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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON
PARKS, RECREATION and CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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7 BILL 090708 - Authorizing Commissioner of
Department of Parks and Rec to enter into a
8 license agreement between PECO Energy and the
City of Philadelphia for a certain strip of
9 land located near intersection of Nixon Street
and Port Royal Avenue to be used as a connector
10 for the Schuylkill River Recreational Trail.

11 BILL 100361 - Authorizing Commissioner of Parks
and Rec to enter into an agreement with the Ed
12 Snyder Youth Hockey Foundation for purpose of
operating programs at the Scanlon Ice Rink, the
13 Laura Sims Skate House at Cobbs Creek, the Rink
at Simons Recreation and Teen Access Center,
14 the Rizzo Ice Rink, and the Tarken Ice Rink.

15 BILL 100363 - Authorizing amendment of certain
agreements between the City of Philadelphia and
16 PAID relating to an area surrounded by Pattison
Avenue, 11th Street, Terminal Avenue, and Broad
17 Street...

18 BILL 100372 - Authorizing Commissioner of
Public Property to lease property bounded
19 generally by Catherine, 12th, Clymer, and Fawn
Streets from the PHA and placing it in the
20 Fairmount Park System...

21 COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:
Blondell Reynolds-Brown, Chair
22 Curtis Jones, Jr., Vice Chair
Darrell L. Clarke
23 Maria D. Quiñones-Sanchez

24 Also Present: Councilman James F. Kenney

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good

3 afternoon.

4 The City Council Committee on
5 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs is
6 now in a public hearing to hear testimony
7 on Bill No.'s 090708, 100361, 100363, and
8 100372.

9 The members of the committee
10 joining us this afternoon are:
11 Councilman Curtis Jones, who is our vice
12 chair; and Councilwoman Maria
13 Quiñones-Sanchez; and I'm told that we
14 will be joined by other member,
15 Councilman Darrell Clarke.

16 And we want to also welcome our
17 colleague Councilman Jim Kenney to these
18 proceedings as well.

19 And given the very different
20 but rich mix of bills this afternoon, I
21 think it's imperative to remind us of the
22 responsibilities of this committee to
23 have actually broadened over the last
24 couple of terms.

25 Essentially the

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2 responsibilities of this committee calls
3 for looking at all matters relating to
4 the Department of Recreation; the
5 Recreation Coordination Board; City
6 parks, including Fairmount Park; and the
7 recreational program conducted by the
8 Board of Education of the School
9 District; the Board of Trustees of Camp
10 William Penn; professional sports
11 facilities and grounds; matters relating
12 to the Mann Music Center and Robin Hood
13 Dell; the annual Mummers Parade; and
14 matters relating to the management of
15 certain historical spaces as acquired by
16 the City through ownership or custody.

17 So with that said, we want to
18 now ask the clerk to please read the
19 titles of Bill No.'s 090708, 100361,
20 100363, and 100372.

21 THE CLERK: Bill No. 090708, an
22 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
23 the Department of Parks and Recreation to
24 enter into a license agreement between
25 PECO Energy Company as licensor and the

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2 City of Philadelphia as licensee for a
3 certain strip of land located near the
4 intersection of Nixon Street and Port
5 Royal Avenue to be used as a connector
6 for the Schuylkill River Recreational
7 Trail.

8 Bill No. 100361, an ordinance
9 authorizing the Commissioner of Parks and
10 Recreation, on behalf of the City of
11 Philadelphia, to enter into an agreement
12 with the Ed Snyder Youth Hockey
13 Foundation for the purpose of operating
14 certain programs at the Scanlon Ice Rink,
15 the Laura Sims Skate House at Cobbs
16 Creek, the Rink at Simons Recreation and
17 Teen Access Center, the Rizzo Ice Rink,
18 and the Tarken Ice Rink, under certain
19 terms and conditions.

20 Bill No. 100363, an ordinance
21 authorizing the amendment of certain
22 agreements between the City of
23 Philadelphia and the Philadelphia
24 Authority for Industrial Development
25 relating to an area surrounded by

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2 Pattison Avenue, 11th Street, Terminal
3 Avenue, and Broad Street, to revise lot
4 lines and make other technical changes;
5 authorizing amendments to certain
6 subleases for the Wachovia and Arena
7 Parcels; and authorizing the grant to
8 PAID of an easement over certain portions
9 of FDR Park, all under certain terms and
10 conditions.

11 Bill No. 100372, an ordinance
12 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
13 Property, on behalf of the City of
14 Philadelphia, to lease property bounded
15 generally by Catherine, 12th, Clymer, and
16 Fawn Streets from the Philadelphia
17 Housing Authority and placing it in the
18 Fairmount Park System managed by the
19 Department of Parks and Recreation, under
20 certain terms and conditions.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you
22 very, very much.

