

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6**  
**LANDMARK/LAND USE COMMITTEE & TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**NOVEMBER 21, 2013**

**ATTENDANCE: LANDMARKS/LAND USE**

**PRESENT:**

J. ARMER	N. BERK-RAUCH	P. BLAKE
W. BLUM	P. FLEMING	Y. GIRELA
G. KELLY	A. KRASNOW	R. LEVINE
H. LINK	T. MISKEL	M. MURPHY
R. RIGOLLI	E. SHIPLEY	R. SLOANE
L. SONES	E. SPICER	B. STOLTZ
J. THOMPSON		

**EXCUSED:**

M. SHAMES

**ABSENT:**

A. REEVES

**ATTENDANCE: TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC SAFETY**

**PRESENT:**

D. ABRAHAM	E. ANDERSON	J. ARMER
W. BLUM	D. GORDON	E. GOTTLIEB
R. GRAHAM	S. LONIAL	D. MAZZUCA
E. MCCLURE	A. MCKNIGHT	T. MISKEL
G. REILLY	R. RIGOLLI	M. SILVERMAN
R. SLOANE	J. THOMPSON	

**EXCUSED:**

D. DECOSTANZO

**ABSENT:**

J. COHN	D. GIULIANO	G. O'CONNELL, JR.
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**GUESTS:**

C. ZINNEL – REP. FOR HON. BRAD LANDER, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER  
L. WHELOCK – REP. FOR HON. JAMES BRENNAN, STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBER  
J. LEVIN – REP. FOR HON. OAN MILLMAN, STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBER

**\*\*\*MINUTES\*\*\***

The meeting was called to order by Landmarks Chair Robert Levine.

**PUBLIC HEARING on 505-525 6<sup>th</sup> Street (BSA Cal. No. 289-13-BZ).**

**Discussion and formulation of a recommendation on an application (BSA Cal. No. 289-13-BZ) submitted to the Board of Standards and Appeals on behalf of New York Methodist Hospital for a variance pursuant to Section 72-21 of the Zoning Resolution to permit construction of a new ambulatory care facility (Center for Community Health) on the campus of New York Methodist Hospital at 473-541 6<sup>th</sup> Street, 502-522 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 480-496 & 542-548 5<sup>th</sup> Street, and 249-267 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue aka 505-525 6<sup>th</sup> Street (Block 1084, Lots 25, 26, 28,39-44,46,48,50-59,164,1001, and 1002).**

Q: Can you delay/withdraw the variance?

A. Hospital is ready to move forward though the hospital is open to listen to dialogue from the community.

Q. Why can you propose building over a garage in “as of right” when you claimed you wouldn’t for the variance?

Q. Re. Amount of parking spots and projected needs and do you have a plan to get employees to use mass transit?

Q. Why is there no information regarding hospital programmatic needs?

A. Info was provided and they will provide more info as per any requests from the board. Argument is that we are looking for larger floor plates and closeness to the hospital rather than just need.

Under Section 72-21, the applicant must meet all of the 5 points for a variance to be granted. In this case only 4 points needed to be met (since NYM is a non-profit institution).

Motion was made by Jerry Armer and seconded by Glenn Kelly. That Brooklyn CB6 disapprove of the New York Methodist Hospital's Center for Community Health application since the proposed building would alter the essential character of the neighborhood and is not the minimum that could be requested. Further, that NYM work with the Park Slope residents, the area's elected officials and the Community Board to amend the variance request in such a way that would reduce the bulk in the R6B and R7B portions much closer to compliance with the zoning limitations, if not fully into compliance.

**VOTE: 11.....YEAS 1.....NAYS 0.....ABSTENTIONS  
MOTION APPROVED**

The minutes were submitted by Robert Levine.