.

13 JENNY FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair
14 Lander. My name is Jenny Fernandez, director of
15 intergovernmental and community relations for the
16 Landmarks Preservation Commissioner. I am here
17 today to testify on the Commission's designation
18 of Firehouse Engine Company 46, Hook and Ladder
19 Company 17 in the Bronx. On December 11th, 2012,
20 the Landmarks Preservation Commission held a
21 public hearing on the proposed designation as a
22 landmark of Firehouse Engine Company 46, Hook and
23 Ladder Company 17. There were two speakers in
24 favor of designation, including a representative
25 of Bronx Borough President, Ruben Diaz, Jr. and a

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2 representative of the Historic Districts Council.
3 There were no speakers in opposition. In
4 addition, the Commission has received a letter
5 from the Fire Department of the city of New York
6 in support of designation. On February 12th, 2013,
7 the Commission voted to designate the building a
8 New York City individual landmark. Fire Engine
9 Company 46, Hook and Ladder Company 17 was
10 designed by prominent architectural firm of
11 Napoleon Le Brun and Sons, architects for the fire
12 department between 1879 and 1895. Erected in two
13 campaigns, the first building was complete in 1894
14 and the second in 1904 as the population and
15 number of buildings expanded in the Bathgate
16 Section of the Bronx. This renaissance revival
17 style building is an excellent example of Le
18 Brun's numerous - - block houses for the fire
19 department, reflecting the firm's careful
20 attention to materials, stylistic detail, plan and
21 setting. Le Brun's firm helped to define the fire
22 department's expression of civic architecture both
23 functionally and symbolically in more than 40
24 buildings it designed during a period of intensive
25 growth in northern Manhattan and the Bronx. This

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2 firehouse with its classical details such as
3 garland - - panels, - - , medallions and corbels
4 [phonetic] represents the city's commitment to the
5 important civic character of essential municipal
6 services. Over the years, the building has housed
7 several engine and hook and ladder companies as
8 well as the offices of the fire marshal and Bureau
9 of Fire Communications, and is currently the home
10 of Engine Company 46, Hook and Ladder Company 17.
11 The Commission urges you to affirm this
12 designation. For the record, my name is Jenny
13 Fernandez, director of intergovernmental and
14 community relations for the Landmarks Preservation
15 Commission. I am here today to testify on the
16 Commission's designation of Firehouse Engine
17 Company 73 and Hook and Ladder Company 42 in the
18 Bronx. On December 11th, 2012, the Landmarks
19 Preservation Commission held a public hearing on
20 the proposed designation as a landmark of the
21 Firehouses Engine Company 73 and Hook and Ladder
22 Company 42. There were two speakers in favor of
23 designation, representatives of Bronx Borough
24 President Ruben Diaz Jr. and the Historic
25 Districts Council. There were no speakers in

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2 opposition to designation. In addition the
3 Commission received a communication from the fire
4 department of the city of New York in support of
5 designation. On February 12th, 2013, the
6 Commission voted to designate the buildings as New
7 York City individual landmarks. The two story
8 northern European renaissance revival style
9 firehouse Engine Company 73 in the Longwood
10 section of the Bronx was constructed in 1900 to
11 the design of architects Horgan and Slattery
12 [phonetic]. The main façade is clad in brick,
13 limestone and terra cotta, and features a second
14 story enframement [phonetic] with a scrolled
15 pediment. The adjacent firehouse Hook and Ladder
16 Company 42 was built in 1912 to the design of
17 Hopkin and Cohen [phonetic], partners who had
18 worked in the firm of McKeed, Mean and White
19 [phonetic], and whose most prominent commission
20 was the New York City police headquarters in 1905
21 through '09. This three story neoclassical style
22 structural was a standardized design simple and
23 dignified and without any unnecessary elaboration.
24 Engine Company 73 and Hook and Ladder Company 42
25 continue to serve the Longwood neighborhood today.

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2 The Commission urges you to affirm this
3 designation.

4 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Thank you.

5 JENNY FERNANDEZ: I will try to
6 keep it fun, but it's hard.

7 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: I want to know
8 whether they still have a garden at that first
9 one.