23 So that you can gauge your
24 schedules I should alert that you the
25 bills, as stated, will not happen in the

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2 order as presented. Given the demanding
3 schedules here, we're going to have those
4 offering testimony on Bill No. 100363 to
5 provide testimony first. And after that,
6 we will hear testimony regarding Bill No.
7 090708.

8 So with that said, let me
9 please ask Alan Greenberger, Deputy Mayor
10 for Planning and Economic Development,
11 and our Director of Commerce to please
12 open up by providing testimony on Bill
13 No. 100363.

14 DEPT. MAYOR GREENBERGER: Thank
15 you. Good afternoon, Councilwoman
16 Reynolds- Brown and members of the
17 committee. And thank you again for
18 helping us with the schedule.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Absolutely.

20 DEPT. MAYOR GREENBERGER: I
21 really appreciate that.

22 My name is Alan Greenberger,
23 and I'm before you today in my capacity
24 as the Deputy Mayor for Planning and
25 Economic Development and Director of

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2 Commerce to support approval of Bill No.
3 100363.

4 The intent of this bill is to
5 facilitate mixed-use retail development
6 on the Spectrum Arena Parcel and the
7 Sports Stadium Complex as contemplated by
8 the City's leases covering this property.

9 In 1994, City Council approved
10 a series of three leases via the
11 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
12 Development ("PAID") to entities
13 controlled by Comcast Spectacor in order
14 to develop the new arena facility. As
15 part of those leases, a master plan was
16 approved and development rights were
17 granted to the tenant for the
18 construction of a mixed-use complex to
19 include office, entertainment, retail,
20 and hotel functions on a series of
21 parcels surrounding the arena, totaling
22 approximately 15 acres. In addition, the
23 Spectrum lease contemplated its eventual
24 demolition and redevelopment as part of
25 the complex.

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2 Approximately two-and-a-half
3 years ago, Comcast Spectacor announced
4 its partnership with the Cordish Company
5 in order to implement the intent of the
6 original leases. The Cordish Company, a
7 substantial entertainment retail
8 developer based in Baltimore, that leads
9 the industry in entertainment complex-
10 related development has proposed a
11 378,000-square-foot complex, including a
12 300-key hotel spread over approximately 9
13 structures on approximately 13 acres
14 located immediately north of the arena
15 and fronting Pattison Avenue eastward to
16 the southwest corner of 11th Street and
17 Pattison Avenue.

18 Notwithstanding one of the
19 worst economic climates on record,
20 Cordish has invested substantial
21 resources to design the site, obtain
22 preliminary approvals, and now proposes
23 to phase development in a realistic plan.

24 The first phase will include
25 construction and leasing of approximately

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2 40,000 square foot on the southwest
3 corner of Pattison Avenue and 11th Street
4 diagonally opposite Citizens Bank Park,
5 together with demolition of the Spectrum
6 and construction of temporary parking
7 thereon.

8 The Planning Commission has
9 reviewed Cordish Company as plan and
10 determined that it is consistent with the
11 master plan. And Comcast Spectacor has
12 provided PAID and the City with
13 appropriate notice of its intent to
14 demolish the Spectrum pursuant to the
15 lease.

16 The Water Department has
17 likewise reviewed and provided conceptual
18 approval of the development plan.

19 The lease amendments before you
20 are technical in nature and are required
21 to enable the development which currently
22 spans the three leases covering the Arena
23 Complex; specifically, the amendments
24 consolidate the development into the
25 Spectrum lease, which, in turn, will

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2 facilitate financing of the project.

3 In addition, the amendments
4 confirm and vest Comcast Spectacor's
5 development rights and outline a signage
6 package for the project.

7 Finally, although the
8 development was governed by requirements
9 for participation by minority, women, and
10 disabled companies under the 1994 leases,
11 please note that the Administration,
12 through its Office of Economic
13 Opportunity, has renegotiated an updated
14 plan consistent with current goals and
15 policies. Specifically, Comcast
16 Spectacor and Cordish will commit to
17 achieve contracting levels of 25 to 30
18 percent and 8 to 15 percent,
19 respectively, for minority- and female-
20 owned businesses, and construction
21 workforce levels to include 50 percent
22 local residents, 32 percent minority, and
23 7 percent female. Contracting the
24 workforce levels will also be required
25 for permanent workforce and professional

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2 and supplier services.

3 The Administration strongly
4 supports this amendment and this
5 development. Not only does it carry out
6 the intent of the original lease, but it
7 will also animate and enliven the current
8 Sports Stadium District, continuing its
9 legacy as the busiest and most efficient
10 sports complex in the country.

