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COMMITTEE ON PARKS AND RECREATION

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B E F O R E:
HELEN D. FOSTER
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Council Member Gale A. Brewer
Council Member Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Council Member Elizabeth Crowley
Council Member Darlene Mealy
Council Member Helen Sears

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

Theresa Scavo
Chairperson
Community Board 15

Vivian Singer
Daughter
Rabbi Joseph I. Singer

James Knight
Eldest Brother
Janice Knight

Eileen Lumis Swerdlich
Aunt
Janice Knight

Great-niece of Janice Knight

Darlene Mealy
Speaking on Janice Marie Knight
New York City Council Member

Sean Crowley
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Jay Hays
Chairman of the Board
Manhattan Beach Jewish Center

Gale A. Brewer
Speaking on Power Memorial
New York City Council Member

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MR. JERRY STAFFIERI: December 10th,
year 2009, the Committee on Parks and Recreation.
Recorded by Jerry Staffieri.

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SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet please.

CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Good morning.

This is the--ouch, this is the Committee on Parks
and Recreation. We will be hearing Intro 1103
which is the Street Co-naming. We have quite a
few hearings going on so other members of the
Committee will be coming in. Our first panel will
consist of Theresa Scavo and Vivian Singer. If
you can please just go to the chair and before you
start your testimony, make sure you say your name
and title for the record, thank you.

[Pause]

MS. THERESA SCAVO: Good morning
members of the New York City Council. I am
Theresa Scavo, Chairperson of Community Board 15
in Brooklyn. It is an honor to be here today to
speak on behalf of a woman who devoted her life to
making our community a better place to live, taken

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2 too early on December 10th, 2008, one year ago
3 today, Sheila Nelson, a wife, a mother, a sister,
4 an educator, a community activist, an animal
5 lover, and a friend to all.

6 Sheila was a special education
7 teacher, a Dean at Boody [phonetic] Junior High
8 School, a teacher trainer, the Director of the
9 Gifted Program in District 21, and Coordinator of
10 the Sigma Program and the Director of the Family
11 College at Kingsboro. She devoted over 34 years,
12 educating the youth in our community while helping
13 secure our future generations. Sheila was also
14 involved in many organizations such as Hadassah
15 and the National Council of Jewish Women.

16 Sheila received many awards. She
17 was named Woman of the Year in 2002 by the Highway
18 Democratic Club and in 2003 by the Brighton
19 Neighborhood Association. Sheila was a dynamo.
20 She fought for what she believed. She fought for
21 seniors and the infirmed. She also fought a long
22 battle with cancer, beating the odds for six
23 years. As a member of Community Board 15, she was
24 an advocate at all times for the underdog. She
25 was outspoken and worked diligently even when she

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2 was fighting to stay alive.

3 She was headstrong and determined
4 in all of her efforts. She could move mountains
5 and would always go the extra mile. In October of
6 2009, Community Board 15 voted unanimously in
7 support of a street rename for this unsung hero of
8 our community. Sheila Nelson, a woman of beauty,
9 warmth and sensitivity. Thank you.

10 MS. VIVIAN SINGER: Hi. I'm Vivian
11 Singer. I'm the daughter of the late Rabbi Doctor
12 Joseph I. Singer who was the Rabbi in Manhattan
13 Beach Jewish Center from 1947 until his death on
14 March 5th, 2'04. I am most honored and humbled to
15 be here at the same time because it is a great
16 honor that even though my father was very humble
17 and modest, would probably be very--feel very
18 worthy to accept, since he loved his community in
19 Manhattan Beach.

20 When he came to Manhattan Beach in
21 1947, the community is a 17-block community on a
22 peninsula. There was a small synagogue, Manhattan
23 Beach Jewish Center, which I believe now is
24 celebrating its 85th or 87th year. After a fire
25 that destroyed the original building in the 50s,

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2 my father spearheaded a drive that resulted in the
3 magnificent center which you're all, I invite you
4 to see and tour as well as our community, a 3-
5 building edifice which houses the most beautiful
6 sanctuary probably in the City as well as the
7 catering hall which services the Tri-State area.