10 JENNY FERNANDEZ: Oh. That is a
11 good question. My name is Jenny Fernandez,
12 director of intergovernmental and community
13 relations for the Landmarks Preservation
14 Commission. I am here today to testify on the
15 Commission's designation of Firehouse Engine
16 Company 28, now Engine Company 228 in Brooklyn.
17 On December 11th, 2012, the Landmarks Preservation
18 Commission held a public hearing on the proposed
19 designation as a landmark of the Firehouse Engine
20 Company 28, now Engine Company 228. There was one
21 speaker in favor of designation, a representative
22 of the Historic Districts Council. There were no
23 speakers in opposition to designation. The
24 Commission received a letter from the fire
25 department of the city of New York in support of

1 designation. On February 12th, 2013, the
2 Commission voted to designate the building a New
3 York City individual landmark. Engine Company 28,
4 now Engine 228 was organized in 1890 in response
5 to the growing population in the Sunset area of
6 Brooklyn. The restrained, yet imposing Romanesque
7 revival style building with stone and brick
8 façade, decorative moldings and unifying round
9 arched openings has remained relatively unaltered.
10 The firehouse for Engine Company 28 was built
11 along a prominent street to bolster service to the
12 Sunset Park community. The firehouse designed in
13 the Romanesque revival style complimented the
14 existing 68 Police Precinct Station House and
15 Stable located on 4302 Fourth Avenue. The
16 firehouse has been a recognizable presence on the
17 busy streets of Sunset Park since the 1990s when
18 the neighborhood first developed along with the
19 increased construction of commercial and
20 residential buildings. The existence of this
21 continuously operating firehouse provides a strong
22 civic and architectural presence in this section
23 of Brooklyn. The Commission urges you to affirm
24 this designation.
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CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Thank you.

You are doing great.

JENNY FERNANDEZ: And last but not least--good morning, Council Members. My name is Jenny Fernandez, director for intergovernmental and community relations for the Landmarks Preservation Commission. I am here today to testify on the Commission's designation of Firehouse Engine Company 40, Hook and Ladder Company 21, now Engine Company 240, Battalion 48 in Brooklyn. On December 11th, 2012 the Landmarks Preservation Commission held a public hearing on the proposed designation as a landmark of the Firehouse Engine Company 40, Hook and Ladder Company 21. One speaker representing the Historic Districts Council spoke in support of designation. There was no testimony in opposition to designation. In addition, the Commission received a letter from Joseph - - , assistant commissioner facilities for fire department, expressing the fire department's support for designation. On February 12th, 2013 the Commission voted to designate the building a New York City individual landmark. The firehouse for Engine Company 40,

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2 Hook and Ladder Company 21 was built in 1895 to
3 serve the growing community of Windsor Terrace
4 located at the western edge of Flatbush between
5 Prospect Park and Greenwood Cemetery and replaced
6 the firehouse - - the Windsor Hose Company, a
7 volunteer fire company, which had been in
8 operation since 1888. The building was designed
9 by the noted architect Peter Lauritsen [phonetic],
10 a Danish immigrant, who practiced in Washington
11 D.C. before moving to Brooklyn and establishing
12 an office in Manhattan in 1883. It is one of
13 eight firehouses he designed for the Brooklyn Fire
14 Department between 1894 and 1897 and is his finest
15 in the Romanesque revival style. The building's
16 imposing limestone and brick façade features an
17 asymmetrical design and the quality of the
18 building's materials, workmanship and details
19 distinguish it from the residential and commercial
20 buildings in the neighborhood and were intended to
21 create a sense of civic pride. Engine Company 40,
22 now Engine Company 240, has been housed in this
23 building and has served the Windsor Terrace
24 neighborhood with distinction for over a century.
25 Since 1978, the building has also been home to

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2 Battalion 48, which oversees fire departments
3 within Park Slope, Windsor Terrace and Borough
4 Park. The Commission urges you to affirm this
5 designation.

6 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Alright.

7 Thank you very much for that testimony. I was
8 spending it reading about the history of
9 firefighting in New York City, which is also
10 interesting and I note in all of these as well and
11 that I do encourage people to look at the
12 designation reports because part of what we are
13 doing here is about the buildings themselves and
14 part of what we are doing is thinking about the
15 role of firehouses and firefighting in New York
16 City. So thank you for all of that. Are there
17 questions, Council Members Arroyo or Williams,
18 that you have about any of these firehouses in
19 particular? Council Member Williams?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank
21 you. They are not related to what is the issue at
22 hand, but thank you very much. How are you,
23 Jenny? Just two questions. There is an
24 application that was in--I just want to make sure
25 it was received I believe it was--from Flatbush

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Development Corporation.

