

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

COMMITTEE ON PARKS, RECREATION

AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Remote location using Microsoft® Teams
Friday, December 1, 2023
1:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS, CHAIR
COUNCILWOMAN JAMIE GAUTHIER, VICE-CHAIR
COUNCILMAN JIM HARRITY
COUNCILMAN KENYATTA JOHNSON
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILMAN ISAIAH THOMAS

BILLS: 230837, 230838

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Good
3 afternoon. Before we begin the
4 public hearing, I will make the
5 following announcement: City
6 Council Committees are currently
7 meeting remotely. We are using
8 Microsoft Teams to make these
9 remote hearings possible.

10 Instructions for how the
11 public may view and offer public
12 testimony at public hearings of
13 Council Committees are included in
14 the public hearing notices that are
15 published in the Daily News,
16 Inquirer and Legal Intelligencer
17 prior to the hearing and can also
18 be found on PHLCouncil.com. I now
19 note that the hour has come.

20 And, Madam Clerk, will you
21 please call the roll to take
22 attendance. Members that are in
23 attendance will please indicate
24 that you are present when your name
25 is called. Also, please say a few

1 brief words when responding so that
2 your image will be displayed on
3 screen when you speak.

4 Madam Chair.

5 THE CLERK: Chair Bass.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: I am
7 present.

8 THE CLERK: Councilman
9 Jones.

10 (No response.)

11 THE CLERK: Councilman
12 Jones.

13 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank
14 you, Madam Chair, Members, viewing
15 public. I am present.

16 THE CLERK: Councilman
17 Thomas.

18 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Good
19 afternoon, everybody. I'm present.

20 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Gauthier.

22 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:
23 Present.

24 THE CLERK: Councilman
25 Harrity.

1 COUNCILMAN HARRITY: Good
2 afternoon, everyone. I am present.

3 THE CLERK: Councilman
4 Johnson.

5 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON:
6 Present.

7 THE CLERK: We have met
8 quorum.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank
10 you. A quorum of the Committee is
11 present and this hearing is now
12 called to order. This is the
13 public hearing of the Committee on
14 Parks, Recreation and Cultural
15 Affairs regarding Bill Nos. 230837
16 and 230838.

17 Madam Clerk, will you
18 please read the titles of the bills
19 that are being considered today.

20 THE CLERK: Bill No.
21 230837, an ordinance authorizing
22 the Commissioner of Parks &
23 Recreation on behalf of the City of
24 Philadelphia to enter into a multi-
25 year agreement with Galaxy

1 Restaurants Catering Group, Limited
2 Partnership d/b/a Constellation
3 Culinary Group, for the management
4 and operation of event planning and
5 catering at the Fairmount Park
6 Horticultural Center, all under
7 certain terms and conditions.

8 And Bill No. 230838, an
9 ordinance renaming and designating
10 the area of land bounded by
11 Parkside Avenue and Belmont Avenue
12 as "The Miller Parker Philadelphia
13 Stars Negro League Memorial Park."

14 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Before
15 we begin hearing testimony from the
16 witnesses we have for today,
17 everyone who has been invited to
18 the meeting to testify should be
19 aware that this public hearing is
20 being recorded. Because the
21 hearing is public, participants and
22 viewers have no reasonable
23 expectation of privacy. By
24 consenting to being in the meeting,
25 you are consenting to being

1 recorded.

2 Additionally, prior to
3 recognizing Members for the
4 questions or comments they have for
5 the witnesses, I will note for the
6 record at this time that we will
7 use the chat feature available in
8 Microsoft Teams to allow Members to
9 signify that they wish to be
10 recognized. In order to comply
11 with the Sunshine Act, the chat
12 feature must only be used for this
13 purpose.

14 Before I call the Clerk to
15 call on the first panel, would any
16 of my colleagues like to make any
17 opening statements?

18 COUNCILMAN JONES: Yes,
19 Madam Chair.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Chair
21 recognizes Councilman Jones.

22 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank
23 you so very much.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: You're
25 welcome.

1 COUNCILMAN JONES: On the
2 particular issue of renaming the
3 Negro League Park located in my
4 District on Parkside Avenue, if
5 you've ever gone down Belmont
6 Avenue, you've seen that beautiful
7 representation honoring the Negro
8 League that was a part of
9 Philadelphia's sports history.

