CITY PLANNING COMMISSION DISPOSITION SHEET

PUBLIC MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013
10:00 A.M. SPECTOR HALL
22 READE STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10007

Yvette V. Gruel, Calendar Officer 22 Reade Street, Room 2E New York, New York 10007-1216

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COMPREHENSIVE CITY PLANNING CALENDAR

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The City of New York

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013

MEETING AT 10:00 A.M. AT SPECTOR HALL
22 READE STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK



Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor
City of New York

[No. 21]

Prepared by Yvette V. Gruel, Calendar Officer

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CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

GENERAL RULES OF PROCEDURE AS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

- 1. A quorum shall consist of seven members.
- 2. Final action by the Commission shall be by the affirmative vote of not less than seven members.
- 3. Except by unanimous consent, matters upon which public hearing are required by law shall lie over until the next meeting following the public hearing.
- 4. Matters not on the calendar may be considered by unanimous consent.

NOTE - Matters scheduled for public hearing by the City Planning Commission usually appear in three calendars: in Section I, (Scheduling Dates for Future Public Hearings), in Section II, (Reports), and in Section III, (Public Hearings). Matters scheduled for public hearing by Community Boards appear in a separate calendar available in the Calendar Information Office.

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The regular public meetings of the Commission shall be held twice monthly on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in Spector Hall, 22 Reade Street, Manhattan, unless otherwise ordered.

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Community Board Public Hearing Notices are available in the Calendar Information Office, Room 2E, 22 Reade Street, New York, N.Y. 10007

The next regular public meeting of the City Planning Commission is scheduled for December 4, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

GENERAL INFORMATION

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Signing up to speak: Anyone wishing to speak on any of the items listed under "Public Hearing" in this Calendar, is requested to fill out a speaker's slip supplied at the staff desk outside the hearing chambers on the day of the hearing. Speakers on each item will be called in the order these slips are submitted, with the exception that public officials will be allowed to speak first. If a large number of people wish to speak on a particular item, statements will be taken alternating every 30 minutes between those speaking in support of the proposal and those speaking in opposition.

Length of Testimony: In order to give others an opportunity to speak, all speakers are asked to limit their remarks to three minutes.

Written Comments: If you intend to submit a written statement and/or other documents please submit 20 sets of each.

Anyone wishing to present facts or to inform the Commission of their view on an item in this calendar, but who cannot or does not wish to speak at the public hearing, may fill out the form below and return it to the desk outside the hearing chambers or mail their written comments to:

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION Calendar Information Office - Room 2E 22 Reade Street, New York, N.Y. 10007

(Extra copies of this form may be obtained in the Calendar Information Office at the above address.)

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NOVEMBER 20, 2013

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF the Regular Meeting of November 6, 2013

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THE FOLLOWING MATTERS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2013
STARTING AT 10:00 A. M. AT SPECTOR HALL
22 READE STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

No. 1

PONTON AVENUE CITY MAP AMENDMENT

CD 11 C 110342 MMX

IN THE MATTER OF an application submitted by Gerald Messuri pursuant to Sections 197-c and 199 of the New York City Charter and Section 5-430 *et seq.* of the New York City Administrative Code for an amendment to the City Map involving:

- the elimination, discontinuance and closing of Ponton Avenue between Blondell Avenue and Waters Avenue; and
- the adjustment of grades necessitated thereby;

including authorization for any acquisition or disposition of real property related thereto, in accordance with Map No. 13132 dated February 6, 2012 and signed by the Borough President.

Resolution for adoption scheduling December 4, 2013 for a public hearing.

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

No. 2

BERGEN SARATOGA APARTMENTS

CD 16 C 140115 HAK

IN THE MATTER OF an application submitted by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD):

- 1) pursuant to Article 16 of the General Municipal Law of New York State for:
 - a) the designation of properties located at 317/335 Saratoga Avenue and 1943/1963 Bergen Street (Block 1447, Lots 1,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,73,74, 75,76 and 77) as an Urban Development Action Area; and
 - b) an Urban Development Action Area Project for such area; and
- 2) pursuant to Section 197-c of the New York City Charter for the disposition of such property to a developer to be selected by HPD;

to facilitate the development of a five-story building with approximately 80 residential units of affordable and supportive housing.