8 In addition to the synagogue there
9 is a 7-center which houses a Sunday School, a
10 Yeshiva, all the way to a Senior Center, funded by
11 the City, which continues up until today and a day
12 camp and many activities. While my father
13 believed that the Rabbi was a calling, he had
14 given up most of his salary during the building,
15 having been raised in California during the
16 Depression he was sent at the bar mitzvah age, 13,
17 to New York, to Yeshiva Y'ts Coch El Hanon
18 [phonetic] which later became YAU where he
19 obtained his high school, college, his ordination,
20 schema [p] and later he received a Doctor of
21 Divinity from Dropsy College.

22 Not only was he a Rabbi from
23 Manhattan Beach but he was interested in the
24 community. There were friendships of three and
25 four generations that continued through up until

1 his death and continue with me. Although
2 Manhattan Beach was an affluent area he also was
3 concerned about Brighton Beach where in those
4 years there were not very wealthy or there were
5 marginal financial indigent people living.
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7 Often, and I learned this from
8 early on, the acts of Hassic [p] kindness, he
9 would arrange services for people not taking
10 money, and when someone died and couldn't afford
11 burial he would take his own money as well as
12 raise money. I recently found an IOU from a
13 teacher that borrowed money from him that was not
14 repaid. His acts of kindness which he did quietly
15 go on even now. I was told that a janitor of the
16 synagogue, when he came from Creole speaking, did
17 not know English, and I heard this story last year
18 at his Yertsai [p], my father gave him money and
19 said go enroll in English classes at Kingsboro.
20 He never took any credit for that.

21 He was involved in Kingsboro
22 College where he taught philosophy. He was on the
23 Board of Menorah Home. He retired at age 79 to
24 devote the editing of the monumental works of my
25 maternal grandfather which was a scholarly

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2 biblical work. My father also was an author,
3 wonderful orator, which even until today I still
4 miss the way he could get up and just with dignity
5 which he personified deliver a speech.

6 My father was also concerned about
7 Manhattan Beach because during the 80s, I believe,
8 early, it must have been 70s, late 70s or
9 whatever, early 70s, 'cause when you get older you
10 forget dates, Mayor Beam came to the house because
11 my father behind the scenes was concerned about
12 something going on with the actual beach part of
13 Manhattan Beach and the area was resolved.

14 He also reached out to help
15 Russians. I was present one night when Bella
16 Olman came crying with the Oceanfront Council that
17 they need her son to get out of Russia. My father
18 placed a call to someone who had been raised in
19 Manhattan Beach who was legal counsel for Ted
20 Kennedy, next day, Ted Kennedy's office called my
21 father and the man was released several months
22 later. My father never looked for thank yous or
23 any honors.

24 When he retired at age 79
25 unfortunately he ended up going on dialysis and he

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2 lived about 7 years. He continued to show the
3 same grace and even when I had to wheel him, he
4 loved Manhattan Beach. And when the community
5 Board honored him, when he retired, I remember his
6 words, I don't have to go anywhere to Florida
7 because I have everything. He continued to go to
8 the beach in summer at Kingsboro when he could not
9 he stopped. And I continued to wheel him to
10 synagogue and I continued to wheel him on the bay.

11 He loved everybody in the
12 community. And I, having only been raised in the
13 shore used to ask him who are these people and
14 he'd tell me who they are. It didn't matter
15 whether they were from his shul, whether they were
16 religious, whatever. If someone called on him for
17 a favor, he complied. His workday started at 5:00
18 o'clock to go to the first minyan [p] the service
19 and ended at 10:00 o'clock.

20 His work ethic of honesty, not
21 looking for praise, working hard, has carried over
22 to me because I've been at Brookdale since I got
23 my Master's and several years ago the hospital
24 appointed me a senior social worker. He is
25 continued to be missed in the community and I

1 think to name the street in the beginning of
2 Manhattan Beach where his beloved synagogue stands
3 is a tribute and an honor and I thank you.
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5 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Thank you
6 very much. Our next panel will be Eileen Limus
7 Swerlich. Thank you. And James Knight.