10 But the renaming of it as
11 the Miller Parker Memorial is --
12 first of all, Miller Parker loved
13 that park, helped raise the money
14 to have it established, understood
15 the history of the Negro League and
16 took it to heart. But his
17 contribution in that area -- and he
18 passed away approximately three
19 weeks ago. You will hear it's
20 represented by the Parkside
21 Business Association and other
22 members of the community, but his
23 untimely death does not show his
24 impact in that neighborhood.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

1 Mm-hmm.

2 COUNCILMAN JONES:

3 Parkside, if you ever from the '70s
4 and '80s ran through there, and I
5 literally say ran through there
6 because it was not a place where
7 you wanted to stay long and that
8 bad things did happen --

9 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Mm-hmm.

10 COUNCILMAN JONES: -- and
11 he along with his wife, along with
12 the Business Association, along
13 with that Business and Technology
14 Center were the first anchor to
15 begin the change of that
16 neighborhood. After his
17 involvement, their involvement,
18 working with the Parkside
19 Association, you got the Shoprite
20 which was one of the largest
21 grossing Shoprites in the
22 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, you
23 got Lowes who came there, and
24 Miller was a driving force behind
25 that.

1 So it's not just the park
2 and his love for it, but his love
3 for the community at large that
4 makes him worthy of this
5 designation. If you've never met
6 him, the only way I would describe
7 him is if Frederick Douglas and Ed
8 Bradley had a little brother, it
9 would be Miller Park, statuesque
10 communicator and advocator. He was
11 very conservative in his business
12 approach, did not like taxation. I
13 had to apologize to him often
14 because of it, but he had a great
15 sense of humor about life.

16 So with that said, we tend
17 to do a lot of these renamings. I
18 don't think any of them in my mind
19 was more meritorious than this one.
20 Thank you, Madam Chair.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: And
22 thank you, Councilman, for giving
23 us that history and that
24 perspective. It's very, very
25 important.

1 Any additional colleagues
2 that would like to make a comment,
3 please feel free to do so at this
4 time.

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: And
7 hearing none, Clerk, will you
8 please call the first witness to
9 testify this afternoon for Bill
10 No. 230838.

11 THE CLERK: Orlando Rendon.

12 COMMISSIONER RENDON: Good
13 afternoon, Chair Bass and members
14 of the Committee on Parks,
15 Recreation & Cultural Affairs. I
16 am Orlando Rendon, Commissioner of
17 Philadelphia Parks & Recreation.
18 I'm here today to testify in
19 support of Bill No. 230838
20 introduced by -- oops, I'm sorry --
21 no, I got the right one, sorry,
22 which will designate the Miller
23 Park Stars Negro League Memorial
24 Park. Today this Committee
25 considers dual and entirely

1 appropriate honors.

2 First, Bill No. 230838
3 would officially designate the park
4 at Belmont and Parkside Avenues to
5 the legacy of the Philadelphia
6 Stars Baseball team. In their
7 first year, the Stars rocked to the
8 1934 championship of the Negro
9 League and continued to be an
10 exemplary member throughout its
11 existence in the mid-20th century.

12 This legislation would also
13 honor one of the (inaudible)
14 members of the Business Association
15 of West Parkside, which built and
16 maintained the existing memorial
17 there, its President and Treasurer,
18 the late Miller Parker. Mr. Parker
19 was the fierce champion of the West
20 Parkside community which also
21 included his work with the
22 Philadelphia Business and
23 Technology Center.

24 Parks & Recreation will
25 miss the energy and enthusiasm of

1 Mr. Parker, particularly as it
2 relates to ongoing work to enhance
3 the Stars memorial. The City
4 continues to work with the Business
5 Association of West Parkside on
6 improvements that will reflect the
7 legacy of this public space just as
8 this ordinance renaming does.

9 Because Bill No. 230838
10 will honor the intertwined
11 histories of service, achievement
12 and excellence, we ask for a fair
13 recommendation of Bill No. 230838
14 and that the rules of Council be
15 suspended to allow first reading at
16 the next session of City Council.
17 Thank you for your time. My
18 colleagues and I will be able to
19 answer any questions from Members.
20 Thank you.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank
22 you very much.

23 Any questions from our
24 colleagues?

25 (No response.)

1 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: I know
2 we had that statement from
3 Councilman Jones earlier.

4 Any questions at all?
5 (No response.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Okay.
7 Seeing none, Madam Clerk, are there
8 additional witnesses to testify
9 today?

10 THE CLERK: Yes. There's
11 Dennis Lee with Consulting Group,
12 LLC.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:
14 Mr. Lee, please state your name for
15 the record and begin your
16 testimony.