Resolution for adoption scheduling December 4, 2013 for a public hearing.

BOROUGH OF QUEENS

Nos. 3 & 4

NORTH CONDUIT AVENUE REZONING

No. 3

CD 12 C 070194 ZMQ

IN THE MATTER OF an application submitted by Tserpes Holding LLC pursuant to Sections 197-c and 201 of the New York City Charter for an amendment of the Zoning map, Section No. 18d:

- 1. changing from an R3-2 District to a C4-2 District property bounded by 135th Avenue, 142nd Street, North Conduit Avenue, and a line 105 feet westerly of 142nd Street; and
- 2. changing from an R3A District to a C4-2 District property bounded by a line 40 feet northerly of North Conduit Avenue (straight line portion), a line 105 feet westerly of 142nd Street, North Conduit Avenue*, and 140th Street;

as shown on a diagram (for illustrative purposes only), dated August 19, 2013, and subject to the conditions of CEOR Declaration E-319.

*Note: a portion of North Conduit Avenue is proposed to be demapped under a concurrent related application (C 090033 MMQ).

Resolution for adoption scheduling December 4, 2013 for a public hearing.

No. 4

CD 12 C 090033 MMQ

IN THE MATTER OF an application submitted by Tserpes Holding LLC pursuant to Sections 197-c and 199 of the New York City Charter and Section 5-430 *et seq.* of the New York City Administrative Code for an amendment to the City Map involving:

- the elimination, discontinuance and closing of a portion of North Conduit Avenue;
- the extinguishment of an easement north of North Conduit Avenue between 140th and 142nd streets;
- the adjustment of grades necessitated thereby;

including authorization for any acquisition or disposition of real property related thereto, in accordance with Map No. 5005 dated January 22, 2009 and signed by the Borough President.

Resolution for adoption scheduling December 4, 2013 for a public hearing.

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II. REPORTS

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

Nos. 5 & 6

FULTON HOUSES

No. 5

CD 4 C 140001 ZMM

IN THE MATTER OF an application submitted by the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development pursuant to Sections 197-c and 201 of the New York City Charter for the amendment of the Zoning Map, Section No. 8b, changing from an R8A District to an R8 District property bounded by a line midway between West 19th Street and West 18th Street, a line 400 feet westerly of Ninth Avenue, West 18th Street, and a line 450 feet westerly of Ninth Avenue, as shown on a diagram (for illustrative purposes only) dated July 8, 2013.

(On October 9, 2013, Cal. No. 1, the Commission scheduled October 23, 2013 for a public hearing. On October 23, 2013, Cal. No. 14, the hearing was closed.)

For consideration.

No. 6

CD 4 N 140002 ZAM

IN THE MATTER OF an application submitted by the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development and 18th Street Fulton Equities LLC for the grant of an authorization pursuant to Section 23-635 of the Zoning Resolution to modify the height and setback requirements of Section 23-632 (Front setbacks in districts where front yards are not required) and rear setback requirements of Section 23-663 (Required rear setbacks for tall buildings in other districts) in connection with a proposed 18-story predominantly residential building, on property located at 429-433 West 18th Street (Block 716, Lot 17), in R8* and R8/C2-5 Districts.

*Note: A portion of the site is proposed to be rezoned from an R8A District to an R8 District under a concurrent related application (C 140001 ZMM) for a change in the Zoning Map.

Plans for this proposal are on file with the City Planning Commission and may be seen in Room 3N, 22 Reade Street, New York, N.Y. 10007.

For consideration.

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

No. 7

LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY

CD 2 C 130040 MMK

IN THE MATTER OF an application submitted by Long Island University pursuant to Sections 197-c and 199 of the New York City Charter and Section 5-430 *et seq.* of the New York City Administrative Code for an amendment to the City Map involving:

- the narrowing by elimination, discontinuance and closing of Willoughby Street between Fleet Place and Ashland Place;
- the narrowing by elimination, discontinuance and closing of Ashland Place between Willoughby Street and DeKalb Avenue;
- the elimination of Public Place between Willoughby Street, Fleet Street, and Fleet Place;
- the delineation of public access easements in Willoughby Street and Ashland Place;
- the adjustment of grades necessitated thereby;

including authorization for any acquisition or disposition of real property related thereto, in accordance with Map Nos. X-2737 and X-2738 dated June 26, 2013 and signed by the Borough President.

