

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

LAND USE SUBCOMMITTEE ON LANDMARKS, PUBLIC SITING &
MARITIME USES

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January 28, 2009
Start: 11:18 am
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HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
JESSICA S. LAPPIN
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Charles Barron
Leroy G. Comrie Jr.
John C. Liu
Miguel Martinez
Maria del Carmen Arroyo
Rosie Mendez
James S. Oddo
Melinda R. Katz
Daniel R. Garodnick
Vincent Ignizio
Helen Sears
Tony Avella
Melissa Mark-Viverito

CHAIRPERSON LAPPIN: Good morning. Welcome to the Land Use Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Siting and Maritime Uses. I'm Jessica Lappin, the chair. We're joined today by Council Member Miguel Martinez of Manhattan, Council Member John Liu of Queens, Council Member Charles Barron of Brooklyn, Councilwoman Maria del Carmen Arroyo from the Bronx, Council Member Leroy Comrie of Queens from the committee. We are also joined by Council Members Dan Garodnick, Vincent Ignizio, Helen Sears, Tony Avella and Melissa Mark-Viverito and our chair of the Land Use Committee, Melinda Katz. There are three items on the agenda today that we will be voting on. I wanted to start by discussing the briefly the Randall's Island Connector, which is jointly in Councilwoman Melissa Mark-Viverito and Councilwoman Maria del Carmen Arroyo's districts. They have been working diligently with the Parks Department over the last few days in relation to this item. I wanted to give Councilwoman Arroyo the opportunity to discuss this before we vote.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Thank you, Madame Chair. Although it seems like a very

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2 simple project, we wanted to make sure that we
3 took the opportunity to ensure that we would be
4 able to provide safe access to the water from both
5 Randall's Island and the South Bronx side of the
6 Kill. There are many people who were involved in
7 the process: our community groups, Friends of
8 Brook Park, Harry Bubbins and the folks that
9 testified at the committee hearing this week, the
10 invaluable support of my colleague Council Member
11 Mark-Viverito, the folks at EDC Parks Department,
12 Patrick Whaley from the mayor's office and our
13 incredible Land Use staff, Alonzo Carr, who has
14 spent a great deal more time than he cared to on
15 this issue. I think we've gotten a very
16 commitment to identify a site or sites on both
17 sides of the Kill that will enable community
18 access to the water safely and that will provide
19 opportunities for learning for our constituency.
20 I want to thank you for your support, the chair's
21 support of the full committee. I encourage and
22 ask my colleagues to vote yes on this.

23 CHAIRPERSON LAPPIN: The Bronx
24 Greenway is an exciting plan to provide greater
25 access to the waterfront for a community

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2 desperately in need. It's wonderful that you are
3 trying to expand the plan and give the community
4 ever greater access. I'm not going to read into
5 the record, but just wanted to note that there is a
6 letter from the Parks Department that will be
7 entered into the record, signed by Josh Laird that
8 discusses some of these issues. I would like to
9 ask for Christian Hylton to call for a vote on
10 this item and all the items on the agenda and
11 certainly recommend a favorable vote. And give
12 Councilman Oddo the opportunity to vote first.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: I apologize.
14 I'm in the meeting with the deputy mayor.

15 CHRISTIAN HYLTON: Council Member
16 Oddo?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: I vote aye on
18 all with the exception of Preconsidered LU20095215
19 on which I vote no. Yes, the meeting is about
20 Charles Barron.

21 CHRISTIAN HYLTON: Chairman Lappin?

22 CHAIRPERSON LAPPIN: Aye on all.

23 CHRISTIAN HYLTON: Council Member
24 Barron?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: No on the

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Far Rockaway item and aye on all the rest.

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CHRISTIAN HYLTON: Council Member

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Comrie?

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: No on

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CHRISTIAN HYLTON: Council Member

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Liu?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LIU: Yes on all.

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CHRISTIAN HYLTON: Council Member

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Martinez?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ: Aye on

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CHRISTIAN HYLTON: Council Member

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Arroyo?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye on all.

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CHRISTIAN HYLTON: By a vote of six

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in the affirmative, one in the negative,

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Preconsidered LU20095215 is approved. By a vote

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of five in the affirmative, two in the negative,

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LU957 is approved. By a vote of seven in the

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affirmative, none in the negative, LU958 is

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approved. All items are approved and referred to

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the full Land Use Committee.

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CHAIRPERSON LAPPIN: Thank you very

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2 much. This meeting is adjourned. The vote will
3 held open only until the beginning of the full
4 Land Use Committee.

5 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Council Member
6 Mendez is on the subcommittee. How do you vote on
7 the subcommittee vote?

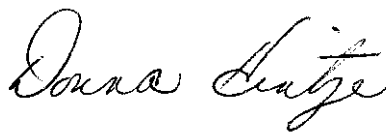
8 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: I vote aye
9 on all.

10 CHAIRPERSON LAPPIN: Thank you.
11 Meeting of the subcommittee is closed.

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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.



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Date February 9, 2009