

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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February 11, 2010
Start: 10:29 am
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HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
LEROY G. COMRIE, JR.
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Daniel R. Garodnick
Charles Barron
Inez E. Dickens
Joel Rivera
Mark Weprin
Sara M. Gonzalez
Peter F. Vallone, Jr.
Annabel Palma
Maria del Carmen Arroyo
Peter Koo
Daniel J. Halloran
Diana Reyna
Brad Lander

A P P E A R A N C E S

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Jumaane D. Williams

Robert Jackson

Vincent Ignizio

Stephen Levin

Jessica S. Lappin

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2 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Good morning,
3 I'm Leroy Comrie, Chair of the Land Use Committee.
4 I am joined by members of the committee, Council
5 Member Dan Garodnick from Manhattan, Council
6 Member Inez Dickens from Manhattan, Majority
7 Leader Joel Rivera from Queens, Council Member
8 Mark Weprin from Queens, Council Member Sara
9 Gonzalez. We are joined also in-house by Council
10 Member Peter Vallone. Sara Gonzalez is from
11 Brooklyn [off mic].

12 [Off mic]

13 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Everybody's
14 from Queens this [off mic].

15 [Laughter]

16 MALE VOICE: Queens is in the--

17 [Pause]

18 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: I'm sorry,
19 Council Member Annabel Palma and Maria del Carmen
20 Arroyo from the Bronx, Council Member Charles
21 Barron from Brooklyn, Council Member Jimmy Koo and
22 Dan Halloran from Queens, Council Member Brad
23 Lander from Brooklyn, Council Member Jumaane
24 Williams from Brooklyn, Council Member Robert
25 Jackson from Manhattan, and Council Member Vinnie

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2 Ignizio from Staten Island.

3 MALE VOICE: Stephen.

4 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Steve is it?

5 Oh, sorry, I'm sorry, Steve Levin is also here
6 from Brooklyn.

7 Today we have a brief calendar, we
8 only have five items on the agenda. I just want
9 to note for the record that I got a lot of calls
10 and e-mails from parents today in Queens that are
11 upset that their children had to try to attend
12 school in this weather. Digging out of the side
13 streets in Queens has been ridiculous, I hope they
14 do not put any tickets on any businesses or any
15 individual homeowners at all today for cleaning
16 the streets because it's still very difficult to
17 move around.

18 With that, I want to thank the
19 Subcommittees for getting today's agenda prepped
20 and we will start with the first item which is a
21 landmark historic district, LU number 18 in
22 Council Member Eugene's district, Brooklyn
23 Community Board 9, Ocean on the Park Historic
24 District. The file number is 20105201HKK.

25 The next is a sidewalk café, Land

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2 Use item number 27 in Speaker Quinn's district,
3 Manhattan Community Board 4 known as the Thai
4 Encore, item number 20105099TCM.

5 There are two UDAPs, Land Use
6 numbers 22 and 24. One is in Council Member
7 Rose's district, Land Use item 22, the file number
8 is 20105272HAR, it's actually four addresses: 14
9 Hill Street, 35 Susan Court, 37 Susan Court, 36A
10 Thelma Court, and 15A Thelma Court in Staten
11 Island. And then the other Land Use item 24, file
12 number 20105274HAK are all Gates Avenue
13 properties: 562, 564, 566, 566A, 560A, and 562A.

14 And with that, that's the entire
15 agenda for the Land Use calendar for today. Does
16 anyone have any comments on any of the items on
17 today's Land Use calendar?

18 MALE VOICE: Should filibust, I
19 want a--

20 [Pause]

21 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: You want a
22 filibuster? You have two other committees that
23 want to meet, then have them people here.

24 Seeing no comments, then we will
25 move to a vote. I'd ask the Clerk to call the

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2 roll.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: William Martin,
Committee Clerk, roll call on the Committee on
Land Use. Council Member Comrie.

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CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Aye on all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Rivera.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye

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on all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Barron.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: I hope

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not.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Jackson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on

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all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Gonzalez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on

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all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Palma.

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COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye on all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Arroyo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Dickens.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye on

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all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Garodnick.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Lappin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Lander.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Levin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Weprin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Williams.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: May I be

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excused to explain my vote?

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CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Sorry,

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can't remember which one it is, I think it's the

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first one in Mathieu's district. I'm voting aye

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on all, but I just want to make clear that I think

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and hope the Landmarks Preservation Committee

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works with the owners to try to mitigate any

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damages there and any repairs and things that need

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to be done with the home, I hope they work with

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them. Aye on all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Ignizio.

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes, I

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vote aye on all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Halloran.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye on

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all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Koo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: [Pause].

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WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote of 17

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[pause]. Reyna.

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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye on all.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: [Off mic]

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usually turn mine off.

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[Pause]

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WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote of 18 in

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the affirmative, zero in the negative, no

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abstentions, all items have been adopted. Council

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Members, please sign the committee reports, thank

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you.

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CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: I want to

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remind members the next meeting is the 24th of

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February for the Subcommittees, and I also want to

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remind members that there are a lot of sidewalk

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café applications coming up in districts and a lot

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of UDAPs and ULURPs that need to be vetted. Your
clock is running out, please meet with the Land
Use staff and with HPD to get those done.

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With that, we can adjourn the
meeting and leave the roll open for--

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[Off mic]

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[Pause]

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CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Yeah, so we'll
leave the roll open until the next committee
meeting starts for anybody that's still stuck.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Tammy Wittman, 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 Tammy Wittman

Date February 18, 2010