17 MR. LEE: (Muted).

18 COUNCILMAN HARRITY: You're
19 on mute, Dennis.

20 MR. LEE: There you go.
21 They must have knew that I had a
22 long speech. Dennis Lee, President
23 of the Business Association of West
24 Parkside. Madam Chair, to the
25 distinguished members of Council,

1 to the hardworking other members of
2 this Committee, it's very humbling
3 and honorable to be able to be
4 before you today to talk about the
5 legacy, the true meaning of
6 dedication that Miller Parker
7 showed not only to the park but to
8 the West Parkside community.

9 He was probably the
10 linchpin that really started the
11 renovation of that park. If you
12 had seen that park prior to him and
13 his wife Marjorie Ogilvie getting
14 involved -- at the time I was at
15 Senator Vincent Hughes' office when
16 that started. Got an opportunity
17 to work with Miller. He became my
18 mentor on the business side, so we
19 would be honored. Everything that
20 the Commissioner said earlier I
21 don't have to repeat that. Know
22 that he is a pillar of this
23 community. Know that the
24 renovation, the previous renovation
25 was over \$300,000 that they raised

1 on their own at that time.

2 We currently are in a
3 campaign to raise funds to continue
4 the renovation and we were granted
5 \$1 million from the state that we
6 have to match. So this is a
7 tremendous honor, and I urge this
8 Committee and Councilmembers to
9 support this bill. And thank you
10 for your time and thank you for
11 already voting for this to happen.
12 Thank you.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: And
14 thank you, Dennis Lee. We
15 appreciate your testimony as always
16 and your insight and input.

17 Is there -- Madam Clerk,
18 are there additional folks to
19 testify?

20 THE CLERK: There are no
21 other witnesses for Bill
22 No. 230838.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Okay.
24 If there is no one else here to
25 testify and no folks in public

1 comment who would like to make a
2 statement, Clerk, please call the
3 first witness we have to testify
4 this afternoon for Bill No. 230837.

5 THE CLERK: Mm-hmm. My
6 apologies earlier, Commissioner.
7 Commissioner of the Philadelphia
8 Parks & Recreation Department,
9 Orlando Rendon.

10 COMMISSIONER RENDON: Thank
11 you. Good afternoon, Chair Bass
12 and members of the Committee on
13 Parks, Recreation and Cultural
14 Affairs. I am Orlando Rendon,
15 Commissioner of Parks & Recreation.
16 I'm here to testify in support of
17 Bill No. 230837 introduced by
18 Councilmember Jones, which would
19 extend the ongoing concession
20 agreement between the City and
21 Constellation Culinary Group at the
22 Horticulture Center at Fairmount
23 Park.

24 While Parks & Recreation is
25 proud of the work we do as far as

1 Philadelphia, especially developing
2 our children and youth, we also
3 have the responsibility to maintain
4 and utilize City buildings and
5 other assets, which we are the
6 custodians. As Members know well,
7 some of those assets pose unique
8 opportunities and raise particular
9 challenges for programming and
10 maintenance. (Inaudible) proceed
11 is with an outside party.

12 The Horticulture Center in
13 Fairmount Park built in 1979 is one
14 of these. Our existing
15 concessionaire Constellation
16 Culinary Group has done a
17 phenomenal job managing it best.
18 Under their stewardship, The Hort
19 has been the venue for scores of
20 beautiful weddings, private
21 celebrations and corporate events
22 each year.

23 The City receives a portion
24 of the revenue as well as an annual
25 capital contribution which are

1 invested in programming and
2 maintenance of The Hort. And with
3 feedback from this body, Parks &
4 Recreation has worked diligently to
5 ensure that the public has plenty
6 of access to The Hort. This
7 includes affordable non-catered
8 private events like wedding
9 ceremonies as well as free public
10 ones, including their premier
11 winter event, Get Away at the
12 Greenhouse scheduled for February.

13 Bill No. 230837 will not
14 only extend the agreement but also
15 continue programming and allow for
16 significant improvements in the
17 Greenhouse where Constellation has
18 agreed to install an
19 air-conditioning system for the
20 facility as well as additional
21 capital contribution all totaling
22 approximately \$300,000. That
23 investment will make the center
24 available all year-round.

25 For these reasons, we ask

1 for a favorable recommendation of
2 Bill No. 230837 and that the rules
3 of Council be suspended to allow
4 first reading at the next session
5 of City Council. Thank you for
6 your time and I will be happy to
7 answer any questions from the
8 members of this Committee.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank
10 you.