(On October 9, 2013, Cal. No. 2, the Commission scheduled October 23, 2013 for a public hearing. On October 23, 2013, Cal. No. 15, the hearing was closed.)

For consideration.

BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND

No. 8

40 MURRAY STREET

CD 3 N 140104 RCR

IN THE MATTER OF an application submitted by Murray Page LLC for the grant of certification pursuant to Section 107-08 of the Zoning Resolution, for the subdivision of two existing zoning lots at 40 Murray Street (Block 8008, Existing Lots 71 & 74) into two new zoning lots within the Special South Richmond Development District.

For consideration.

No. 9

GURVITCH-RICHMONDTOWN RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

CD 2 N 130141 ZAR

IN THE MATTER OF an application submitted by Island Realty Associates, LLC for grant of authorizations pursuant to Sections 105-421, 105-422 and 105-425 of the Zoning Resolution to authorize modification of topographic features on a Tier I site, modification of steep slope and steep slope buffer and modification of botanic environments to facilitate development of a private road and 13 single-family residences on one zoning lot at Block 2260, Lots 3,4,8,10,24,26,28,30,36,60,62,64,66 and 68 within the Special Natural Area District (NA-1).

Plans for this proposal are on file with the City Planning Commission and may be seen at the Staten Island Office of the Department of City Planning, 130 Stuyvesant Place, 6th floor, Staten Island, New York, 10301.

(On November 6, 2013, Cal. No. 22, the item was laid over.)

For consideration.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

Nos. 10, 11, 12 & 13

300 LAFAYETTE STREET

No. 10

CD 2 C 140093 ZSM

PUBLIC HEARING:

IN THE MATTER OF an application submitted by Paco Lafayette, LLC pursuant to Sections 197-c and 201 of the New York City Charter for the grant of a special permit pursuant to Section 74-712(b)* to modify the height and setback requirements of Section 43-43 (Maximum Height of Front Wall and Required Front Setbacks) to facilitate the development of a 7-story commercial building on a zoning lot with street frontages on two wide streets and, as of December 15, 2003, has not more than 40% of its lot area occupied by existing buildings, located at 300 Lafayette Street (Block 510, Lots 38, 39, and 40), in an M1-5B District, within the SoHo Cast-Iron Historic District.

*Note: A zoning text amendment is proposed to modify Section 74-712 of the Zoning Resolution under a concurrent related application N 140092 ZRM.

Plans for this proposal are on file with the City Planning Commission and may be seen in Room 3N, 22 Reade Street, New York, N.Y. 10007.

(On November 6, 2013, Cal. No. 1, the Commission scheduled November 20, 2013 for a public hearing which has been duly advertised.)

Close the hearing.

No. 11

CD 2 C 140095 ZSM

PUBLIC HEARING:

IN THE MATTER OF an application submitted by Paco Lafayette, LLC pursuant to Sections 197-c and 201 of the New York City Charter for the grant of a special permit pursuant to Section 74-922 of the Zoning Resolution to allow large retail establishments (Use Group 6 and/or 10A uses) with no limitation on floor area per establishment on the cellar, ground floor, and second floor of a proposed 7-story commercial development, on property located at 300 Lafayette Street (Block 510, Lots 38, 39, and 40), in an M1-5B District, within the SoHo Cast-Iron Historic District.

Plans for this proposal are on file with the City Planning Commission and may be seen in Room 3N, 22 Reade Street, New York, N.Y. 10007.

(On November 6, 2013, Cal. No. 2, the Commission scheduled November 20, 2013 for a public hearing which has been duly advertised.)

Close the hearing.

No. 12

CD 2 C 140096 ZSM

PUBLIC HEARING:

IN THE MATTER OF an application submitted by Paco Lafayette, LLC pursuant to Sections 197-c and 201 of the New York City Charter for the grant of a special permit pursuant to Section 74-712(a)* of the Zoning Resolution to modify the use regulations of Section 42-14(D)(2)(b) to allow Use Group 6 uses (retail and office uses) below the floor level of the second story of a proposed 7-story commercial building on a zoning lot with street frontages on two wide streets and, as of December 15, 2003, has not more than 40% of its lot area occupied by existing buildings, located at 300 Lafayette Street (Block 510, Lots 38, 39, and 40), in an M1-5B District, within the SoHo Cast-Iron Historic District.

