

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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January 15, 2015
Start: 11:27 a.m.
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HELD AT: Committee Room - City Hall

B E F O R E:

DAVID G. GREENFIELD
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ANDREW COHEN
ANNABEL PALMA
ANTONIO REYNOSO
BEN KALLOS
BRAD S. LANDER
DANIEL R. GARODNICK
DARLENE MEALY
DONOVAN J. RICHARDS
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INEZ E. DICKENS
JUMAANE D. WILLIAMS
MARIA DEL CARMEN ARROYO
MARK S. WEPRIN
MARK TREYGER
PETER A. KOO
RITCHIE J. TORRES

COUNCIL MEMBERS: (CONTINUED)

ROSIE MENDEZ
RUBEN WILLS
STEPHEN T. LEVIN

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VINCENT IGNIZIO
VINCENT J. GENTILE
YDANIS A. RODRIGUEZ

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2 [gavel]

CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Are we ready.

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4 Thank you very much. Good morning my name is David
5 Greenfield. I'm the Council Member from the 44th
6 Council District in Brooklyn and I'm privileged to
7 serve as the chair of the Land Use Committee. Want
8 to welcome my esteemed colleagues who are members
9 of the committee first. I want to recognize Council
10 Member Palma who gets the gold star for early
11 attendance today. Thank you very much. Council
12 Member Gentile, Council Member Garodnick, Council
13 Member Mealy, Council Member Koo, Council Member
14 Weprin, Council Member Wills, Council Member
15 Richards, Council Member Cohen, Council Member
16 Kallos, Council Member Treyger, and Council Member
17 Ignizio I want to thank you all for your prompt
18 attendance. You will see on the table before you
19 several items relating to the committee. First is
20 the agenda prepared by the committee staff
21 containing those matter which have had a hearing
22 and have been fully reviewed and vetted by the
23 subcommittees. Those are the matters in which we'll
24 be acting on today. Also would like to thank our
25 subcommittee chairs; Chair Weprin, Chair Koo, and
Chair Dickens. Also before you are the joint

1 reports in the Land Use Committee and applicable
2 subcommittee for each item we are voting on today
3 with a proposed resolution for each item. What the
4 committee is voting on today is to approve each of
5 the resolutions before you for presentation and
6 vote by the full council. The resolutions reflect
7 the recommendations of the applicable subcommittee.
8 Today we have the following applications for our
9 consideration. LU number 158 South Brooklyn Marine
10 Terminal, an application for a maritime lease
11 between the Department of Small Business Services
12 and the Economic Development Corporation for
13 approximately 72 acres of city owned land known as
14 South Brooklyn Marine Terminal. This application is
15 located in Council Member Menchaca's district in
16 Brooklyn Community Board 7. The application has
17 been withdrawn and is therefore subject to a motion
18 to file to remove it from the council calendar. We
19 also have three landmarks. LU number 166 Doering
20 Bohack House, a designation by the Landmarks
21 Preservation Commission of the Doering Bohack House
22 located at 1090 Green Avenue as a historic
23 landmark. This application is located in Council
24 Member Reynoso's district in Brooklyn Community
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2 Board 4. LU number 167 First German Baptist Church
3 designation by the Landmark's Preservation
4 Commission of the former First German Baptist
5 Church which is now in the town of Village
6 Synagogue located at 334 East 14th Street as a
7 historic landmark. The application is located in
8 Council Member Mendez's district in Manhattan
9 Community Board 3. LU number 168, Mills Hotel No. 3
10 designation by the Landmarks Preservation
11 Commission of the Mills Hotel No. 3 located at 458
12 7th Avenue as a historic landmark. This application
13 is located in Council Member John's district in
14 Manhattan Community Board 5. We also have an
15 application for a sidewalk café. LU number 169,
16 Eleven Food and Beverage, an application to operate
17 an enclosed sidewalk café located 11 Sixth Avenue.
18 This is located in Council Member Chin district in
19 Manhattan Community Board 1. Finally we have one
20 item being referred back to City Planning
21 Commission for modification and that's LUs number
22 164 and 165, Special West Chelsea district
23 expansion and application submitted by the
24 Department of City Planning for the amendment of
25 the zoning map and text changes to modify bulk

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2 regulations to allow unenclosed sidewalk cafés in
3 parts of the special district. Land Use Committee
4 is proposing a modification of the application to
5 restrict cafés on the west side of 9th Avenue
6 between West 15th and West 16th Street. This
7 application is located in Council Member John's
8 District in Manhattan Community Board 4. The
9 subcommittees have recommended approval of these
10 items as have members in the districts the projects
11 were located. Chair recommends an aye vote on all
12 these matters. Do any members have any questions or
13 remarks? Hearing none I will ask the clerk to call
14 the roll.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: William Martin
16 Committee Clerk. Roll call vote Committee on Land
17 Use. Chair Greenfield.

18 CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Aye on all.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Gentile.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: I vote aye on
21 all with the exception of LU169, I vote no.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Palma.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: [off mic] Aye on
24 all.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Garodnick.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: [off mic]

Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Mealy.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: [off mic] aye on

all.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Koo. Weprin.

Wills.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: [off mic] Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Richards.

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Cohen.

COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Kallos.

COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Treyger.

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: [off mic] aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Ignizio.

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: [off mic] aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: By a vote of 13

in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and no
abstentions all items have been adopted with the
exception of Land Use item 169 which is adopted by
a vote of 12 in the affirmative, one in the
negative, and no abstentions.

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2 CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Thank you. As
3 is our practice we will keep the vote open for 15
4 minutes until 11:46 a.m.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Council Member
6 Torres.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I, I vote aye on
8 all.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Council Member
10 Arroyo. Dickens. Council Member Dickens.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye on all.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Williams.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

14 CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: I would also
15 just like to add Mr. Clerk that today is actually
16 the last meeting that we'll be joined at with Jenny
17 Fernandez who has been working at the Landmarks
18 Preservation Commission for the last six years. She
19 was... to be the head of Intergov. She's moving on to
20 greener pastures. We look forward to seeing her
21 here in the future. We thank her for her service
22 and we wish her continued success in all of her
23 work advocating on behalf of I'm sure what will be
24 wonderful clients in the city of New York. Thank
25 you very much.

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COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Council Member
Mendez.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: I vote aye on
all.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Council Member
Rodriguez.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Council Member
Lander.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDR: [off mic] I vote
aye.

CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Land Use
Committee for Thursday...

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Final vote
Committee on Land Use. All items have been adopted
at a vote of 20 in the affirmative, zero in the
negative, and no abstentions. And Land Use, with
the exception of Land Use 169 which has been
adopted by a vote of 19 in the affirmative, one in
the negative, no abstentions. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Thank you Mr.
Clerk. The Land Use Committee for Thursday, January
15th is hereby adjourned.

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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 that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date January 15, 2015