11 Any additional folks here
12 to testify from Parks & Recreation?

13 THE CLERK: There are no
14 other witnesses for Bill No.
15 230837.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Okay.
17 Well, let me start with my
18 questions and concerns. And,
19 Commissioner, these concerns
20 predate your arrival as
21 Commissioner, but this bill was
22 presented to me to be introduced
23 and we declined to introduce it
24 some time ago based on several
25 factors. And I was surprised to

1 see this bill come up. We just
2 took note of it today that this was
3 the same bill that was offered by
4 Parks & Recreation, and we had some
5 very pointed questions and very
6 serious concerns about this
7 particular arrangement that the
8 City of Philadelphia had.

9 And I will speak just
10 briefly on some of those concerns.
11 One of them is the fact that
12 Philadelphia Parks & Rec is
13 essentially using a vendor or
14 someone that they have a contract
15 to provide services with to provide
16 the maintenance, the level of
17 maintenance that's required to
18 maintain our own buildings. And
19 because we have done this with this
20 particular entity, we are unable to
21 have any other sort of relationship
22 or, you know, the smaller guys I
23 guess is what I want to say, the
24 smaller guys, the smaller potential
25 vendors, caterers and so forth

1 would not be able to compete on
2 this level with this huge catering
3 company to be able to provide
4 services. And essentially, that
5 blocks out neighborhood groups,
6 other individuals, folks who want
7 to have a nice event at the
8 Horticultural Center but who may
9 not be able to afford the
10 considerable price tag that comes
11 with using these larger companies.

12 And so, because we feel
13 very strongly about the fact that
14 this is something that's going to
15 lock people out of using the
16 Horticultural Center versus
17 inviting them in and because we've
18 had this conversation over quite
19 some time with Parks & Recreation,
20 with then Commissioner Kathryn Ott
21 Lovell who was very well aware of
22 it and members of her team, it is
23 my recommendation that we're not
24 going to be able to proceed until
25 there's some further conversation

1 on this piece of legislation and
2 regarding the process in which this
3 contract was landed.

4 Again, this is very last
5 minute that we're aware that this
6 contract was -- that this piece of
7 legislation was coming forward. If
8 we had been given a heads-up, then
9 we would have certainly been able
10 to have you all much more informed
11 and go back and review our notes
12 because it's been some time since
13 we've had these conversations. But
14 I am absolutely clear and committed
15 that community use is a priority
16 and also minority participation is
17 a priority and that this contract
18 did not satisfy on any level either
19 of those items.

20 So with that being said,
21 we're going to hold this particular
22 bill in Committee until the call of
23 the Chair.

24 COMMISSIONER RENDON:

25 Understood and --

1 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: And

2 that --

3 COMMISSIONER RENDON:

4 Sorry.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: No.

6 I'm sorry. Go ahead, Commissioner.

7 COMMISSIONER RENDON:

8 Understood, and I look forward to

9 setting up a time and a date that

10 we can sit down and try to address

11 your concern on this matter.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: And

13 same here, and thank you so much

14 for your willingness to do that,

15 Commissioner. I greatly appreciate

16 it. And again, I really do want to

17 underscore that this was not on

18 your watch and that this happened

19 prior to your arrival.

20 And so, that being said if

21 there's no one else to make a

22 statement or public testimony or

23 public comment, then we're going to

24 go into our public meeting.

25 Is there any --

1 COUNCILMAN JONES: Madam

2 Chair?

3 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Yes,

4 sir. Oh, I'm sorry. Yes, sir.

5 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

6 COUNCILMAN JONES: I'm

7 going to yield to your concerns

8 that that was the bill that I

9 introduced. I would be willing to

10 hold it so that you can further go

11 back into a question-and-answer

12 response.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: That

14 will be great.

15 COUNCILMAN JONES: But I do

16 have a question for the

17 Commissioner. How much revenue

18 does this concession generate for

19 the City of Philadelphia?

20 COMMISSIONER RENDON: In my

21 notes, I believe since they

22 received their RFP in 2016 they've

23 generated \$1.5 million for the

24 department, which will help to

25 maintain and sustain much-needed

1 repairs and maintenance to the
2 facility.

3 COUNCILMAN JONES: In
4 addition, how many events have they
5 had there?

6 COMMISSIONER RENDON: I'm
7 going to call upon our Director of
8 Activation and Events, Ms. Bahiya
9 Jones, who can give you more detail
10 in terms of number of events.