*Note: A zoning text amendment is proposed to modify Section 74-712 of the Zoning Resolution under a concurrent related application N 140092 ZRM.

Plans for this proposal are on file with the City Planning Commission and may be seen in Room 3N, 22 Reade Street, New York, N.Y. 10007.

(On November 6, 2013, Cal. No. 3, the Commission scheduled November 20, 2013 for a public hearing which has been duly advertised.)

Close the hearing.

No. 13

CD 2 N 140092 ZRM

PUBLIC HEARING:

IN THE MATTER OF an application submitted by Paco Lafayette LLC, pursuant to Section 201 of the New York City Charter, for an amendment of the Zoning Resolution of the City of New York, modifying Section 74-712, concerning a special permit for developments in historic districts in M1-5A and M1-5B districts.

Matter in underline is new, to be added;

Matter in strikeout is to be deleted:

Matter with # # is defined in Section 12-10;

* * indicates where unchanged text appears in the Zoning Resolution

74-712

Developments in Historic Districts

Within Historic Districts designated by the Landmarks Preservation Commission, the City Planning Commission may grant a special permit, in accordance with the following provisions:

- a) In M1-5A and M1-5B Districts, on a #zoning lot# that, as of December 15, 2003, is vacant, is #land with minor improvements#, or has not more than 20 percent of the #lot area# occupied by existing #buildings#, or has #street# frontages on two or more #wide streets# and not more than 40 percent of the #lot area# occupied by existing #buildings#, the Commission may modify #use# regulations to permit #residential development#, and, below the floor level of the second #story# of any #development#, #uses# permitted under Section 32-15 (Use Group 6), provided that:
 - (1) the #use# modifications shall meet the following conditions, that:
 - (i) that #residential development# complies with the requirements of Sections 23-47 (Minimum Required Rear Yards) and 23-86 (Minimum Distance

Between Legally Required Windows and Walls or Lot Lines) pertaining to R8 Districts;

- (ii) that total #floor area ratio# on the #zoning lot# shall be limited to 5.0;
- (iii) that the minimum #floor area# of each #dwelling unit# permitted by this Section shall be 1,200 square feet;
- (iv) that all #signs# for #residential# or #commercial uses# permitted by this Section shall conform to the applicable regulations of Section 32-60 (SIGN REGULATIONS) pertaining to C2 Districts; and
- (v) that eating and drinking establishments of any size, as set forth in Use Groups 6A and 12A, are not permitted; and
- (2) the Commission shall finds that such #use# modifications:
 - (i) have minimal adverse effects on the conforming #uses# in the surrounding area;
 - (ii) are compatible with the character of the surrounding area; and
 - (iii) for modifications that permit #residential use#, result in a #development# that is compatible with the scale of the surrounding area.
- b) In all districts, the Commission may modify #bulk# regulations, except #floor area ratio# regulations, for #development# on a #zoning lot# that is vacant or is #land with minor improvements#, and in M1-5A and M1-5B Districts, the Commission may make such modifications for #zoning lots# where not more than 20 percent of the #lot area# is occupied by existing #buildings# as of December 15, 2003, provided the Commission finds that such #bulk# modifications; comply with the findings set forth below.

In addition, in M1-5A and M1-5B Districts, the Commission may also modify #bulk# regulations, except #floor area ratio# regulations, for #development# on a #zoning lot# that has #street# frontages on two or more #wide streets# and that, as of December 15, 2003, has not more than 40 percent of the #lot area# occupied by existing #buildings#, provided the #development# contains no #residences# and the Commission finds that such #bulk# modifications:

(1) shall not adversely affect structures or #open space# in the vicinity in terms of scale, location and access to light and air; and

(2) relate harmoniously to #buildings# in the Historic District as evidenced by a Certificate of Appropriateness or other permit from the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

The City Planning Commission may prescribe appropriate additional conditions and safeguards in order to enhance the character of the #development# and to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area.