11 Full build-out of the proposed
12 project will induce over \$100 million of
13 investment into the City's economy,
14 create more than 1300 permanent jobs, and
15 generate approximately \$5 million in
16 annual taxes to the City and the School
17 District of Philadelphia.

18 In closing, I'd like to confirm
19 the Administration's strong support for
20 this ordinance.

21 If it pleases the committee,
22 I'd like to introduce representatives of
23 Comcast Spectacor, Fred Shabel, and the
24 Cordish Company, Gary Block, to more
25 fully describe the proposed development

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2 and ask if it's okay with you to hold off
3 questions and answers until the
4 completion of their presentation.

5 I also want to thank you for
6 your time and consideration and ask that
7 you suspend the rules of Council to
8 permit its first reading at the next
9 meeting of City Council.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: We want to
11 thank you for your testimony. And it is
12 customary that we hear all testifiers and
13 then open it up to questions, so we will
14 honor that request.

15 DEPT. MAYOR GREENBERGER: Thank
16 you.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Please, if
18 you would offer your full name for the
19 record and then proceed with your
20 testimony.

21 MR. SHABEL: Thank you,
22 Mr. Greenberger, Madam Chairwoman, and
23 members of the committee. My name is
24 Fred Shabel, and I am the Vice Chairman
25 of Comcast Spectacor. And, as you know,

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2 we are the sports and entertainment
3 company that owns the Flyers, the Sixers,
4 and Wachovia Center.

5 Many, many years ago, Ed
6 Snyder, our chairman, had a vision for
7 South Philadelphia, and that was to
8 surround the Wachovia Center with a
9 dynamic mixed-use development of dining,
10 entertainment, retail, and hotel uses.

11 Approximately three years ago,
12 we found the developer that was capable
13 of transforming this vision into reality.
14 The Cordish Company, headquartered in
15 Baltimore, is a fourth-generation-family
16 development company and specializes in
17 entertainment and sports-anchored
18 developments and large-scale urban
19 revitalization projects.

20 You might be familiar with the
21 Baltimore Power Plant, called Baltimore
22 Power Plant Live. In Kansas City, they
23 have what's called the Power and Light
24 District next to the Sprint Center. In
25 Louisville, they have what's called

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2 Fourth Street Live. All of these
3 projects are analogous to our
4 Philadelphia Live program.

5 And in addition, in Atlantic
6 City, some of you might be familiar with
7 The Walk, 500 square feet of retail, a
8 marvelous accomplishment by the Cordish
9 organization.

10 Over the last two years,
11 Cordish has worked with City officials to
12 design Philadelphia Live, a development
13 that is consistent with the master plan
14 approved by City Council in 1994. We are
15 here today to support the ordinance that
16 would allow the project to move forward.

17 At this time, I would ask Gary
18 Block, Vice President of the Cordish
19 Company and Development Director for the
20 Philadelphia Live project, to address the
21 specifics of the ordinance and the
22 project.

23 Gary?

24 MR. BLOCK: Thank you, Fred.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good

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2 afternoon. Welcome to these beautiful
3 quarters. Proceed with your testimony.

4 MR. BLOCK: Thank you. They
5 are beautiful. A little ominous also,
6 but I'll try to contain myself.

7 Good afternoon, Councilwoman
8 Reynolds-Brown and members of the
9 committee. My name is Gary Block. I am
10 Vice President of Cordish Company and the
11 development director responsible for this
12 Philly Live project.

13 The Cordish Company is very
14 excited to be part of Philly Live with
15 our partners Comcast Spectacor in
16 bringing life to the master plan that was
17 approved by City Council in 1994. During
18 the past two years, we have worked
19 closely with Alan Greenberger and his
20 Planning Commission staff to create what
21 we believe is a dynamic project that we
22 think will form the Stadium Complex.

23 We've also been in continuous
24 contact with other City agencies that
25 have jurisdiction over the project, as

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2 well as Council President Verna and the
3 local community that she represents.

4 As Deputy Mayor Greenberger
5 testified, we are in front of you today
6 for technical changes to the three leases
7 that govern the area surrounding Wachovia
8 Center.

9 If I may, I think it's easier,
10 if you don't mind if I either get up and
11 point -- I won't have a microphone, but
12 that's okay.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: We can
14 assist you with that.

15 (Hand-held microphone provided
16 to Mr. Block.)

17 MR. BLOCK: I'm going to have
18 my back a little bit towards the gallery,
19 but I just want to orient everybody as to
20 where we are.

21 This plan as you see it, in the
22 Stadium District, is the plan that we
23 presented to the Planning Commission and
24 that was approved. And we are now here
25 in front of you to make this plan a

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2 reality. That was approved in October of
3 '09.

