

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6
LANDMARK/LAND USE COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 1, 2011**

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT:

J. ARMER
P. FLEMING
M. MURPHY
E. SHIPLEY
B. STOLTZ

P. BLAKE
G. KELLY
G. O'CONNELL
L. SONES
D. WILLIAMS

W. BLUM
R. LEVINE
R. RIGOLLI
R. SLOANE

EXCUSED:

S. BURZIO
S. MILLER
M. SHAMES

M. DEPALMA
T. MISKEL
E. SPICER

E. GOTTLIEB
A. REEVES

GUESTS:

R. CERVONE

C. J. HENDERSON

J. JOHNSON

***** MINUTES *****

Meeting called to order at 6:07 PM

Presentation and review of the Department of City Planning's (E) Designations Text Amendment (ULURP No. N120090ZRY), to update provisions related to the (E) Designation Program, remove duplicative zoning provisions and streamline the administration of the program.

Steve Lenard from the Department of City Planning explained the technical amendment/Zoning Text Amendment. The (E) designation relates to:

1. Hazardous material
2. Air quality
3. Noise

In rezoning context, some uses may make for problems in some areas. This could happen when a rezoning allows a use not allowed before. e.g. Manufacturing to residential – We must look at properties that could create these issues. If so, then we put an (E) designation on the property which would require remediation/investigation before any kind of redevelopment is allowed.

(E) Designation is part of the environmental review that precedes rezoning. The amendment would make certain changes to the existing program to streamline it and simplify it and add flexibility to administration, like:

1. Eliminate duplicative language
2. Allow changes in old requirements if new ones are equally protective (see handout for more details).

The Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation is now in charge of this; previously it was DEP. OER was only created 2 years ago.

Jerry Armer: By making change, this makes OER a part of zoning resolution and establishes it outside of the City Charter. This is a concern.

A motion was made by Jerry Armer and seconded by Lou Sones for conditional approval of change, subject to statutorily moving responsibility for the (E) Designation programs to DEP from OER.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on October 27, 2011 was made by Jerry Armer and seconded by Bill Blum.

MOTION APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY

Presentation and review of a Certificate of Appropriateness application submitted to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for rooftop alterations at 36 Montgomery Place (between 8th Avenue/Prospect Park West), Park Slope Historic District.

Rooftop alterations proposed resulting from a leak due to deteriorating tiles. Owner wants to use Bituminous covering rather than the original slate tiles. He said that tiles cannot be saved because they are too deteriorated, but if some could be saved, they would save it for future use.

A motion was made by Jerry Armer and seconded by Bill Blum to recommend approval to the Landmarks Preservation Commission, as presented. The committee requests that the owner keep any tiles that are removed for future use/remediation, if feasible.

MOTION APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY

Presentation and review of a proposed modification to the Landmarks Preservation Commission designation of the New York and Long Island Coignet Stone Company Building at 360-370 3rd Avenue aka 230 3rd Street, adjusting the size of the tax lot to create a 5-foot offset line from the building.

Presentation for Landmarks was made by Jerry Johnson of Whole Foods. The building was landmarked in 2006. Designation being changed to create a 5-foot offset line – Landmark designation not being changed.

A motion was made by Jerry Armer and seconded by Madelaine Murphy to recommend approval as presented.

MOTION APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY

A motion was made by Madelaine Murphy and seconded by Bill Blum to ask the Landmarks Preservation Commission to hold open the record.

MOTION APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY

Review and discussion of the Citywide Statement of Needs for Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014 which provides information on facilities the City intends to site, expand, replace or consolidate during the next two fiscal years. (A facility for Brooklyn Community District 6 has been identified in this statement, specifically, the construction of a new building at DEP's work site at 727 Hicks Street to consolidate its Water Shaft Maintenance and Bureau of Water Supply Operations personnel at one site.

The DEP proposes a feasibility study regarding Hicks Street/Hamilton Avenue to consider a new DEP building at the shaft to the water tunnel (ULURP).

Jerry Armer said that the DEP has been inconsistent in their promises and now they are seeking to build a building on land where they promised 2% for art and the building it proposed will be too large and will take up undesignated roadway.

A motion was made by Jerry Armer and seconded by Madelaine Murphy to not approve for the following reasons:

1. 10,000 square feet of roadway should not be taken away.
2. What about the 2% for art?
3. We need an explanation of status of park promised at Sackett Street and 4th Avenue.

The letter should also mention that CB6 Transportation Committee should be given the opportunity to review and to do that we need more details about the project.

The Columbia University planning student sought the Committee's input regarding the "Fix the Ditch" project at the BQE.

- Members stated a preference for no tall building.
- Light rail to Red Hook along the proposed deck.

Roy Sloane offered to give the student his group's latest set of proposals.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm

The minutes were taken by Bill Blum.