JENNY FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Do you know any timeline in terms of those six neighborhoods that are seeking..

JENNY FERNANDEZ: I don't have a specific timeline right now, Council Member Williams, but we did receive the extensive and well put together proposal and the Commission has begun a review of the material, but we will be in touch with you very soon to let you know at least the initial response in terms of--it's a lot of information, of course, so the staff is taking a look at it as we speak.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Any timeline of when you get in touch with me?

JENNY FERNANDEZ: I can actually--I will get back to you this afternoon. I will check back in with our office to let you know when I can give you an answer on that. I will give your staff a call.

[crosstalk]

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: And then I have a - - I think tomorrow a formal application

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2 for the Jackie Robinson House, so it has been in
3 the news. You may have seen it. But that is also
4 another priority for me, so if you can please look
5 out for that that would be very helpful.

6 JENNY FERNANDEZ: Absolutely.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank
8 you.

9 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Alright. So
10 we have one person signed up to testify, and that
11 may raise questions that we want to ask you, so
12 stick around. We may call you back up after Mr.
13 Murphy. Okay. It is now my pleasure to call up
14 Tom Murphy, who I know well from Community Board 7
15 and his activism in Sunset Park and Windsor
16 Terrace. He signed up to speak specifically to
17 Land Use numbers 808 and 809, which are the two
18 Community Board 7--

19 [crosstalk]

20 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: But both in
21 Board 7, I think. So Mr. Murphy, please introduce
22 yourself for the record, and go ahead and give
23 your testimony.

24 THOMAS MURPHY: My name is Thomas
25 Murphy. I live at 413 43rd Street once upon a time

1 listed a landmark, but I got that corrected. I
2 live next to two landmarks, one being the
3 Magistrate's Court at 403 43rd Street and the other
4 being 4302 what is left of the 68 precinct. I
5 want to address two points. I don't know if you
6 noticed in her testimony, Ms. Fernandez listed no
7 opposition, no one spoke against any of these
8 landmarks. Now a couple of months ago these two
9 firehouses were announced to Community Board 7--
10 excuse me, it wasn't announced. It was in the
11 newspaper the Landmarks Preservation had approved
12 them, and I asked the community board had they
13 been notified about anything, and the district
14 manager said after the fact they were informed
15 that there had been a meeting. They were not
16 asked for their input. Nobody was asked for
17 input, which leads me to my second point, which is
18 that the Landmarks Preservation Commission, which
19 I don't believe has revenue producing parts is
20 loading the city with unfunded mandates in that
21 all of these firehouses, which are owned by the
22 city of New York must be maintained perpetually.
23 In perpetuity they must be kept up in first class
24 condition, which probably - - if they are never
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2 needed again and get - - by the city, there is no
3 buyer because they can't afford the maintenance.
4 The courthouse next to me had maybe ten million
5 dollars' worth of exterior improvements on it
6 since it was landmarked. Excuse me, a point I
7 missed, the following month at our community
8 board, a woman came and gave public testimony as
9 to how many firehouses or how fire companies were
10 to be closed in Mayor Bloomberg's budget, and I
11 want to ask the question, are we losing firemen
12 because of the maintenance factor of landmark
13 firehouses? Is the fire department required to
14 come up with the revenues to pay for the increased
15 maintenance and in perpetuity of these firehouses
16 while they lose personnel? Does a landmarked
17 firehouse provide better fire service to a
18 community? I would also like to bring up a factor
19 that I have with--on the precinct, the former 68
20 precinct at 4302. 4302 was city property and this
21 community tried to reuse it when the police left
22 for 65th Street as a community center. It failed
23 because of various factors, which I will go into
24 at some other time, but subsequently, 40 years
25 subsequently, nothing has happened to it. It was

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2 landmarked. Now I don't remember the name of the
3 architect of that building, but he designed
4 several structures, which are similar to the 68
5 precinct council, and all of them that survive to
6 this day are doing famously as private structures.
7 None of them are landmarked. The only landmarked
8 one is falling down, and it has a price tag of
9 millions of dollars just to fix up the exterior,
10 which is the landmark. Now I think that that City
11 Council in light of the fact that we do have a
12 hole in the budget should stop allowing unfunded
13 mandates to be admitted to the budget until you
14 have recognized the revenues to pay for them,
15 preferably not from taxpayer dollars.

