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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON PARKS AND RECREATION

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December 18, 2017
Start: 10:28 a.m.
Recess: 11:02 a.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway-Committee Rm, 14th Fl.

B E F O R E: MARK LEVINE
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

DARLENE MEALY
FERNANDO CABRERA
JAMES G. VAN BRAMER
ANDREW COHEN
ALAN N. MAISEL
MARK TREYGER

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

[gavel]

CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: Good morning and welcome to the City Council's Committee on Parks and Recreation. I'm Mark Levine, Chair. We're going to be considering today Intro 1466 sponsored by Parks Committee member and City Council Majority Leader Van Bramer. This bill we originally considered at our hearing December 5th and it would require the Parks Department to clean playground equipment in city parks within 24 hours after the spraying of pesticides by any city agency particularly spraying for West Nile virus. I believe that Intro 1466 is a common-sense approach which takes an extra step to ensure children in playgrounds are not exposed to residual pesticide applications and I urge my colleagues to vote in support of this measure. We do have quorum, I'm very excited, I'm going to pause and see if our bill sponsor, Majority Leader Van Bramer would like to make any remarks.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank you very much, I'll be very brief Mr. Chair and say thank you for your support, thank you to my colleagues. There are few things if anything that we can do that's more important than making sure that all

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2 children are safe and cared for and that parents can
3 take their children to the playground with peace of
4 mind knowing that their children are going to be
5 safe, making sure that we wipe down and clean
6 equipment after pesticide spraying occurs seems to me
7 like something that just about every single person
8 would want to happen to make sure that every child is
9 safe, every parent has peace of mind and that's why
10 we put the measure forward and that's why I hope
11 everyone chooses to support this bill. Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: Thank you Mr. Van
13 Bramer. I neglected to mention we've been joined by
14 our colleagues on the Parks Committee, Council Member
15 Maisel and Cabrera and I'm going to ask the Committee
16 Clerk Billy Martin to call the roll.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: William Martin,
18 Committee Clerk... [cross-talk]

19 CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: And we've been
20 joined by Andy Cohen.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Roll call vote
22 Committee on Parks and Recreation, Introduction 1466,
23 Chair Levine?

24 CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: I vote aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Cabrera?

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COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Van Bramer?

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Cohen?

COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Maisel?

COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: By a vote of
fine in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no
abstention the Item has been adopted by the
committee. Continuation of roll call, the Committee
on Parks and Recreation, Introduction 1466, Council
Member Treyger?

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: The final vote
now stands at six in the affirmative, zero in the
negative and no abstentions.

CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: And this Parks vote
and hearing is adjourned.

[gavel]

C E R T I F I C A T E

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Date

January 13, 2018