8 [Pause]

9 MR. JAMES KNIGHT: Good morning
10 Councilmen. Good morning and hello. My name is
11 James Knight. I'm the eldest brother of Janice
12 Knight. Janice passed away in December 30th, 2007
13 due to breast cancer. Janice focused her energy
14 on making sure that the children of Public 235
15 received quality education. Janice knew firsthand
16 what a quality education means because she,
17 herself, was a student at Public School 235 when
18 our family moved into the community in the mid-
19 1960s.

20 In New York City, Janice began her
21 career in 1979 as an early childhood educate or
22 Starette City Learning Center. And in 1982 to
23 1988 she was a teacher for gifted prekindergarten
24 children at PS 235. At the District Office she
25 worked as an early childhood screening coordinator

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2 for Community School Board District 18. She
3 became an Assistant Principal in 1995 and later a
4 Principal of Public School 235 in May, 1999.

5 My sister was an active member of
6 the Columbia University Writing Project where she
7 served as a facilitator and liaison for her
8 school. She actively pursued opportunities at the
9 district and community level to assure that the
10 young people become well grounded in literacy.

11 In 2004 she was nominated and
12 received a prestigious Kahn Fellowship for
13 Distinguished New York City Principals. Janice
14 was, excuse me, I feel that the legacy that was
15 defined by my sister for her tenacity, for her
16 excellence to provide opportunities for the
17 students at 235 is an example for the community.
18 And I would like to express my appreciate for
19 those who have supported the renaming of the
20 street sign in front of 235, an honor, and I would
21 like to say it will be a well remembered memory in
22 regards to my sister. Thank you.

23 MS. EILEEN LIMUS SWERDLICH: Good
24 morning Council Members, audience. My name is
25 Eileen Limus Swerdlich [p]. I am a product of New

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2 York City school systems. I currently reside in
3 Stamford, Connecticut and I have just retired as
4 the Assistant Superintendent of the Stamford
5 Public Schools. I'm here in support of our entire
6 community.

7 My deceased niece, my nephew who
8 I'm so proud of and my niece who has--my great-
9 niece who has joined us today to make an appeal, a
10 reasonable appeal, to honor the work and the
11 legacy of my niece, Janice Marie Knight. She
12 unremittingly worked for what we all seek in this
13 nation now, equity for all of our children,
14 resiliency for all of our children, so that this
15 nation may remain strong and heal through
16 education in some of the ways we have recently
17 been hurt and in some ways bleeding.

18 Janice Knight as I know her was my
19 mentee. And so it is a very personal thing for me
20 to come today to share some of the inner workings
21 of this very diligent focused individual. My
22 nephew, others in the community, can go on and on
23 and I think you have on record the awards she's
24 received, the recognition she has received.

25 And I guess the best that I can do

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2 today is fill in some of the flesh of that work.
3 And to share a little bit about the work of her
4 living and the courage of her dying.

5 Janice Knight died on December 30th,
6 2007. Her last day at work was just before the
7 normal Thanksgiving break. Her dedication and
8 stamina and vision carried her through until the
9 very end. She was there, present, through all of
10 her chemotherapy, through every day, she did not
11 miss school.

12 She went for her health session and
13 the next day was back in school. Why? The family
14 asked why. Because the children must succeed, was
15 always her answer. Her way of being, I guess, can
16 best be expressed by a poem that I have always
17 kept close to my heart and my work by Guillermo
18 Appolinaire [p]. And it simply says go to the
19 edge, he said. They said, we are afraid. Go to
20 the edge. They said but we are afraid. Go to the
21 edge. They went to the edge. He pushed them and
22 they flew.

23 The poem embodies the way she made
24 children and parents go to the edge to become a
25 unified community of learning. And the product of

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2 that urging and pushing is now in doctors,
3 lawyers, journalists, family people who are
4 productive, health care workers who Janice, in
5 creating a community of learning, has enabled
6 people to stand and be productive citizens.

7 I can honestly say it's humbling
8 for me to be here today to be a part of the
9 democratic process. I feel so proud. And I want
10 to say that whatever your decision, whether you
11 decide to name this street or rename it, Janice M.
12 Knight, or whether you decide to rename it
13 something else, may I suggest that in honor of her
14 and her work, if it's not her name, let it be
15 Literacy Way, Literacy Way, as way of remembering
16 the fight that we still have in this country to
17 pay down the debt of equity and to hold up people
18 who gave all of themselves to increase opportunity
19 for young people, for families, for our nation,
20 when we think globally. I thank you for the
21 opportunity to speak and I also thank you for the
22 service that you give to the City.