4 And the last step for us to
5 start construction and get going on the
6 project is to take care of some technical
7 changes as they relate to the lease
8 lines, as Alan had talked about, where
9 there are three leases.

10 So I tried to orient the plan,
11 which I will call an L-shape, to be
12 consistent with the more technical plan,
13 which is our lot line plan, and give you
14 an idea of what we're in front of you
15 for.

16 The lot lines today exist in
17 three parcels -- yellow, blue, and green.
18 All we're really trying to do here today
19 is to consolidate part of the yellow and
20 part of the blue into the green. So what
21 you see highlighted in red is the outline
22 of the project that you see developed
23 here at the Wachovia Center.

24 The reason for us being here is
25 to finance the project. Lenders need to

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2 have a financeable parcel and not have
3 three different parcels, if we're
4 borrowing money to develop this one
5 piece. So we are literally here to
6 consolidate lot lines so that we can
7 finance the project. It's as simple as
8 that.

9 A couple of points just to make
10 sure everybody understand.

11 The consolidation for the
12 Council does not change any of the
13 development rights that already exist.
14 It doesn't increase or decrease the total
15 development rights that are already a
16 part of this master plan. I just want to
17 make sure that everybody understands
18 that.

19 That's really -- that's the
20 important part of the piece in terms of
21 the lot lines. I can sit back down just
22 to make sure everybody understood that.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: While you
24 do that, let me just put on the record
25 how much I appreciate both the efforts

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2 and attempted efforts to reach out to
3 members of this committee to brief us on
4 the front end, because given the
5 seemingly complexity of the project, it
6 is always useful and helpful to have
7 those who are intimately connected with
8 this to give us an audience.

9 So to PIDC and PAID staff and
10 others, thank you very much.

11 MR. BLOCK: Thank you. Thank
12 you for saying that. It's two years'
13 worth of work that has gotten us to this
14 point. It's hard to obviously outline it
15 in the brief time that we have, but I
16 appreciate the comments.

17 Also, as part of this
18 ordinance, we are seeking approval of a
19 signage package that is attached to the
20 lease amendments that are a part of this
21 ordinance. So there are no boards for
22 that, but I just wanted to make sure that
23 we all understood why we're here. We're
24 here for, obviously, the lot line changes
25 as well as the signage package.

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2 One other element I think I
3 should reemphasize as part of what Alan
4 Greenberger stated. We've agreed to a
5 new enhanced employment opportunity plan.
6 We feel it's very important. It's
7 something that we do as part of our
8 development's public-private ventures
9 across the country. It's something that
10 we have significant experience in, in
11 implementing these types of programs
12 across the country, and we feel confident
13 that we will be able to achieve those
14 numbers here also.

15 I am going to jump up one more
16 time. So for the ordinance that is being
17 passed, those are just the two items that
18 we're here in front of you for.

19 But I did want to take a couple
20 of minutes, if I may, to reiterate what
21 Alan was saying about what our timing is
22 going to be, what our plan is for today
23 given today's environment.

24 We have designed a Phase I
25 approach, as Alan had stated in his

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2 opening testimony. The goal of the
3 Cordish Company and Comcast Spectacor is
4 to get started immediately. With your
5 approval, it will allow us to go forward.
6 It will be the last part of the process
7 for us to be able to take the Spectrum
8 down, demolish the Spectrum, and start
9 what we want to be calling Phase I of
10 Philly Live.

11 Phase I of Philly Live is going
12 to be a 40,000-square-foot building. It
13 will mirror the approved Planning
14 Commission plan. We'll put parking in
15 place of the Spectrum parcel once the
16 Spectrum is down and create a 40,000-
17 square-foot, what we call, marketplace.

18 The plan is to demolish the
19 Spectrum prior to the end of the year.
20 And with the demolition of the Spectrum,
21 we will roll into the construction of
22 Phase I of Philly Live.

23 So I just wanted to be clear,
24 where Alan was reiterating what we've
25 already gotten approved by the Planning

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2 Commission that we were going to start
3 with Phase I and then hopefully go from
4 there.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Okay.
6 Does that conclude your testimony? Not
7 to rush you; I'm just asking.

8 MR. BLOCK: Actually, that's
9 it. Thank you for your time today. I
10 welcome any questions you may have, and I
11 appreciate you accommodating our
12 schedules.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN:
14 Absolutely, yes.

