

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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January 27, 2009
Start: 10:44 am
Recess: 10:50 am

HELD AT: Committee Room
City Hall

B E F O R E:
MELINDA R. KATZ
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Melinda R. Katz
Joel Rivera
Tony Avella
Charles Barron
Leroy G. Comrie Jr.
Simcha Felder
Eric N. Gioia
Robert Jackson
John C. Liu
Miguel Martinez
Larry B. Seabrook
Helen Sears
Sara M. Gonzalez

A P P E A R A N C E S

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Maria del Carmen Arroyo
Inez E. Dickens
Daniel R. Garodnick
Jessica S. Lappin
Rosie Mendez
Vincent Ignizio
James S. Oddo

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2 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: There are three
3 items on the agenda that were supposed to be voted
4 on in the subcommittee that are still being worked
5 out by the council members, which is why we didn't
6 have the subcommittees. It is unfortunately why
7 we need to have subcommittee and Land Use tomorrow
8 also. Tomorrow we have new meetings. They're
9 going to be new meetings, so if you know anyone
10 who was thinking about postponing their vote, let
11 them know. Landmarks at 9:45 and Land Use
12 tomorrow at 10:00. They will be new meetings. I
13 apologize again, but the members are working it
14 out for the benefit of their districts. I agree.
15 If I'm not here, someone else chair. Amendment to
16 the zoning map, Astoria Boulevard rezoning is in
17 Council Member Monserrate's district, but it is
18 vacant. It's going from an existing R4 to a C2-2
19 District. Preconsidered Land Use, Special Clinton
20 District theater, special district theater bonus
21 zoning text. It's an amendment to the zoning
22 text. It is in Council Member Quinn's district.
23 She is supportive of it. Preconsidered Land Use,
24 University Village. It's the landmarking in
25 Council Member Gerson's district of University

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2 Village. Preconsidered Land Use, the Red Hook
3 Play Center. It is the landmarking of that
4 building in Council Member Gonzalez's district.
5 Guardian Life Insurance Company, landmarking of
6 that building in Council Member Mendez's district.
7 Council Member Mendez's district also has the
8 landmarking of the Baumann Brothers Furniture and
9 Carpet Store. Let's remember that even though we
10 don't have a large audience watching us here, it
11 is being taped for cable. We want to show some
12 sort of decorum. Landmark of Baumann Brothers
13 Furniture and Carpet Store, which is Council
14 Member Mendez's district. The landmarking of 144
15 West 14th Street as a historic landmark, which is
16 Council Member Quinn's district. Preconsidered
17 Land Use Fire Engine Company No. 54, also in the
18 Speaker's district. Landmarking of that building.
19 Land Use 945 in Council Member Arroyo's district,
20 which is an amendment to the previously approved
21 UDAP. Rocking Horse Mexican Café, application for
22 a sidewalk café in Council Member Quinn's
23 district. Special permit for the Crosby Street
24 Hotel in Council Member Gerson's district.
25 Amendment to the city map for the Food Center

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2 Drive in Council Member Arroyo's district. An
3 amendment to a previously approved UDAP in Council
4 Member Mendez's district. Council Member Jackson
5 has a UDAP at 824 St. Nicholas Avenue. Any
6 discussion now? Council Member Dickens' district,
7 also a UDAP. There are several of them. 20095236
8 HAM is the Land Use number. Any discussion? Call
9 the roll.

10 WILLIAM MARTIN: William Martin,
11 Committee Clerk. Roll call on Committee on Land
12 Use. Council Member Katz?

13 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Aye on all.

14 WILLIAM MARTIN: Rivera?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye
16 on all.

17 WILLIAM MARTIN: Avella?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER AVELLA: Aye on all.

19 WILLIAM MARTIN: Barron?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

21 WILLIAM MARTIN: Comrie?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye on all.

23 WILLIAM MARTIN: Jackson?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: I vote aye
25 on all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Liu?

COUNCIL MEMBER LIU: Yes.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Martinez?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ: Aye on
all.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Seabrook?

COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye on
all.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Gonzalez?

COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on
all.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Arroyo?

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Dickens?

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye on
all.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Garodnick?

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Lappin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Mendez?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye on all.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Ignizio?

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: If I may

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2 be temporarily excused to explain my vote. I
3 wanted to once again point out, as I did in the
4 subcommittee, the great work of Inez Dickens on
5 the areas in Harlem which were on today's agenda.
6 I know she worked tirelessly. She's a good friend
7 and she's good to her community. Congratulations
8 to her.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Thank you.

10 WILLIAM MARTIN: Oddo?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

12 WILLIAM MARTIN: Gioia?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER GIOIA: Yes.

14 WILLIAM MARTIN: Felder?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: May I be
16 excused to explain my vote please?

17 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Everyone please,
18 if we could just have a little order. It'll only
19 be a few more minutes. It's a short meeting.
20 Council Member Felder?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: I just want
22 to echo the comments made by my colleague, Council
23 Member Ignizio. It's an honor and a privilege and
24 it's humbling to be able to sit at the same table
25 with Council Member Dickens and the wonderful work

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2 that she's done in her area on this zoning issue.
3 Excuse me; I'm in the middle of complimenting you.
4 That's it. Forget it. I vote yes.

5 WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote of 19 in
6 the affirmative, zero in the negative, and no
7 abstentions, all items have been adopted. Members
8 please sign the committee reports. Thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: We're going to
10 leave the committee vote open for ten minutes. I
11 thank you. Remember, tomorrow 9:45, Landmarks and
12 10:00 Land Use.

13 WILLIAM MARTIN: Council Member
14 Sears?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: Aye on all.

16 WILLIAM MARTIN: Final vote on the
17 Committee on Land use now stands at 20 in the
18 affirmative, zero in the negative and no
19 abstentions. Thank you.
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Donna Hintze 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 *Donna Hintze*

Date February 2, 2009