23 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Thank you
24 very much. We've been joined by Council Member
25 Comrie and Council Member Mealy from Brooklyn.

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Would you like to say something?

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I want to thank you Chair and good morning everyone. And I want to--I would love to say thank you for being here, the family. I asked them to come 'cause this is important. Our youth in that community need to see that literacy is something that Ms. Knight was I mean adamant about. I read so many things about her and I said wow.

That's what we need in our community. We need people who care. People through it all, she was sick and she still did. And that's where you say it takes a village to raise a child, she did that. And she exemplifies what it's about to be an educator.

And I just want to thank the family for being here and I hope this Committee will honor her and our community to rename this street, Janice Marie Knight. I would love way, but, it's street. So I hope that this Committee can do that at their convenience on this day or another day. And I want to thank the family for coming. You didn't have to. We could have voted on it and went on.

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2 But you knew it was important to be
3 here to let people know who she was and what she
4 stood for and what she lived for. That's the main
5 thing. She lived for youth, to educate, to help,
6 to mold a community.

7 And she did that as a principal and
8 I know Marty Markowitz our Borough President he
9 made sure that I say that, to let you know, that
10 he wants this name, this street renamed just as
11 well. And his office is doing everything they
12 could to hope that this can be a reality, that the
13 family would know that we appreciate her. And
14 thank you Chair.

15 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Thank you.
16 Just the process, we're not voting it out today so
17 it's only testimony. But thank you very much for
18 showing up.

19 MS. SWERDLICH: All right. Thank
20 you Ms. Foster.

21 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Our next
22 panel is Andrew Pisani, did I say that closely
23 right? And Sean Crowley.

24 [Pause]

25 MR. SEAN CROWLEY: Thank you Madam

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2 Chair. I just wanted to first start off by
3 thanking Gale Brewer and her staff and all the
4 work that they've done in supporting our proposal
5 to have West 61st Street--

6 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: (Interposing)
7 I'm sorry, I know who you are Sean but we need you
8 to introduce yourself--

9 MR. CROWLEY: (Interposing) Oh I'm
10 sorry.

11 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: --for the
12 record.

13 MR. CROWLEY: Sean Crowley, Forrest
14 Hills, New York. And I'm with Chick Pisani, we're
15 on the--Chick is the President, I'll let him
16 introduce himself.

17 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Yep.

18 MR. CROWLEY: But we're on the
19 Board of the Power Memorial Alumni Association,
20 having been graduates of that fine institution
21 that was closed for some time now and like I said,
22 Gale, Councilwoman Brewer and her staff did a
23 tremendous job in supporting us as did the
24 Community Board in realizing that the legacy of
25 Power Memorial is something that needs to be

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2 recognized by the--is worthy of recognition by the
3 City of New York in this street naming change.
4 With that I'll give it over to Chick.

5 MR. ANDREW PISANI: Good morning.
6 My name is Andrew Pisani, and I live in Union
7 City, correction, I'm a Police Sergeant in Union
8 City, New Jersey. And I commuted to New York City
9 every day for high school and into college and
10 attended Power Memorial. And the history of our
11 school is very well engrained in the history of
12 Hell's Kitchen on 61st Street.

13 The school started in 1931, moved
14 to the location on 61st Street in 1938.
15 Unfortunately the school closed in 1985. And
16 throughout those years the school produced a
17 tremendous amount of viable, contributing citizens
18 throughout the City of New York and now throughout
19 the country. We have alumni who live as far as
20 London at this point. We're all over the world
21 basically.

22 Many famous celebrities have gone
23 to Power Memorial such as Kareem Abdul Jabbar,
24 Lenny Elmore, the actor Bruno Kirby. And we would
25 like our legacy to really live on because our

1 philosophy was that we've taken something
2 wonderful from Power, from that education, and our
3 philosophy is to give back.