15 Councilman Jones?

16 COUNCILMAN JONES: I'm excited,
17 and I want to put that on the record.

18 I have had an opportunity to
19 travel down to Atlantic City and see some
20 of the work that was done there, and it
21 added a whole new series of options for
22 families to go and spend some times.
23 Everyone isn't a beach person, everyone
24 won't be a sports person. There will be
25 some of us that want to drop coin in the

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2 City of Philadelphia; and in so doing,
3 help our tax revenue.

4 The other interesting component
5 about this is that this has an
6 opportunity to be a destination. I would
7 be curious to talk about some of your
8 ideas when it comes to signage and how
9 you plan to approach that.

10 MR. BLOCK: One thing, if you
11 refer to Atlantic City, you'll see that
12 across our projects across the country,
13 we really focus on signage being part of
14 architecture; we don't do the two in
15 separate efforts. Whenever we design a
16 building whenever we try to create a
17 destination, we feel that the signage is
18 very integral to the architecture.

19 So if you go down to Atlantic
20 City, you'll see for a retail/outlet
21 center, it's very unique; it's probably
22 like no other outlet center in the
23 country, where we took the architecture
24 and did fantastic signage and integrated
25 that as part of the development.

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2 We feel we'll do the same thing
3 here. If you look at the signage package
4 that's attached to the ordinance, which
5 the Planning Commission has reviewed and
6 is recommending, it's tasteful signage,
7 it incorporates all sorts of different
8 types of signs, it focuses mostly
9 internal. It will create a destination
10 type.

11 I think, as we were talking
12 about, Councilman, the other day, there's
13 all sorts of great ideas we can come up
14 with to make it a sense of place with the
15 signage. So, for instance, when a home
16 run is scored or a touchdown is scored or
17 a big basket or a goal is scored -- I was
18 leaving that for last, that's the most
19 important.

20 When a goal is scored, we can
21 have an element that's an icon that can
22 ring a bell or can create a sound or can
23 really create a sense of place that you
24 want to be a part of when that typical
25 event is happening.

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2 COUNCILMAN JONES: Particularly
3 now that our teams have been winning a
4 bit, these places are like an expanded
5 tailgate party with a little bit of
6 higher-end class. And not that there was
7 anything wrong with those tailgates at
8 all, but I think that this creates a
9 destination.

10 And I understand in your plan
11 that you're going to creatively use green
12 space in that. Could you elaborate on
13 that?

14 MR. BLOCK: Sure. As part of
15 storm-water management, we're required to
16 do certain things, to create green space.

17 And it's a little bit more
18 difficult to see from here, but the green
19 areas on the plan, in the top left
20 represent areas that when we take down
21 the Spectrum and we develop the first
22 phase of Philly Live will be green areas
23 where we'll hold certain events.

24 They'll have things going on
25 that will activate -- whether they be

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2 flea markets or whether they be
3 entertainment situations, where there's a
4 game going on, it's an opportunity to be
5 outside, it's an opportunity to
6 congregate with families and to have
7 events where you might have a papa shot
8 or shoot a goal or, you know, throw a
9 football through a hole, but an
10 opportunity to get people outside and to
11 have activities.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Now, in
13 addition, you talked about, because of
14 the economy, Phase I, which I understand
15 is in the upper part of the L?

16 MR. BLOCK: Correct.

17 COUNCILMAN JONES: And then you
18 would sometime in two years, 18 months or
19 so, consider Part 2?

20 MR. BLOCK: Yeah. Who knows
21 how quickly we can do it. But in all of
22 our projects, we try to plan for a 12- to
23 18-month from opening to start
24 construction of a second plan.

25 We've been very fortunate in

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2 all of our projects that have been
3 successful to be able to move into second
4 phases within that time frame of 12 to 18
5 months.

6 And that's the plan, to take
7 the first phase and then roll into the
8 next phase, which would be that plan you
9 see to your right.

10 COUNCILMAN JONES: And none of
11 this requires the taking of a street or
12 anything; we're not doing any of that
13 today?

14 MR. BLOCK: It does not.

15 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
16 Miss Chair.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: You're
18 very welcome.

19 Just as a footnote to
20 Councilman Jones' question regarding
21 signage -- and I have no doubt that
22 Councilman Kenney will have already
23 suggested this, but let me just
24 underscore the value of having a
25 conversation with Meryl Levitz of the

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2 Greater Philadelphia Tourism and
3 Marketing Bureau and the Philadelphia
4 Convention Center, since destination is a
5 reality here.

6 They bring enormous experience
7 and experience and experience in blowing
8 that up in a way that richly benefits
9 that community. So put that on your
10 radar screen to have that conversation
11 with them.

12 MR. BLOCK: Thank you.

13 COUNCILMAN JONES: One other
14 point, Madam Chair.

15 It is conceivable that at some
16 point in time that if all teams made the
17 playoffs or they're in the beginning of
18 the season, that there could be all three
19 venues operating at the same time; is
20 that correct?

