

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

-----X

TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

-----X

August 19, 2009
Start: XX:XXam/pm
Recess: XX:XXam/pm

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
JOEL RIVERA
Chairperson

- COUNCIL MEMBERS:
- Maria del Carmen Arroyo
 - Charles Barron
 - Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
 - Elizabeth Crowley
 - Simcha Felder
 - Daniel R. Garodnick
 - Eric N. Gioia
 - Sara M. Gonzalez
 - Vincent Ignizio
 - Melinda R. Katz
 - Jessica Lappin
 - John C. Liu
 - Domenic Recchia
 - Joel Rivera
 - Larry B. Seabrook
 - Helen Sears
 - Albert Vann

1
2 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: We're still in
3 the morning time, good morning, ladies and
4 gentlemen, my name is Joel Rivera, I'm the Acting
5 Chair of the Land Use Committee, just for today,
6 just in case no one received the memo. [laughter]
7 We have a very short agenda for today. There is
8 actually no testimony going forward. So at this
9 point in time, I'll recommend an aye vote on all
10 items on today's agenda. And I'll ask the clerk
11 to please call the roll.

12 COUNSEL: Chair Rivera. Christian
13 Hilton, Counsel to Committee. Chair Rivera.

14 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: I vote aye.

15 COUNSEL: Council Member Avella.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER AVELLA: Aye. Now,
17 you can do your speech.

18 COUNSEL: Council Member Barron.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote no
20 on LU number 1182. [laughter] And aye on all the
21 rest.

22 COUNSEL: Council Member Comrie.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye on all.
24 Just want to wish the Chair happy birthday, that's
25 why she's not here today. So, in absentia, happy

1

2

birthday to Chairwoman Melinda Katz.

3

COUNSEL: Council Member Felder.

4

COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: I'm not--

5

MALE VOICE: Oh, Tony, Tony.

6

[background noise]

7

MALE VOICE: He said aye. He

8

voted.

9

COUNSEL: Council Member Gioia.

10

COUNCIL MEMBER GIOIA: Yes.

11

COUNSEL: Council Member Seabrook.

12

COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: I vote on

13

all.

14

COUNSEL: Council Member Vann.

15

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye on all.

16

COUNSEL: Council Member Gonzalez.

17

COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on

18

all.

19

COUNSEL: Council Member Arroyo.

20

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Yes.

21

COUNSEL: Council Member Garodnick.

22

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

23

COUNSEL: Council Member Lappin.

24

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

25

COUNSEL: Council Member Crowley.

1
2 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye on
3 all.

4 COUNSEL: Council Member Ignizio.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

6 COUNSEL: Council Member Liu.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LIU: Yes.

8 COUNSEL: Council Member Felder.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: May I be
10 excused to make a comment, Mr. Chairman?

11 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: By all means.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Thank you.
13 I vote yes on all. I just want to reiterate
14 something that we brought up at the, at Chair
15 Avella's Zoning meeting, about testimony that's
16 given at meetings in general. And I think that
17 this is something that applies to all the
18 committee meetings. About testimony that somebody
19 brings and reads, that's not their own testimony,
20 if there's something that can be done. If
21 somebody comes in to testify, and wants to have
22 something to say on their own, that gives us the
23 opportunity to ask questions. When somebody comes
24 in and reads somebody else's testimony, in essence
25 it's a waste of time, because testimony can be put

1
2 into the record, but we can't ask any questions
3 because somebody's reading somebody else's
4 testimony. It just doesn't make sense that we do
5 that. And if we can take that up, whether in the
6 committees themselves, or as a general rule, I
7 think that would be helpful. Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you.

9 COUNSEL: By a vote of 15 in the
10 affirmative, none in the negative, preconsidered
11 LU 2010/5035, LU 1172, 1173, 1174, 1175, 1778,
12 1181, 1182, 1092, 1110, and preconsidered LU
13 2010/5032 are approved. 1184 and 1885 are filed
14 pursuant to motion to withdraw. And 1183 is
15 disapproved, except approved 1182 is approved by a
16 vote of 14 in the affirmative and one in the
17 negative.

18 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: And we're
19 going to keep the vote open for a few moments, to
20 allow for other members to come to the Committee.
21 [pause] Alright, at this point in time, we're
22 just going to go into--ready? Yeah? [background
23 noise] Okay.

24 MALE VOICE: No idea.

25 [pause]

1
2 COUNSEL: Final vote remains the
3 same: 15 in the affirmative, on preconsidered LU
4 2010/5035, LU 1172, 1173, 1174, 1175, 1178, 1181,
5 1092, 1110, and preconsidered LU 2010/5032, 15 in
6 the affirmative, none in the negative; 1182 is 14
7 in the affirmative, and one in the negative; and
8 disapproved 1183, and 1184 and 1185--1183
9 disapproved, and 1184 and 1185 withdrawn and
10 motion filed pursuant to withdrawal--that vote is
11 15 in the affirmative, none in the negative.

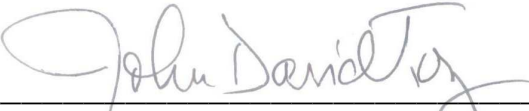
12 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: With that
13 being said, this meeting is now adjourned.

14 [gavel]

15

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, JOHN DAVID TONG 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 September 9, 2009