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5 And what we have now instituted are
6 two scholarship programs to the Irish Christian
7 Brothers Schools, one is at Rice and one is at
8 Wall Hollows. We are also in the process of
9 starting a third scholarship program and we want
10 to continue into a fourth and fifth, as many as we
11 can to show our appreciation to pay back to the
12 City of New York and, you know, to the Irish
13 Christian Brothers community.

14 And the philosophy was that you
15 entered Power as a 14-year old boy, a freshman.
16 You graduated a responsible 17 or 18-year old man.
17 And went on to do things and to always look
18 forward to giving back and to helping others. And
19 basically that's still our philosophy today. And
20 our alumni association now is about 2,000 strong.

21 And we meet three times a year in
22 the City at various events that we have all
23 throughout the year. And we feel that naming 61st
24 Street and Amsterdam Avenue, that little dead-end
25 street where we walked hundreds and hundreds of

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2 times would be a wonderful tribute to our school,
3 to our alma mater, and not only that but we found
4 that a lot of our alumni when they come into the
5 City, it's like a magnet.

6 We always go up that street. I
7 know every time I come into the City I always show
8 someone, this is where I went to school, right
9 here on this corner. And if we were to see that
10 name on the street, I'm sure it would be more of
11 an incentive for our alumni to contribute more
12 into our scholarship fund which would then, you
13 know, help the worthy kids of New York. Thank
14 you.

15 MR. BREWER: So in spite of the
16 fact that we've been closed since 1985 we maintain
17 a very active alumni association, giving back, as
18 Chicky said, to students at Rice High School and
19 All Hallows High School and others. We plan to.
20 We have been very involved in the St. Patrick's
21 Day Parade representing about close to 200 folks,
22 winning awards as one of the top marchers in the
23 parade.

24 We take pride in that because we
25 take pride in our power, what Power stood for.

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2 It's very important I think that the Power story
3 be told because it was a place where you came from
4 anywhere in the City and where diversity was
5 nourished and appreciated and the spirit of
6 brotherhood is something that unfortunately was
7 lost with that. But we keep it going in the
8 alumni association.

9 And we have a great group of fine
10 men. And one of them, notably, other than my
11 brother who did go there, Congressman Joe Crowley,
12 is the former speaker of the City Council, Peter
13 Vallone went to Power. So we like to know that
14 our men were active in the religious life and the
15 political life and the athletic life and the
16 entertainment field.

17 And they are the backbone of many
18 of our institutions, predominantly the Police
19 Department, Fire Department. Those names of
20 people who go on and maintain and keep our City as
21 strong as it is. So I thank you for having us and
22 appreciate it. We support this legislation and.

23 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Thank you
24 very much. Thank you for taking the time out to
25 come testify. Our last panelist is Jay Hays; I

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think that is supposed to be. Is it?

MR. JAY HAYS: That's correct.

CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Okay. Please just come to the mic, introduce yourself for the record and then you can start your testimony.

MR. HAYS: My name is Jay Hays; I'm the Chairman of the Board of the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center. It's a synagogue where Rabbi Doctor Joseph I. Singer was the Rabbi for a period of 50 years. First of all I want to thank the Community Board number 15, especially Theresa Scavo for supporting this application and also the community group of Manhattan Beach, led by Iris Salterman [p] and of course City Councilman Michael Nelson.

Rabbi Singer was a member of the faculty of Yeshiva University and Stern College, earned both his ordination as a Rabbi and a PhD in Philosophy and History. He not only was a theoretical scholar but he was a man who possessed a genuine understanding of the social climate and religious needs of his contemporary generation. However he sacrificed his academic career to devote his full time to nurturing his community of

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2 Manhattan Beach in the southernmost part of
3 Brooklyn.

4 He knew each member of his
5 congregation and he knew their capabilities and
6 what they could contribute to the synagogue. Some
7 were more religious than others however he would
8 nurture all facets of his members' personality and
9 see how he could make a positive contribution to
10 the synagogue. Of course one of Rabbi Singer's
11 significant achievements was leading the
12 congregation in the campaign to build a beautiful
13 sanctuary and not only that but a contiguous
14 community center building. Because Rabbi Singer
15 felt that a synagogue is not only a place for
16 prayer but also should be the center of social,
17 education and cultural life of the community
18 itself.