21 MR. SHABEL: To some degree.
22 However, we have a limit of total
23 population of total fans at one time in
24 the complex.

25 (Indiscernible; parties talking)

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2 over each other.)

3 MR. SHABEL: So you could have
4 a hockey game and a football game, and
5 that works. But for all three to be
6 totally full, the master plan would have
7 to be looked at.

8 I'm not sure what that number
9 is; somebody here might know that. But
10 it is controllable.

11 COUNCILMAN JONES: And have you
12 been working with the Planning Commission
13 to talk about access and egress planning,
14 like maybe even street sign directional
15 changes, depending on when the venues are
16 letting out? Has there been some
17 discussion?

18 DEPT. MAYOR GREENBERGER:
19 There's a series of discussion that have
20 been going on before and will continue,
21 actually, with the Mayor's Office of
22 Transportation and Utilities and the
23 Special Services District to make sure to
24 look at different ways of managing
25 traffic flow.

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2 COUNCILMAN JONES: So

3 conceivably, we could change streetlight
4 timings and just close the street one
5 way. If, for example, we won a game at
6 the Eagles and they were letting in or
7 letting out, you could change the
8 direction on Broad Street to be one way
9 for a period of time to get to those I-95
10 and --

11 DEPT. MAYOR GREENBERGER: Yeah.

12 I don't want to answer for the specifics,
13 but there's probably a whole series of
14 things that need to be discussed.

15 Our experience and what people
16 in the Mayor's Office of Transportation
17 has told me is that the real issue is
18 primarily on football game days,
19 crossover events there, tailgating.
20 Those are the big management issues that
21 need to be addressed.

22 COUNCILMAN JONES: A

23 Philadelphia tradition.

24 DEPT. MAYOR GREENBERGER:

25 Actually, a tradition in a lot of places,

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2 yeah. It's the same issue in a lot of
3 cities.

4 MR. BLOCK: Councilman Jones,
5 there's also an ongoing traffic study
6 being implemented right now, so we are
7 working -- us and Spectacor are working
8 with the rest of the constituents of that
9 traffic study to input any information we
10 can based on what we're doing to make
11 sure the study is a hundred percent.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: And by way
13 of parking spaces, you're within the
14 acceptable range?

15 MR. BLOCK: We're well within
16 the numbers.

17 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: And I am
19 sure the residents down there are
20 breathing happily about that.

21 Councilwoman Sanchez and
22 Councilman James Kenney.

23 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I just
24 wanted to, for the purposes of record, to
25 congratulate you and thank you for coming

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2 before us with a EOP plan that is well
3 thought out.

4 It is sometimes daunting to me
5 the level of conversation we have to have
6 with folks about the need for, in
7 particular, to your detail of the hiring
8 the local residents. So I want to
9 acknowledge that and hope that you set a
10 standard or keep raising the standard --

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Raise the
12 bar.

13 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: -- as to
14 folks coming before us.

15 And something that we discussed
16 at our meeting, and I just wanted to put
17 on the record, how important it would be
18 that this particular site, the Philly
19 Live, provide opportunities for
20 Philly-based staples to be a part of your
21 entertainment center.

22 For many folks who come in for
23 the game, this may be their only kind of
24 visit to Philadelphia, so it would be
25 nice to make sure that we have those

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2 Philly staples and the diversity within
3 the neighborhoods-based businesses to
4 have an opportunity to participate in
5 that. So I just wanted to put that on
6 the record.

7 I know it's something that we
8 talked about, but if someone came to
9 Philadelphia only for the Flyers game and
10 had an opportunity to bring their family,
11 that they really can get a taste of
12 Philadelphia.

13 MR. BLOCK: We really, as I
14 said in our meeting, you hit the nail on
15 the head. Every city that we go into we
16 pride ourselves on taking that city's
17 culture, that feel of the city into our
18 project.

19 So you will see, if you go to
20 any of our projects around -- you see
21 Atlantic City, we had a whole program for
22 locals to be able to open a business, and
23 that was in a project that was really
24 nationally based with those kinds of
25 retailers -- the Polos and the Nauticas

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2 and those things of the world.

3 But we have -- if you look
4 around, you'll see we have a lot of
5 residential people who live there, who
6 have opened up businesses. And we do
7 that around the country, as we discussed.

8 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: We thank
9 you for that.

10 COUNCILMAN JONES: One other
11 point, Madam Chair.

12 It is often a point of
13 discussion among Philadelphians and those
14 that come outside of Philadelphia, and I
15 think this venue may have an opportunity
16 to rest this issue: Who has the best
17 cheese steak?

18 (Laughter.)