11 Bahiya.

12 MS. JONES: Hi. So if
13 you're speaking about
14 Constellation, the wedding events;
15 is that what you're speaking of?

16 COUNCILMAN JONES: Yes,
17 ma'am.

18 MS. JONES: So I'm going to
19 ask to yield that back to Robert
20 Allen, who is the Director of
21 Property and Concessions.

22 MR. ALLEN: Hi. Good
23 afternoon. I'm Bob Allen, Director
24 of Property and Concessions
25 Management for Parks & Recreation.

1 On average there are about 60
2 Constellation events each year at
3 the Horticultural Center.

4 COUNCILMAN JONES: In that
5 regard to this concession, does
6 that give them an exclusive which
7 prohibits other smaller caterers to
8 the concern of the Chair Lady? Do
9 they get an exclusive?

10 MR. ALLEN: They have an
11 exclusive license to cater at the
12 Horticulture Center, but we also
13 have a number of events that are
14 excluded. So we can do up to 10
15 events at the Horticulture Center
16 using other caterers and we do that
17 and more. They have not held us to
18 that 10.

19 But I also would point out
20 that Bahiya has done a great job
21 because she set up a program to
22 allow others to hold wedding events
23 at the Horticulture Center and for
24 relatively a small fee a couple can
25 book the Horticulture Center for

1 two hours, it's not open to the
2 public, and hold their wedding
3 ceremony there. And I believe the
4 prior year we did about 20 of
5 those. It looks like we're
6 scheduled to do more this year.

7 And I would also add,
8 Councilwoman Bass, that we
9 definitely took to heart what you
10 explained to us about this contract
11 and we have worked diligently to
12 find ways to make sure the
13 Horticulture Center is eligible to
14 the public at large. And I have to
15 commend Bahiya in particular for
16 working hard at that and making a
17 tremendous amount of progress at
18 that. We use the concession
19 revenue that we receive from
20 Constellation to make sure that
21 those events are free and they're
22 accessible to the public. So, you
23 know --

24 COUNCILMAN JONES: If I
25 could, do we have the ability to

1 amend this offer to Constellation
2 that might be more inclusive based
3 on what the Chairwoman's concerns
4 are?

5 MR. ALLEN: I think we have
6 the ability to amend the concession
7 agreement to allow more exception
8 events, so we could increase the
9 number of exception events. I
10 think it --

11 COUNCILMAN JONES: So I --

12 MR. ALLEN: -- would
13 allow --

14 COUNCILMAN JONES: --
15 I'm --

16 MR. ALLEN: Oh, I'm sorry.

17 COUNCILMAN JONES: I'm
18 willing to hold this to allow per
19 the dialogue between the Chair Lady
20 and you to address her concerns so
21 that we can figure this out.

22 So I would like to hold
23 this piece of legislation, Madam
24 Chair.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

1 Absolutely. So we can certainly
2 have additional conversations, but
3 and I also do want to underscore,
4 Councilman, that they, Parks &
5 Recreation, under a different
6 administration did bring this
7 legislation to me and we again shot
8 it down on a number of different
9 levels around minority
10 participation, community
11 participation.

12 One of the things that I
13 heard Bob Allen mention is about
14 the weddings and I remember we did
15 discuss that as well. But what
16 wasn't discussed is that you have
17 two hours to have your wedding and
18 then you have to leave. It's not
19 as if you can have your wedding and
20 reception there unless you can
21 afford Constellation's in, my
22 opinion, exorbitant price to be
23 able to hold your affair there.

24 Many, many moons ago I was
25 married and had my wedding

1 reception at the Horticulture
2 Center, fun fact. But I remember
3 that we were only able to have it
4 there at such a wonderful occasion
5 because at that time the City of
6 Philadelphia did not rely on
7 exclusive contracts. We were able
8 to bring in the caterer of our
9 choice, which made it a beautiful
10 affair and very much affordable for
11 someone who is of a modest means.

12 And so, when I think about
13 folks who would like to have an
14 event there and the fact that they
15 can't afford the catering cost
16 because we are relying on a vendor
17 to provide an air-conditioning
18 system, something is wrong with
19 that. We're locking out our very
20 own people.

21 And so, I just really
22 wanted to state that, but I'm
23 always open for conversation. It
24 would have been nice to have heard
25 from Parks & Recreation, that they

1 were bringing this matter back to
2 the table. But nonetheless, I'm
3 certainly open to additional
4 conversations.

