

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON PARKS & RECREATION

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June 9, 2009  
Start: 11:52am  
Recess: 12:15pm

HELD AT: Committee Room  
City Hall

B E F O R E: HELEN D. FOSTER  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
Letitia James  
Alan J. Gerson

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2 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Good morning.  
3 We're still at morning. We haven't hit afternoon  
4 yet. I'm Council Member Helen Diane Foster, Chair  
5 of the Parks & Recreation Committee. We've been  
6 joined by Council Member Helen Sears from Queens,  
7 Council Member Letitia James from Brooklyn.

8 We will be voting on Intro 927-A.  
9 This legislation would cause a fine for causing  
10 damage to, or removing, a tree within a Special  
11 Natural Area District; no less than \$750 for each  
12 tree damaged or removed. I will have the clerk  
13 start calling the roll in one minute. And, we've  
14 been joined by Alan Gerson from Manhattan. I will  
15 have the clerk call the roll.

16 MALE VOICE: Foster.

17 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Yes.

18 MALE VOICE: Gerson.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GERSON: May I be  
20 excused to, at length--

21 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Oh, boy.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GERSON: It's been a  
23 long day. I vote yes and thanking my colleagues  
24 and my Chair for your indulgence due to a vote  
25 scheduled across the street at the same time,

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2 which just concluded. I vote aye. And, I love  
3 Letitia James' hat.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: [Off mic]

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GERSON: Yeah.

6 MALE VOICE: Sears.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER GERSON: They're  
8 holding it open.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: Aye.

10 MALE VOICE: James.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Aye.

12 MALE VOICE: Crowley.

13 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: If we can hold  
14 the record open until 12:15? Is that okay for you  
15 guys?

16 MALE VOICE: Yes.

17 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Thank you.

18 MALE VOICE: Vote stands at four in  
19 the affirmative, no negative, no abstentions.

20 Motion carries.

21 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Thank you.

22 MALE VOICE: Committee on Parks &  
23 Recreation is now closed. It is 12:15 p.m. Thank  
24 you.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, DeeDee E. Tataseo 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 DeeDee E. Tataseo

Date July 22, 2009