19 COUNCILMAN JONES: And I think
20 we might issue a challenge in that
21 facility. And I would ask my colleagues
22 each to identify the one cheese steak
23 manufacturer and producer in your
24 district, and let's finally rest this
25 issue once and for all in South Philly,

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2 where it should be decided.

3 Thank you, Madam Chair.

4 MR. BLOCK: I think we'll take
5 that challenge. I think there's
6 something we can do there, Councilman
7 Jones.

8 COUNCILMAN JONES: Well, I laid
9 a gauntlet down in the 4th District. We
10 have a couple of contenders, both Larry's
11 and Jim's, that will be formidable
12 opponents.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: And I'll
14 use that as a segué and ask Councilman
15 Kenney to I.D. one from South Philly.

16 Councilman Kenney?

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
18 Madam Chair, for the opportunity to make
19 a comment.

20 One question: How much city or
21 state money is in this deal?

22 MR. BLOCK: Zero.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I knew the
24 answer to the question.

25 MR. BLOCK: I know you did.

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: But I
3 wanted to make sure we got it on the
4 record.

5 MR. BLOCK: Thank you.

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: This is
7 your first foray, I guess, with the
8 Comcast Spectacor folks, but through my
9 long period of time in government and
10 politics, I've always admired the fact
11 that Mr. Snyder and Comcast Spectacor
12 paid their way when they built something.

13 Back when Wachovia was being
14 discussed, I think the City put up the
15 land and demolition of a dilapidated
16 municipal facility that we were going to
17 have to demolish at some point anyway.
18 And Comcast Spectacor built it with their
19 own coin.

20 That is refreshing in the
21 sports world and in the sports complex
22 world, and I want to thank you not asking
23 our taxpayers for anything while you
24 create tax ratables and employment for
25 Philadelphia residents and for people in

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2 the region.

3 So I think that it's important
4 that the record be clear that there is no
5 public money in this deal. You're on
6 your own, and we appreciate your faith
7 and commitment to Philadelphia.

8 The only minor downside of this
9 whole thing is, I'm going to have to take
10 a vacation somewhere out of town when the
11 Spectrum comes down. It's just been --
12 and I've been -- and you've been teasing
13 me all in the last few months with the
14 Broad Street bully stuff and then the
15 Spectrum history.

16 I mean, it's just amazing that
17 I saw my absolutely first rock concert in
18 my life -- it was Yes, Close to the Edge
19 album, and I'm dating myself. I can't
20 tell you the number of Billy Joel
21 concerts.

22 When the Spectrum first opened,
23 my dad was an usher part-time there. I
24 got my first professional hockey stick, a
25 Gary Dornhoefer slightly cracked stick,

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2 which I used for an entire year of street
3 hockey once receiving it.

4 So there's just so many
5 wonderful memories. I know that progress
6 needs to take place, and that needs to
7 come down, but it's going to be a sad
8 day.

9 But just -- I want to thank you
10 for your involvement with this company.
11 I want to thank you, Fred, and Mr. Snyder
12 for all the wonderful things they brought
13 to the City -- again, on their own dime.

14 Thanks.

15 MR. BLOCK: Thank you.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Is there
17 any other testimony on this bill?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Well, let
20 me close, then, by underscoring two
21 things:

22 One, knowing that the City has
23 put no money in this, we really do thank
24 you for taking the issue of MBE/WBE
25 participation seriously and re-looking at

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2 what those numbers have been in the past
3 and indicating very, very specifically
4 how you intend to meet them, number one.

5 Number two, let me ask that you
6 would have a conversation with the
7 Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture
8 because we do have both starving artists,
9 emerging artists, and well-established
10 artists who have much to give typically;
11 and typically, all they want is an
12 opportunity.

13 So if you would have that
14 conversation -- you or a or designee on
15 your team would have a conversation with
16 the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture.

17 Any other questions or comments
18 from members of the committee on this
19 bill?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: We thank
22 you, gentlemen.

23 PANEL MEMBERS: Thank you.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: We will
25 now move to hearing testimony on Bill No.

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2 090708. If we could please call up our
3 panel for Bill No. 090708. My notes tell
4 me that that is our city's executive
5 director for Fairmount Park and the
6 leadership for the Bicycle Coalition of
7 Greater Philadelphia.

8 (Witness comes forward.)

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good
10 afternoon.

11 MR. FOCHT: Good afternoon.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Okay. You
13 can proceed with your testimony.

14 MR. FOCHT: Again, good
15 afternoon, Chairwoman Brown and committee
16 members. My name is Mark Focht. I'm the
17 Executive Director of Fairmount Park.

