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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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August 9, 2016
Start: 12:30 p.m.
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HELD AT: Committee Room - City Hall

B E F O R E: DAVID G. GREENFIELD
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Vincent J. Gentile
Annabel Palma
Inez E. Dickens
Daniel R. Garodnick
Darlene Mealy
Rosie Mendez
Ydanis A. Rodriguez
Peter A. Koo
Brad S. Lander
Stephen T. Levin
Jumaane D. Williams
Ruben Wills
Deborah L. Rose
Donovan J. Richards
Inez D. Barron
Andrew Cohen
Ben Kallos
Antonio Reynoso
Ritchie J. Torres
Mark Treyger

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

2 CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Good afternoon.

3 My name is David Greenfield. I'm the Councilman from
4 the 44th Councilmanic District in Brooklyn. I'm
5 privileged to serve as Chair of the Land Use
6 Committee. I want to welcome my esteemed colleagues
7 who are members of the committee here today. Council
8 Member Gentile, Council Member Dickens, Council
9 Member Garodnick, Council Member Mendez, Council
10 Member Rodriguez, Council Member Koo, Council Member
11 Levin, Council Member Williams, Council Member Wills,
12 Council Member Barron, Council Member Cohen, Council
13 Member Kallos, Council Member Torres, Council Member
14 Treyger and we are still updating the list. As
15 always, I want to thank Chair Dickens, Chair Richards
16 and Chair Koo for their work chairing their
17 respective subcommittees, and Council Member Reynoso.
18 We will be voting today to approve four applications.
19 These resolutions before you represent the
20 recommendations of the Subcommittees for presentation
21 of vote by the full Council. Please note that LU 422
22 and 423, the rezoning at Broadway and Sherman in
23 Council Member Rodriguez's district is being laid
24 over.

2 We're going to start first with LU 425,
3 Black Tree BK, application for a revocable consent to
4 establish, maintain and operate an unenclosed
5 sidewalk café at 261 Metropolitan Avenue located in
6 Council Member Reynoso's district. This application
7 has been withdrawn, and we're voting on a motion to
8 file LU 425 to remove it from our calendar.

9 Preconsidered LU 426 Ali Baba's Café,
10 application for revocable consent to establish,
11 maintain and operate an unenclosed sidewalk café
12 located at 862 Second Avenue. This application is in
13 Council Member Garodnick's district, and he has
14 supported after modifications to reduce the size of
15 the café.

16 We have three items on our agenda from
17 the Landmarks Subcommittee. The first two are
18 preconsidered items, 77 Greenwich Street School,
19 application pursuant to Section 1732 of the New York
20 City School Construction Authority Act concerning the
21 proposed site selection for new or approximately 476-
22 seat primary school facility located on the north
23 side of Edgar Street between Trinity Place and
24 Greenwich Street. The application is in Council

2 Member Chin's district, and she is supportive of the
3 application.

4 Draper Hall, Phase 2 application pursuant
5 to Section 7385(6) of the Health and Hospitals
6 Corporation Enabling Act concerning the construction
7 of a 16-story apartment building including
8 approximately 153 apartments for low-income
9 individuals or families of Draper Hall on the
10 Metropolitan Hospital Campus Center located at 1918
11 First Avenue. The application is in the Speaker's
12 District, and she is supportive of this application.

13 LU No. 418 Bell Ahles House proposed
14 designation by the Landmarks Preservation Commission
15 of John Williams and Lydia Ann Bell Ahles' house
16 located 39-24 213th Street as an individual landmark.
17 This building is in Council Member Vallone's
18 district, and he is supportive of this designation
19 and as Chair Koo has pointed out, this is, in fact, a
20 direct result of the legislation that was sponsored
21 by Chair Koo and myself that has taken this item off
22 the calendar and now we are seeing a multitude of
23 landmarks thanks to legislation of the Council
24 Member. The Council is overwhelmingly supportive.

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2 Do any members have any questions or remarks? Seeing
3 non, I will ask the clerk to call the roll?

4 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk,
5 roll call vote Committee on Land Use. Chair
6 Greenfield.

7 CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Aye on all.

8 CLERK: Gentile.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye on all.

10 CLERK: Dickens.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: [off mic] Aye.

12 CLERK: Garodnick. Mendez.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: [off mic] Aye.

14 CLERK: Rodriguez.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye and I also
16 would like to take the opportunity to let my
17 constituency in-in-in Uptown that the item that we
18 were supposed to have on the agenda that we're
19 starting at Sherman and Broadway this is the item
20 that we will discuss in a future hearing for the
21 purpose of our community to know that we will take a
22 position. We could be voting no or we can be voting
23 yes or it can be for the developer to withdraw, but
24 the Council will take a position on that matter.

25 CLERK: Koo.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye on all.

3 CLERK: Levin.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all.

5 CLERK: Williams.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: [off mic] Aye
7 on all and [off mic].

8 CLERK: Wills.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: [off mic] Aye.

10 CLERK: Barron.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all with
12 the exception of 418 on which I'm abstaining and
13 happy birthday to my two colleagues who are
14 celebrating birthdays today.

15 CLERK: Cohen.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: I vote aye on all.

17 CLERK: Kallos.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye.

19 CLERK: Reynoso.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: I vote aye on
21 all and happy birthday to my two colleagues as well.

22 CLERK: Torres.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: [off mic] I vote
24 aye on all.

25 CLERK: Treyger.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: [off mic]

3 CLERK: All items on today's Land Use
4 Agenda have been adopted by a vote of 16 in the
5 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions.
6 With Land Use Item 418 being adopted by a vote of 15
7 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, 1 abstention.

8 CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Thank you. As
9 is our practice, we're going to keep the vote open 15
10 minutes, and we're going to ask Council Member
11 Williams to start the rendition of happy birthday for
12 Council Member Wills.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: [singing happy
14 birthday with other council members].

15 CLERK: Continuation rollcall Committee
16 on Land Use, Council Member Richards.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: I have—I vote
18 aye on all, and this hearing is close. There you go.
19 [gavel] All right. End it. Don't..

20 [pause]

21 CLERK: The final vote on today's
22 Committee on Land Use all items have been adopted by
23 a vote of 17 in the affirmative 0 in the negative and
24 not abstentions. With Land Use Item 418 being

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2 adopted by a vote of 16 in the affirmative, 0 in the
3 negative and 1 abstention. Thank you. [pause]

4 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank-[pause]

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Date August 10, 2016