CITY COUNCIL CITY OF NEW YORK -----X TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES of the SUBCOMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DISPOSITIONS & CONCESSIONS -----X July 28, 2009 Start: 10:19 am Recess: 10:24 am Council Chambers HELD AT: City Hall BEFORE: DANIEL R. GARODNICK Chairperson COUNCIL MEMBERS: Council Member Tony Avella Council Member Inez Dickens Council Member Sara M. Gonzalez Council Member Vincent Ignizio

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A P P E A R A N C E S [CONTINUED]

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1	SUBCOMMITTEE ON PLANNING DISPOSITIONS & 3 CONCESSIONS
2	CHAIRPERSON GARODNICK: Good
3	morning everyone. Welcome to a continuation of
4	the recessed meeting of Planning, Dispositions and
5	Concessions, a Subcommittee of the Land Use
6	Committee of the New York City Council. Today's
7	date is July 28 th . My name is Dan Garodnick and I
8	have the privilege of chairing this Subcommittee.
9	I'm joined by Committee member Sara Gonzalez and
10	Vincent Ignizio. We're members of the
11	Subcommittee as well as Council Member Simcha
12	Felder and Maria del Carmen Arroyo and we have one
13	item for the purposes of voting today. It has
14	already been heard by the Subcommittee at our
15	recessed meeting yesterday.
16	This is Land Use Number 1147, the
17	College Point Corporate Park, Queens Community
18	Board 7, C090-320PPQ. This is an application
19	submitted by DCAS pursuant to 197C of the City
20	Charter for the disposition of 9 City owned
21	properties in the College Point Corporate Park.
22	And we are joined also by Council Member Tony
23	Avella who is the Chair of the Zoning
24	Subcommittee.
25	And I'm pleased to report that

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2	Planning did in fact pull it out before Zoning
3	today and it's what we all expected. And in any
4	event we're going to give Chairman Avella a moment
5	to speak on the subject of College Point.
6	COUNCIL MEMBER AVELLA: Thank you
7	Mr. Chair. Yes you did beat us. [Laughing].
8	First of all I want to thank the Chair for having
9	the public hearing yesterday and for allowing me
10	to speak before the Subcommittee. I'd actually
11	like the Subcommittee to vote down this
12	application. There is one property within the
13	application that I actually do support but
14	unfortunately it's been combined with a number of
15	businesses that are being relocated from the
16	Willets Point area.
17	The College Point Corporate Park
18	which is situated between College Point and Malba,
19	Whitestone, and Mitchell Linden is 550 acres that
20	has been developed by the City over the last 30
21	years. And the quality of life for those
22	communities has deteriorated greatly because of
23	the development of the corporate park. How much
24	more can these neighborhoods take? And I find it
25	particularly offensive that Mike Bloomberg calls

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2	these businesses blighted when they were in
3	Willets Point but somehow magically they're okay
4	to put in another neighborhood.
5	I would ask the Committee to vote
6	against them. In my opinion there's been not
7	enough discussion with myself and EDC about
8	traffic improvements for the development of the
9	corporate park. Remember that this community did
10	the right thing by the City of New York and the
11	Borough of Queens by agreeing to take the waste
12	transfer station as part of the waste management
13	study that has been put forth by the City which is
14	only a couple of blocks away from these
15	businesses. We now have the proposal to put in
16	the Police Academy in this area which could house
17	as many as 5,000 people. How much more can this
18	community assimilate? I would ask that the
19	Committee vote no. Thank you.
20	CHAIRPERSON GARODNICK: Thank you
21	Council Member Avella. Seeing no other members
22	wishing to make comments, I will just note that we
23	want to ensure that the EDC makes all of the
24	commitments that itlives up to all of the
25	commitments that it has made to the Community

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2	Board relative to the former Flushing Airport and
3	the public recreational space that goes along with
4	it. And we're relying on that in casting our
5	votes today. And certainly we hope that they will
6	continue to work and know that they will continue
7	to work with Council Member Avella on the subjects
8	that he is still raising relative to traffic and
9	other items in that community.
10	But with that the Chair is going to
11	recommend an aye vote on this item and I will ask
12	the counsel to call the roll.
13	MS. CAROL SHINE: Carol Shine,
14	counsel to the Subcommittee. Chair Garodnick.
15	CHAIRPERSON GARODNICK: I vote aye.
16	MS. SHINE: Council Member
17	Gonzalez.
18	COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye.
19	MS. SHINE: Council Member Ignizio.
20	COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.
21	MS. SHINE: By a vote of 3 in the
22	affirmative, none in the negative and no
23	abstentions, the aforementioned item is approved
24	and referred to the full Committee.
25	CHAIRPERSON GARODNICK: Thank you

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2	very much. And we are going to keep the vote open
3	until the Zoning Subcommittee commences. And
4	after that time we will be adjourned. Thank you
5	everybody.
6	[Gavel banging]
7	[END 1002]
8	[START 1003]
9	MS. SHINE: Council Member Dickens.
10	COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: I vote
11	aye.
12	MS. SHINE: The vote stands at 4 in
13	the affirmative, none in the negative and no
14	abstentions.
15	[END RECORDING]
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I, Laura L. Springate 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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Signature ____<u>Laura L. Springate</u>____

Date _____ August 15, 2009

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