(On November 6, 2013, Cal. No. 4, the Commission scheduled November 20, 2013 for a public hearing which has been duly advertised.)

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CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013

MEETING AT 10:00 A.M.
IN SPECTOR HALL
22 READE STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK



Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor City of New York Prepared by Yvette V. Gruel, Calendar Officer

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I. PUBLIC HEARING

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No. 1

PROPOSED CEOR TYPE II RULE CHANGE

A proposed rule designating thirteen (13) actions as Type II, which will not require environmental review under City Environmental Quality Review

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the requirements of Section 1043 of the New York City Charter and pursuant to the authority vested in the City Planning Commission by Section 192(e) of the New York City Charter, the City Planning Commission proposes to add new rules to Section 5-05 of Chapter 5 of Title 62 of the Rules of the City of New York. These rules were not included in a regulatory agenda for fiscal year 2014 because the need for this rulemaking was not known at the time that regulatory agendas were published.

Statement of Basis and Purpose

Statutory Authority

These rules are promulgated pursuant to the authority of the City Planning Commission under Section 192(e) of the New York City Charter. Section 192(e) vests in the City Planning Commission the authority to establish by rule procedures for environmental reviews by the City where such reviews are required by law. The State granted the City the authority to promulgate these rules through New York State Department of Environmental Conservation regulations, found in Title 6 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (NYCRR). Subdivision (b) of Section 617.5 of Chapter 6 of Title 6 of the NYCRR authorizes agencies to adopt their own list of Type II actions to supplement the State list of Type II actions, which are found in Subdivision (c) of the same section.

Statement of Purpose

The proposed rules would exempt certain actions from the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) procedures. The proposed rules would also provide that some of the listed actions are exempt only if they meet one or more prerequisites.

Currently, the State Environmental Quality Review regulations and CEQR designate certain actions, which are likely to require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement, as

Type I. Section 617.5 of Title 6 of the NYCRR designates other actions, which have been determined not to have a significant adverse impact on the environment, and therefore are not subject to environmental review, as Type II.

Actions that are not designated as either Type I or Type II are referred to as "Unlisted." For Unlisted actions, an Environmental Assessment Statement (EAS) must be prepared. The lead agency must determine whether the action has the potential for significant adverse environmental impacts. If it is determined, based on the Environmental Assessment Statement, that the action does not have the potential to result in significant impacts, then a Negative Declaration is issued providing the reasons for this determination.

Previous EASs have consistently shown that certain types of Unlisted actions do not have the potential to result in significant adverse environmental impacts. For example, over the past five years, 31 EASs have been prepared in conjunction with special permits for radio and television towers pursuant to Section 73-30 of the Zoning Resolution of the City of New York. Radio and television towers were consistently found not to result in significant adverse environmental impacts, and negative declarations were issued for each of the 31 special permits.

However, because actions such as the special permit for radio and television towers remain Unlisted, an EAS must still be prepared and a Negative Declaration must be issued every time that these actions are taken. Continuing to conduct environmental review of such actions places an administrative burden on government agencies and private businesses, but provides no environmental protection since significant adverse environmental impacts are never predicted. The review of such actions, therefore, constitutes a waste of public and private resources.

The New York City Mayor's Office of Environmental Coordination, in consultation with the CEQR Task Force, has identified 13 Unlisted actions that lead agencies have determined do not have the potential to result in significant environmental impacts, based on the preparation and review of EASs in the past as well as on evaluation of the potentially significant environmental impacts associated with such actions.

The proposed rules would exempt these actions from environmental review under CEQR and simplify the environmental review process for applicants while freeing agency resources to focus on actions that may have the potential for significant adverse impacts on the environment.

The proposed rules also include prerequisites that certain types of projects must meet before they are exempted from the requirements. For example, the proposed rule would exempt certain actions that could involve the excavation of areas not previously excavated from environmental review only if they are located on a site that is not archeologically sensitive.

The Mayor's Office of Environmental Coordination estimates that the proposed rules will exempt approximately 184 projects from the environmental review requirements of CEQR over the next five years.

Summary of Provisions

The proposed rules would add two new subdivisions, subdivisions (c) and (d), to Section 5-05 of Chapter 5 of Title 62 of the Rules of the City of New York.