19 Amongst the things that Rabbi
20 Singer had achieved, quickly, was that the
21 Manhattan Beach Jewish Center had a summer camp of
22 over 700 children, had a young couples club. It
23 was an active and broad-based sisterhood. It had
24 a health club in conjunction with a gymnasium for
25 the community; had a fund-raising bazaar, had a

1 school for disabled children as well as a Yeshiva.

2 Just to give you an idea of his
3 dedication during the last few years of his life,
4 he was on dialysis for three times a week;
5 nevertheless Friday night he would give his
6 special lesson. And I would come home on a Friday
7 night after a full week of work and I was
8 exhausted. I'd say I don't know, I don't think I
9 can make it tonight. And then I would picture
10 Rabbi Singer, 85 years old, again on dialysis 3
11 times a week, I said if he can do it, I can do it.
12 And up until the last weeks of his life he gave
13 that Friday night lecture.

14 He was a people's Rabbi and
15 Manhattan Beach community itself was greatly
16 enriched by his career. And although as a
17 religious corporation we didn't get involved in
18 politics, the Mayors at that time, including
19 Abraham Beam would make his, would you say, a
20 customary stop at the Manhattan Beach Jewish
21 Center to see Rabbi Singer. And I just want to
22 mention that his wife, rather his--well his wife,
23 Rebecca, who was his lifetime partner,
24 unfortunately prematurely died in the early 1980s.

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2 She was his lifetime partner. And the slack was
3 taken up by his daughter Vivian who until the end
4 was an extremely devoted daughter and would wheel
5 Rabbi Singer to his class on those Friday nights
6 that I mentioned. Thank you very much.

7 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Thank you.

8 We've been joined by Council Member Brewer. Yeah.
9 But you have time to say something. Of course.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Anyway I'm
11 just here. I'm Gale Brewer, representing the West
12 Side of Manhattan. And one of the ways that is
13 being considered today thanks to the Chair and
14 others is Power Memorial. I'm sure you've heard
15 from some of their wonderful graduates. It's a
16 place that has many, many memories for people.
17 And the fact of the matter is it is a place where
18 athletics and academics was always in tandem. And
19 I am really excited to know that the many, many
20 graduates who are--have fond memories of their
21 school.

22 We've gotten hundreds of emails
23 from as far away as Hong Kong this morning,
24 graduates who feel sad they can't be here but to
25 say that they will go back to this location and

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2 remember the great academic and athletic education
3 they had at Power Memorial. So I'm delighted it
4 went through the Community Board 7. Nobody could
5 believe that it actually happened. And now we're
6 delighted to have it go through the City Council.
7 Thank you very much.

8 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Thank you.

9 And when Sean Crowley spoke, they thanked--he
10 thanked you for your efforts. And I want to thank
11 everyone for coming out today and sharing with
12 this Committee and eventually the City the legacy
13 of a sister and a niece and a father and a Rabbi
14 and a community activist and a wife and of course
15 an institution.

16 Once it is voted out of Committee,
17 it is the type of thing that once we vote on it,
18 others that, you know, didn't even know Power
19 Memorial was once there or didn't know the Rabbi
20 or Mrs. Nelson or Ms. Knight, will be able to look
21 up at a sign. So thank you very much for taking
22 the time out. And it will be voted out of
23 Committee not at this meeting. So thank you.
24 There being no more testimony this meeting is
25 adjourned.

2 [Gavel banging]

3 [END 1002.MP3]

4 [START 1003.MP3]

5 [Background noise]

6 COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: Helen Sears,
7 present.

8 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Do I have to
9 say reopen the meeting? You don't have to say--

10 [Pause]

11 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: You don't
12 hear it. Okay. Sorry. Better.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: Oh okay.
14 Fine. Okay. Okay.

15 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Oh wait--

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS:
17 (Interposing) Are we reopening it or just - - .
18 Okay Helen Sears, here.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Elizabeth
20 Crowley, here.

21 CHAIRPERSON FOSTER: Now I'll
22 close the meeting on Parks and Recreation.

23 [Gavel banging]

24 [END 1003.MP3]

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura L. Springate". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Signature _____Laura L. Springate_____

Date _____December 16, 2009_____