5 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank
6 you, Madam Chair.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: You're
8 very welcome. And I appreciate
9 everyone's willingness to work on
10 this matter further.

11 Unless there's any
12 additional comments or questions?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: And
15 there being no further questions
16 from members of the Committee, no
17 other witnesses to testify on these
18 bills, I will ask if there is
19 anyone else present in this hearing
20 whose name we have failed to call
21 and that wishes to offer testimony
22 on the bills being considered
23 today?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Hearing

1 none, I want to thank all the
2 panels and witnesses for their
3 participation on the legislation
4 today.

5 I want to remind the public
6 that we will be moving to a public
7 meeting to vote on Bill No. 230838.
8 And we're going to hold 230837,
9 both of which were heard by this
10 Committee today. So we will now
11 recess the hearing and go into a
12 public meeting to consider the
13 action to be taken on the bills
14 before this Committee today.

15 Okay. Madam Clerk, will
16 you please call the roll to take
17 attendance. Members that are in
18 attendance, please indicate that
19 you are present when your name is
20 called and also please say a few
21 brief words when responding so that
22 your image will be displayed on
23 screen when you speak.

24 Madam Clerk.

25 THE CLERK: Madam Chair.

1 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Yes.
2 THE CLERK:
3 Councilman Jones.
4 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Oh, I'm
5 sorry. Present.
6 COUNCILMAN JONES: Present.
7 THE CLERK: Councilman
8 Thomas.
9 COUNCILMAN THOMAS:
10 Present.
11 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Gauthier.
13 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:
14 Present.
15 THE CLERK: Thank you.
16 Councilman Harrity.
17 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:
18 Present.
19 THE CLERK: Councilman
20 Johnson.
21 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON:
22 Present.
23 THE CLERK: Okay. We met
24 quorum.
25 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank

1 you.

2 Okay. Now that we have met
3 quorum, I want to recognize
4 Councilman Thomas for a motion on
5 Bill No. 230838.

6 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank
7 you, Madam Chair. I -- give me one
8 second. Thank you, Madam Chair.

9 I move that Bill No. 230837
10 be reported from this Committee
11 with a favorable recommendation and
12 further move that the rules of
13 Council be suspended to permit the
14 first reading of this bill at the
15 next session.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Can
17 we --

18 COUNCILMAN JONES: Second.

19 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON:
20 Second.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Can we
22 pause. That's the incorrect Bill
23 No. I'm sorry. It's 230838. I
24 think you said 230837.
25 Councilmember Thomas.

1 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Okay.
2 Yeah, I have -- so you want me to
3 do 2 -- I have 230837, but you want
4 me to do 230838?

5 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: We're
6 holding 230837.

7 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: My
8 apologies. I'm sorry.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: No
10 problem. No problem at all.

11 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: I move
12 that Bill No. 230838 be reported
13 from this Committee with a
14 favorable recommendation and
15 further move that the rules of
16 Council be suspended to permit the
17 first reading of this bill at the
18 next Council session.

19 COUNCILMAN JONES: Second.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: The
21 Chair notes for the record that
22 Councilmember Jones seconds the
23 motion.

24 And it has been moved and
25 properly seconded that Bill

1 No. 230838 be reported from the
2 Committee with a favorable
3 recommendation and further move
4 that the rules of Council be
5 suspended to permit first reading
6 of this bill at the next session of
7 Council.

8 All of those in favor of
9 this motion will signify by saying
10 aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Anyone
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: The
16 ayes have it and the motion
17 carries.

18 And this concludes the
19 hearing of the Committee on Parks
20 and Recreation and Cultural
21 Affairs. I want to thank everyone
22 for their participation in today's
23 hearing, and I look forward to
24 additional conversation about our
25 bill which is being held today.

1 Thank you so much everyone
2 and have a great weekend. Thank
3 you.

4 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank
5 you, Madam Chair.

6 COUNCILMAN HARRITY: Thank
7 you.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank
9 you.

10 (Hearing concluded at
11 1:32 p.m.)

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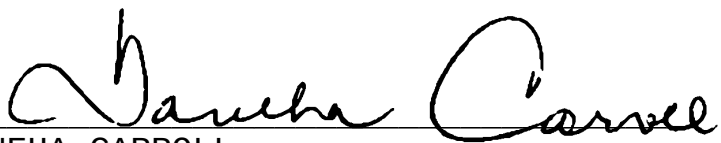
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