Subdivision (c) would list 13 types of actions that are not subject to environmental review under CEQR. Subdivision (d) would list certain prerequisites that the actions listed in subdivision (c) must meet in order to be exempt from environmental review.

Material to be deleted is enclosed in [brackets] and material to be added is underlined.

Section 5-05 of Chapter 5 of Title 62 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended by adding two new subdivisions (c) and (d) to read as follows:

- (c) *Type II*. The following actions are not subject to review under City Environmental Quality Review, the State Environmental Quality Review Act (Environmental Conservation Law, Article 8) or the SEQRA Regulations, subject to § 5-05(d) of these rules:
 - (1) <u>Special permits for physical culture or health establishments of up to 20,000 gross square</u> feet, pursuant to § 73-36 of the Zoning Resolution;
 - (2) <u>Special permits for radio and television towers, pursuant to § 73-30 of the Zoning</u> Resolution;
 - (3) Special permits for ambulatory diagnostic or treatment health care facilities, pursuant to § 73-125 of the Zoning Resolution;
 - (4) Special permits to allow a building or other structure to exceed the height regulations around airports, pursuant to § 73-66 of the Zoning Resolution;
 - (5) Special permits for the enlargement of buildings containing residential uses by up to 10 units, pursuant to § 73-621 of the Zoning Resolution;
 - (6) Special permits for eating and drinking establishments of up to 2,500 gross square feet with accessory drive-through facilities, pursuant to § 73-243 of the Zoning Resolution;
 - (7) Acquisition or disposition of real property by the City, not involving a change of use, a change in bulk, or ground disturbance;
 - (8) Construction or expansion of primary or accessory/appurtenant park structures or facilities involving less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area;
 - (9) <u>Park mapping</u>, site selection or acquisition of less than ten (10) acres of existing open space or natural areas;

- (10) <u>Authorizations for a limited increase in parking spaces for existing buildings without parking, pursuant to § 13-442 and § 16-341 of the Zoning Resolution;</u>
- (11) Special permits for accessory off-street parking facilities, which do not increase parking capacity by more than eighty-five (85) spaces or involve incremental ground disturbance, pursuant to § 16-351 of the Zoning Resolution;
- (12) Special permits for public parking garages and public parking lots, which do not increase parking capacity by more than eighty-five (85) spaces or involve incremental ground disturbance, pursuant to § 16-352 of the Zoning Resolution; and
- (13) Special permits for additional parking spaces, which do not increase parking capacity by more than eighty-five (85) spaces or involve incremental ground disturbance, pursuant to § 13-45 of the Zoning Resolution.

(d) Type II Prerequisites.

- (1) An action listed in § 5-05(c)(2)-(5), or (8) of these rules involving ground disturbance shall remain subject to environmental review, unless it is determined that any potentially significant hazardous materials impacts will be avoided.
- (2) An action listed in § 5-05(c)(2), (3), (5), or (8) of these rules involving excavation of an area that was not previously excavated shall remain subject to environmental review, unless it is determined that the project site is not archaeologically sensitive.
- (3) An action listed in § 5-05(c)(4) of these rules shall remain subject to environmental review, unless it is determined that any potentially significant noise impacts will be avoided.
- (4) An action listed in § 5-05(c)(2), (3), (5), or (8) of these rules involving the removal or alteration of significant natural resources shall remain subject to environmental review.
- (5) An action listed in § 5-05(c)(2), (4) or (5) of these rules shall remain subject to environmental review if the project site is:
 - (i) wholly or partially within any historic building, structure, facility, site or district that is calendared for consideration or eligible for designation as a New York City Landmark, Interior Landmark or Scenic Landmark;
 - (ii) substantially contiguous to any historic building, structure, facility, site or district that is designated, calendared for consideration or eligible for designation as a New York City Landmark, Interior Landmark or Scenic Landmark; or
 - (iii)wholly or partially within or substantially contiguous to any historic building, structure, facility, site or district, or archaeological or prehistoric site that is listed, proposed for listing or eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places or National Register of Historic Places.

(On October 21, 2013, the Mayor's Office of Environmental Coordination duly advertised November 20, 2013 for a public hearing.

Close the hearing.