

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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March 6, 2014
Start: 11:43 a.m.
Recess: 12:05 p.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E: David Greenfield
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Annabel Palma
- Darlene Mealy
- Rosie Mendez
- Ydanis A. Rodriguez
- Stephen T. Levin
- Mark S. Weprin
- Ruben Wills
- Donovan Richards
- Ben Kallos
- Inez D. Barron
- Mark Treyger
- Antonio Reynoso
- Daniel Garodnick
- Vincent M. Ignizio
- Vincent Gentile
- Inez Dickens

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

Council Members:

 Maria Del Carmen Arroyo

 Jumaane D. Williams

CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Good

morning. My name is David Greenfield. I'm the Council Member of the District of Brooklyn and I'm privileged to serve as the Chair of Land Use Committee. I want to welcome my esteemed colleagues who are members of the Committee, including Council Members Palma, Council Member Mealy, Council Member Mendez, Council Member Rodriguez, Council Member Levin, Council Member Weprin, Council Member Wills, Council Member Richards, Council Member Barron, Council Member Kallos, Council Member Reynoso and Council Member Treyger. Council Member Treyger was first here today, so he gets a gold star so noted on the official Land Use Committee sheet. I want to thank all of you for your relatively prompt attendance. You will see on the table before you several items relating to the committee. First is the agenda here by the committee staff containing those matters which have had a hearing and have been reviewed and fully vetted by the subcommittees. Those are the matters in which we will be acting today. I would also like to thank our subcommittee

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2 Chair, Council Member Mark Weprin, the Chair of
3 our Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises,
4 Council Member Peter Koo who is out this week
5 but is doing a great job as the Chair of
6 Subcommittee on Landmark, Public Siting and
7 Maritime Uses, and of course, Council Member
8 Inez Dickens who is the Chair of the
9 Subcommittee on Planning, Dispositions and
10 Concessions. For the Committee--what the
11 committee is voting on today is to approve the
12 resolution before you for presentation and vote
13 by the full council. The resolution will
14 reflect the recommendation of the applicable
15 subcommittee. In addition today, you'll also
16 find a briefing sheet which give you
17 additionally information about those matters
18 and other matters which have been scheduled to
19 be heard by the subcommittee. Today we have two
20 applications on our calendar for our
21 consideration, the Union Turnpike rezoning in
22 Council Member Lancman's district is before us
23 for a zoning map change which would facilitate
24 the construction of a new four story mixed use
25 commercial and residential building at 158-15

1 Union Turnpike near the intersection of Parson
2 Boulevard and Union Turnpike. The proposed
3 project will contain 21,000 square feet of
4 commercial retail development and approximately
5 39 rental housing units. The applicants spoke
6 in favor of the project as did a neighbor of
7 the site, Community Board Eight, and Borough
8 President Katz voted in favor of the project
9 and Council Member Rory Lancman supports the
10 projects as well. We also have before us an
11 application from NYCEDC to amend the zoning
12 resolution NYC ZR62-813 known as the East River
13 Ferry Text Amendment Land Use number 20. We're
14 laying this item over and not voting on it
15 today, because we have several questions that
16 we would like answered by EDC specifically
17 dealing with the ridership projections, the
18 projections of those folks who use bicycles and
19 specific questions about the collapse of the
20 India Street Pier in terms of the oversight and
21 inspection by the economic development
22 corporation and we are hoping to have those
23 questions answered by the economic development
24 corporation before we move forward on this
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2 project. So therefore, the one item that we
3 have has been fully vetted by the Zoning and
4 Franchise Subcommittee which has recommended
5 approval of this item as has Council Member
6 Rory Lancman whose district the project is
7 located. I recommend a yes vote on this matter,
8 specifically Land Use number 19, Union Turnpike
9 Rezoning C120178ZMQ Queens Community Board 18,
10 an application for an amendment of the zoning
11 map. Do any members have any questions or
12 remarks? Hearing none, I will ask the clerk to
13 call the roll.

14 WILLIAM MARTIN: William Martin,
15 Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on
16 Land Use LU19. Council Member Greenfield?

17 CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: I vote aye.

18 WILLIAM MARTIN: Palma?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

20 WILLIAM MARTIN: Mealy?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye.

22 WILLIAM MARTIN: Mendez?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

24 WILLIAM MARTIN: Levin?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Weprin?

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Wills?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Richards?

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Barron?

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Kallos?

COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Reynoso?

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Treyger?

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote of 12 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no abstentions, item has been adopted. Members please sign the committee reports. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Thank you, Clerk. We will actually keep this vote open until 12:00. At 12:00 we will close this committee hearing because we will be opening the Finance and Land Use Oversight hearing. At 12:00 we'll be hearing from the Landmarks

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Preservation Commission. At 1:00 we will be hearing from DoITT, a joint hearing with the Committee on Technology. At 2:00 we will be hearing from the Department of City Planning, and at 3:00 we'll be hearing from the public. Of course, attendance at this new hearing that will begin at 12:00 is mandatory for Land Use members. Thank you very much.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Council Member

Gentile?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Vote aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Garodnick? Council Member Garodnick?

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Thank you. Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Ignizio?

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Vote now stands at 15 in the affirmative. Council Member Dickens? Council Member Dickens?

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Mr. Chair, I apologize for my extreme lateness, but I was in meetings, and I vote aye on all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Vote now stands at 16 in the affirmative. Council Member Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you very much. Aye. Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Rodriguez? Council Member Arroyo?

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Final vote in the Committee on Land Use is now 19 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no abstentions.

CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Meeting is now adjourned.

[gavel]

C E R T I F I C A T E

World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is no interest in the outcome of this matter.



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