16 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: So Mr. Murphy,
17 I always enjoy your thoughtful presentations. I
18 will give a couple of thoughts of mine because I
19 agree with one piece of what you said, and I do
20 want to clarify that, and that is sort of on the
21 notice and process piece. Let me say a few
22 things, and then I will invite Ms. Fernandez up to
23 respond as well. So just a few things first on
24 the budget questions. Land marking a building
25 doesn't require to be just so you understand kept

1 up or maintained to any standard. All land
2 marking does is if you want to do work on the
3 building, it has requirements that you get it
4 approved and do it within the--do it
5 appropriately, so if the city wants to improve
6 these firehouses or do any additional work on them
7 or God forbid, if they would get closed and sold
8 off and a subsequent owner did, those would have
9 to be approved, but unfortunately you can let your
10 landmarks for the most part--you are not required
11 to do work on the building. They can't
12 deteriorate past a certain standard where there is
13 code requirements, but landmarks is about if you
14 do work on the building, so I don't think this
15 imposes a significant or even a meaningful
16 maintenance increase. Second if there is the city
17 is going to do work on these buildings. It is
18 going to be paid for out of capital funds, which
19 are not in any way the fire department's operating
20 funds. I can guarantee that that if capital work
21 went into these buildings, they would be paid for
22 out of city capital. So I don't believe that we
23 are in any way... And third, the mayor's proposal to
24 close firehouses doesn't have anything to do with
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2 the maintenance on the buildings. The mayor
3 believes we need less fire protection than the
4 City Council believes, and the City Council has
5 worked very, very hard as you know to make sure
6 that those companies don't close. So I don't
7 believe that we are actually putting any
8 meaningful unfunded mandate or in any way
9 jeopardizing fire protection by the land marking
10 of these buildings. I will say two more things.
11 I mean, you are right that what has long been
12 thought of as the future home of the Brooklyn
13 Music School is sitting there deteriorating, and
14 it could I suppose be being turned into new condos
15 if it weren't landmarked, and someone could have
16 demolished it and built a new condo building, and
17 people could debate about whether that would be
18 better or worse. The landmarks protection of that
19 building, which is not related to today's actions,
20 so that is a debate for another time. It is not
21 topical to today's hearing. Finally though you
22 know I do agree with you that the process for
23 visible and timely consideration for putting
24 clearly what it is up on the web where each
25 application is and when it is being considered for

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2 making notice; therefore, easier to members of the
3 public including community boards and elected
4 officials is problematic at the Landmarks
5 Preservation Commission. It is something that I
6 have taken up with - - , with Ms. Fernandez, that
7 I believe is timely actually for legislation
8 because I don't think the LPC has proven able to
9 do it itself though it has expressed some interest
10 in doing so. So the notice provisions trouble me,
11 and I agree with you that there was so little
12 testimony on these things that the LPC board is
13 actually troubling to me the notion that only the
14 Historic Districts Council seems to have known
15 about any of it is distressing. It isn't the best
16 public process, but I do assure you that we are
17 attending to the budget matters and that today's
18 action will preserve these five buildings whether
19 the city continues to own them or whether again
20 God forbid, and I think we will fight hard against
21 any reduction in fire protection certainly
22 included the closing of these firehouses, which
23 will be made harder not easier by this action
24 because it diminishes their value to future
25 potential buyers for some of the very reasons that

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2 you are talking about. So I don't believe
3 anything we are doing jeopardizes fire protection
4 today, but we appreciate your coming down to
5 testify. Let me just ask Ms. Fernandez to come up
6 and give answers as well.

7 THOMAS MURPHY: Just one final
8 vote, I just want to say I am speaking for myself,
9 not for the Board, not for my Councilwoman, nor
10 for you.

11 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: We welcome
12 members of the public coming to testify on both
13 the specifics of individual buildings and the
14 broader questions. I think sometimes it is a
15 specific question of is this building meritorious
16 and sometimes it is a question of what is a
17 judicious use of the City Council, the city's and
18 the LPC's land marking power, and you raised an
19 important set of questions. There is no doubt
20 that if we landmarked all of the buildings that
21 are potentially meritorious that the city of New
22 York owns, it would have a set of consequences for
23 what the city could do and what the financial
24 implications would be over time. This is
25 obviously a tiny number of firehouses that I am

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2 sure people in communities would like to see
3 receive protection either on the hopes that it
4 would help make sure that they were preserved as
5 firehouses or if they weren't - - .

