

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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February 10, 2009
Start: 10:00 am
Recess: 10:12 am

HELD AT: Committee Room
City Hall

B E F O R E:
LEROY G. COMRIE JR.
Acting Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Joel Rivera
Tony Avella
Charles Barron
Simcha Felder
Eric N. Gioia
Robert Jackson
John C. Liu
Larry B. Seabrook
Helen Sears
Albert Vann
Sara M. Gonzalez
Annabel Palma

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 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: I'd like to
3 call to order the Land Use Committee meeting for
4 February 10th, 2009. I'm acting chair, Council
5 Member Leroy Comrie. Today we have on the Land
6 Use calendar a Preconsidered LU20095261SCM,
7 Manhattan Community Board 5, Speaker Quinn's
8 district, 560 seat primary school. Preconsidered
9 LU070137 and LU090105 are related. It's Phipps
10 Houses in Council Member Mendez's District. To
11 facilitate the construction of two residential
12 buildings along the north side of East 125th
13 Street and also Preconsidered LU on Phipps Houses,
14 N090105ZRM. And another related matter with the
15 zoning to fix the issues around Phipps Houses.
16 Then we have in Council Member Robert Jackson's
17 district, LU976 over graph apartments, 65
18 residential units under HUD support of housing for
19 the elderly N090144HAM. Then we have LU894, LU895
20 and LU896. LU894 and LU895 are asset sales n
21 Council Member Vann and Council Member Eugene's
22 districts. LU896 is a letter to withdraw from
23 Council Member White's district. Then we have
24 Preconsidered 20095298HAM, 94 Hestos Street, it's
25 a till project in Council Member Gerson's

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2 district. Lastly on the calendar, we have
3 Preconsidered 20095293HAX in Council Member
4 Foster's district, cornerstone program property.
5 I want to thank Christian Hylton for his making
6 sure I move the calendar properly and with the
7 proper legalese. Would anyone like to speak on
8 any of the items on today's calendar? Council
9 Member Jackson?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you,
11 Mr. Acting Chair. Let me just say, concerning the
12 building in my district, this is going to be low
13 income affordable senior housing. I'm just so
14 supportive of that. We had some issues or
15 concerns that leaders in our district had raised
16 about asbestos removal and rodents. But we had a
17 meeting where we hopefully addressed that. I will
18 be following up today to make sure everything is
19 in line. But I've said all along that this
20 project is so massive scale, I mean we're talking
21 about low income affordable housing for seniors
22 that nothing can in the way from these units being
23 built. So the issues and concerns have been
24 appropriately addressed by HCCI, the president and
25 CEO and HPD. I will be following up today to make

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2 sure everything is in line to go forward for
3 tomorrow. Thank you. I support it 110%.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Thank you.
5 Any other speakers on today's calendar items?
6 They're on the paper that you were given by staff.
7 They are on your official docket. I should have
8 brought my glasses this morning. All right,
9 Council Member Arroyo. With that, I'll ask the
10 clerk to call the roll.

11 WILLIAM MARTIN: William Martin,
12 committee clerk, roll call on the Committee on
13 Land Use. Council Member Avella?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER AVELLA: Aye.

15 WILLIAM MARTIN: Comrie?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye on all.

17 WILLIAM MARTIN: Jackson?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: I vote aye
19 on all.

20 WILLIAM MARTIN: Liu?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LIU: Yes.

22 WILLIAM MARTIN: Seabrook?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye on
24 all.

25 WILLIAM MARTIN: Sears?

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Vann?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Gonzalez?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Palma?

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COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Arroyo?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Yes.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Dickens?

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS:

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Congratulations to my colleague, Council Member

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Jackson on securing affordable 202 housing for our

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seniors during these very down economic times. I

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vote aye on all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Garodnick?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Lappin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Mendez?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Ignizio? Oddo?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Felder?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Yes.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote of 16 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no abstentions, all items have been adopted. Members please sign the committee reports. Thank you.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: I just want to remind members that there will be a Land Use Committee meeting tomorrow at 8 o'clock. All members should be here. Just kidding. We'll hold the roll open for 15 minutes for those people that are on their way and they have communicated to the acting chair that they were on their way. With that, I would thank all of you and remind all of you to sign the committee reports. Council Member Ignizio is here.

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes, thank you. I'd like to vote aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: The vote on the Committee on Land Use now currently stands at 17 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no abstentions. Council Member Rivera?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye on all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Vote now currently

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2 stands at 18 in the affirmative. Council Member
3 Gioia?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER GIOIA: Thank you.
5 I vote yes.

6 WILLIAM MARTIN: Final vote on the
7 Committee on Land Use is now 19 in the
8 affirmative, zero in the negative and zero
9 abstentions.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Land Use
11 Committee of February 10, 2009 is hereby
12 adjourned. The Land Use Committee of February 10,
13 2009, which was adjourned, is reopened at 11:08
14 a.m. We'll hereby hear from Council Member
15 Charles Barron. How do you vote on all items?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye
17 on all items.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Thank you.

19 WILLIAM MARTIN: The final vote on
20 the Committee on Land Use now stands at 20 in the
21 affirmative, zero in the negative and no
22 abstentions. Committee on Land Use, Council
23 Member Vann?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye on all.

25 WILLIAM MARTIN: Revised roll call

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: This

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meeting is now adjourned.

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_____

Date February 19, 2009_____