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Of the

SUBCOMMITTEE ON LANDMARKS, PUBLIC SITINGS AND  
DISPOSITIONS

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CHAIR

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Mark Treyger

A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

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2 (BELL)

3 MALE TECHNICIAN: Okay, Sergeants if you  
4 can begin your recording, PC recording is running.

5 FEMALE SERGEANT: Cloud is rolling.

6 MALE TECHNICIAN: Alright. Sergeant Lugo.

7 SERGEANT LUGO: Good afternoon everyone.

8 Welcome to today's remote New York City Council  
9 hearing of the Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public  
10 Siting and Dispositions. At this time would all  
11 panelists please turn on your video. To minimize  
12 disruption please place electronic devices to vibrate  
13 or silent. Thank you for your cooperation. Chair, we  
14 are ready to begin.

15 CHAIR KOO: (gavel) Good afternoon. I'm  
16 Council Member Peter Koo, Acting Chair of the  
17 Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Sitings and  
18 Dispositions. I'm joined remotely by today by Council  
19 Member Miller, Barron, and some coming soon. Today  
20 we will be voting on two items that we heard at our  
21 December 12th, December 2nd meeting. We will vote  
22 approve Preconsidered LU 703, the Landmarks  
23 Preservation Commission's Designation of Public  
24 School 48 now known as P75Q the Robert E. Peary  
25 School, S. S. Historic Landmark. The landmark site is

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2 located on the northwest corner of 151st Street and  
3 108 Avenue in the South Jamaica neighborhood of  
4 Queens represented by our former Chair Council Member  
5 Adrienne Adams. We will also vote to approve  
6 Preconsidered LU 704 an application submitted by the  
7 New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation  
8 Pursuant to Section 7385-6 of the HHC Enabling Act  
9 requesting approval for enter into a 99-year lease, a  
10 parcel of land on the campus of New York City Health  
11 and Hospitals Woodhull Campus to Comunilife,  
12 Incorporated for the development of an eight-story  
13 residential building to provide affordable housing  
14 and supportive housing. The supportive site is  
15 located in Brooklyn in the Council District  
16 represented by Council Member Cornegy. Both items  
17 have the support of local Council Members. Counsel,  
18 please call the roll.

19 LEGAL COUNSEL: Council Member Koo.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I vote aye.

21 LEGAL COUNSEL: Council Member Barron.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Permission to  
23 explain my vote.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Yes, please.  
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you. As  
3 this the Committee on Landmarks, and we're often  
4 times offering information about the architectural  
5 structure designs a uniqueness, I want to just  
6 highlight that regarding LU 703. There is a  
7 significant architectural design on the exterior of  
8 the building, which is commonly known as a cartouche  
9 is a hyroglass, and hieroglyphic symbol, and it's an  
10 oval with a horizontal line at the bottom and it  
11 encloses text or other pictures in the cartouche  
12 outlines, and the cartouche is framed there, and the  
13 cartouche was actually a name that was essentially  
14 the symbol. From the Egyptian history it was known as  
15 a sanu, but the French soldiers that came over called  
16 it a cartouche because that was a word that they used  
17 for the materials that held the ammunition, and it  
18 looked like that to them, the shape of that. So, I  
19 just wanted to put that on the record. It also is  
20 important to put them to the context, particularly  
21 historical context as we're talking about landmarks  
22 and with that, I vote aye on all on all. Thank you.  
23 (bell)

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Thank you. Council  
25 Member Barron.

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LEGAL COUNSEL: Council Member Barron.

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LEGAL COUNSEL: Council Member Miller.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Just as an

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important clarification, which HHC Campus would that

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be located on?

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LEGAL COUNSEL: That's the Woodhull

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Campus.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Woodhull, right.

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Okay, thank you. I vote aye on all.

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LEGAL COUNSEL: Council Member Treyger.

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COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: I vote aye.

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LEGAL COUNSEL: By a vote of 4 in the

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affirmative, zero in the negative and zero

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abstentions, LUs 703 and 704 are recommended for

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approval to the Full Land Use Committee, and the vote

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it held open. (pause)

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COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Who else are we

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waiting for, Jeff? Do you know? I can't hear you.

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JEFF: We're just going to wait about

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another minute to see if...

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Council member...

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COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: ...Council

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Member Levin. Alright?

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2 JEFF: Is he on the Committee?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER: Is he on the committee?

4 JEFF: Now he is.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER: Oh, he is. Okay. I  
6 didn't get that. Okay, now I have it. Okay, thank  
7 you.

8 JEFF: He's the newest addition so we  
9 haven't heard from him yet.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Maybe he...did he  
11 know? Maybe he didn't know.

12 SERGEANT PEREZ: This is Chief Sergeant  
13 Rafael Perez. If I may, Council Member Levin is  
14 currently chairing the Committee on General Welfare  
15 and he's in the middle of asking questions right now.

16 LEGAL COUNSEL: So, I guess if he is not  
17 available that he could close the vote.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: We can close?

19 LEGAL COUNSEL: If he is not available,  
20 then yes. I think we can.

21 SERGEANT PEREZ: He just arrived it looks  
22 like. He's coming in now.

23 LEGAL COUNSEL: Oh? Oh, good. Excellent.  
24 Council Member Levin are you there?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Yes, I am.

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2 LEGAL COUNSEL: On LUs 703 and 704, how do  
3 you vote?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: I vote aye on all.

5 LEGAL COUNSEL: thank you. With 5 in the  
6 affirmative, Zero in the negative and with zero  
7 abstentions LUs 703 and 704 are recommended to the  
8 full Land Use Committee for approval.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you very  
10 much.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Thank you.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you. Thank  
13 you, Chair.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Thank you. Thank  
15 you. That concludes today's business. I would like  
16 to thank my colleagues Subcommittee Counsel, Land Use  
17 staff and the sergeants-at-arms for participating in  
18 today's meeting. This meeting is hereby adjourned.

19 (gavel)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



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