6 THOMAS MURPHY: [interposing] We
7 will never know, will we?

8 [crosstalk]

9 THOMAS MURPHY: The Historical
10 Districts Council seems to know about all of these
11 actions.

12 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: they watch the
13 website closely. Alright, Ms. Fernandez?

14 JENNY FERNANDEZ: Thank you, yes,
15 Chair Lander. To the main point and the one that
16 you are concerned about in terms of notification
17 when the Commission calendars a hearing, calendars
18 a building for a future public hearing, it is
19 placed on our agenda, and we did begin about a
20 year and a half ago, almost two years now, the
21 process of sending it out to our listserv an
22 agenda showing the actions that the Commission has
23 taken on a specific day, and it would reflect any
24 calendarings for future public hearings, so that
25 is the first sort of notification, and that is

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2 also placed on our website. Secondly, for any
3 items that are coming up for public hearing, we
4 are actually--we have to by notification, law and
5 rules, give sufficient notification, put it on the
6 city record and all of that. In addition, we send
7 the Council Member, all the elected officials and
8 including the community board, a notification, it
9 is about a month before the actual public hearing,
10 which is when the official notification goes out,
11 letting them know the official action of the
12 public hearing and inviting them to submit any
13 testimony and letting them know the date and time
14 of the hearing.

15 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: I am sure you
16 met the letter of the law on all of these matters.
17 To me, I feel I would say two things. First, I
18 feel fairly certain that if we pulled the Council
19 Members, the Community Boards and the neighbors of
20 those buildings--three potentially relevant
21 constituents--almost none of them would be aware
22 that this took place even if the legal notice
23 requirements were met, so even if they were, that
24 is not the kind of community participation and - -
25 civic participation that I think we'd want to

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2 have, and moreover, I think it is just sort of
3 shown by the total lack of any comment of any kind
4 again, which we could make easier, right? You
5 shouldn't necessarily need to come to a hearing or
6 get a mailed notice or send a letter. There are
7 many ways that the Commission could choose, and I
8 know the mythical website improvements may make it
9 easy. I would imagine. I would hope. I have no
10 idea whether it is going to be there or not that
11 citizens for example could sign up to be notified
12 when something was going to happen, when any
13 action within a community board or a council
14 district or a borough were going to take place.
15 You get an e-mail notification. It's not rocket
16 science. It's the modern world. As you know, I
17 am disappointed with how long that is taking and
18 in the interim, yes, you meet a set of technical
19 requirements, but engaged opportunity for people
20 to know what is going on and engage more
21 proactively and inclusively in civic ways isn't in
22 my opinion anywhere close to being met by the LPC,
23 so I don't doubt that you meet the letter of the
24 law, but the spirit of engagement that I would
25 hope would invigorate government, especially when

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2 we are saying this matters so much to us as a city
3 that we are willing to impose police power,
4 regulatory power. Anyway, I think when we hear
5 people that say my community board didn't even
6 know, it doesn't make our jobs easier.

7 JENNY FERNANDEZ: Certainly, I was
8 speaking specifically about the complaint that the
9 community board had received no notification, so I
10 just wanted to address that specific point. I
11 mean in addition, we do send out the blurbs and
12 statements of significance to our listserv, people
13 who sign up to find out are agenda, things that
14 are coming up, we do send information like that,
15 but of course, continued outreach and things like
16 that are things that we are always looking forward
17 to working on and doing, so I just wanted to
18 clarify that point.

19 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Thank you very
20 much. Any other questions from any of my
21 colleagues? Seeing none, anyone else here from
22 the public signed up or interested in testifying
23 on any of the five hearings on today's calendar?
24 Seeing none, we will close the public hearing on
25 Land Use numbers 805 through 809, and we will move

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2 forward to a vote on the five items on today's
3 calendar. So we will couple Land Use items 805,
4 806, 807, 808, and 809 into one vote.

5 COUNSEL: Chair Lander?

6 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Aye on all.

7 COUNSEL: Council Member Arroyo?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

9 COUNSEL: Council Member Williams?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

11 COUNSEL: By a vote of three in the
12 affirmative, no negatives and no abstentions, Land
13 Use items 805, 806, 807, 808, and 809 are approved
14 and referred to the full Land Use Committee.

15 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Thank you very
16 much. This meeting is adjourned.

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

Kimberley CampbellDate 06/11/13