18 I am pleased to appear before
19 you today on behalf of the Department of
20 Parks and Recreation in support of City
21 Council Bill 090708. This bill
22 authorizes the City of Philadelphia,
23 operating on behalf of the Department of
24 Parks and Recreation, to enter into a
25 trail license agreement with the PECO

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2 Energy Company for a portion of
3 16-foot-wide right-of-way located between
4 Port Royal Avenue and Nixon Street in the
5 Shawmont section of the City.

6 The agreement facilitates
7 construction of an important one-quarter-
8 mile section of the Schuylkill River
9 Trail within the right-of-way. The term
10 of the license agreements is 25 years.

11 This trail segment will
12 complete a critical missing link in the
13 region-wide 128-mile long Schuylkill
14 River Trail, 19 miles of which are
15 located within the City of Philadelphia.

16 The trail connects the City and
17 the surrounding communities and provides
18 important non-vehicular access to
19 attractions in Philadelphia such as
20 Manayunk Schuylkill Banks and Center City
21 as well as direct connections to regional
22 destinations such as Valley Forge
23 National Historic Park.

24 Presently, trail users must use
25 Nixon Street, a City street, to connect

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2 from the Manayunk Canal toe path to the
3 Port Royal to Montgomery County line
4 section of the trail, both of which are
5 under the jurisdiction of Fairmount Park.
6 When completed, users will have a safe,
7 dedicated trail.

8 This project meets the goals
9 contained in Green Works, the City's
10 sustainability plan. Trails promote
11 healthy recreation and connect residents
12 to our waterways and parks, critical
13 resources for the health of our city.

14 In addition, the Schuylkill
15 River Trail is used daily by commuters,
16 decreasing dependency on automobiles and
17 contributing to a reduced carbon
18 footprint for the City of Philadelphia.

19 The Philadelphia segment of the
20 trail is used by approximately 670,000
21 individuals annually for recreation,
22 commuting, and relaxation. Completing
23 the Schuylkill River Trail has long been
24 a goal of the Department of Parks and
25 Recreation and our partner organizations,

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2 including the Bicycle Coalition of
3 Greater Philadelphia and the Schuylkill
4 River Greenway Association.

5 In February of 2009, this City
6 Council passed a resolution introduced
7 and sponsored by Councilman Jones in
8 support of completing the Schuylkill
9 River Trail and acknowledging its role in
10 economic development, recreation,
11 community revitalization, and
12 environmental restoration.

13 The project team has proven
14 experience designing trails throughout
15 the region. The trail alignment has been
16 carefully planned with input from the
17 community and City Council. Safety
18 measures include stop-ahead signs,
19 always-stop signs, bollards, bike
20 pedestrian signs, a privacy fence behind
21 the residents, and a continued
22 coordination with the Streets Department.

23 In addition, a drainage system
24 and landscaping will be part of the
25 construction to beautify the area

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2 I would add as an aside that
3 many of these enhancements grew out of
4 site visit we held with Councilman Jones
5 on April 10th, when we spent two hours
6 out, with community members, looking at
7 the site.

8 Recently this project was
9 awarded full construction funding by the
10 Federal Highway Administration's
11 Transportation Initiative Generating
12 Economic Recovery, or the TIGER program,
13 as part of the American Resources and
14 Reinvestment Act, known as the Federal
15 Stimulus Program.

16 The Department of Parks and
17 Recreation staff is working as partners
18 with the Pennsylvania Environmental
19 Council, the Delaware Valley Regional
20 Planning Commission, PennDOT, and the
21 Federal Highway Administration to
22 complete this important project

23 The department believes that
24 all residents should have access to
25 outdoor recreational opportunities. By

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2 constructing this missing section of the
3 Schuylkill River Trail, we are providing
4 City residents with enhanced safe
5 recreational opportunities and providing
6 a critical link in the greater regional
7 Schuylkill River Trail network

8 Today I appear before you to
9 pledge the support of the Department of
10 Parks and Recreation for this legislation
11 and request City Council approval of Bill
12 No. 090708.

13 I respectfully ask that the
14 ordinance be amended to ensure that the
15 agreement complies with the long-term
16 contractual rules of the Home Rule
17 Charter; I believe you have received a
18 copy of the proposed amendment earlier
19 today, but I have copies with me if you
20 need them for your review

21 In addition, I ask that the
22 rules be suspended so that the ordinance
23 may be passed upon second reading of City
24 Council.

25 Thank you very much. I'd be

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2 pleased to answer any questions.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Councilman
4 Curtis Jones, do you care to offer
5 comment and/or questions on this matter?

6 COUNCILMAN JONES: I just want
7 to thank the coalition of people that
8 have worked very hard on this, including
9 the City administration, the volunteers,
10 residents in that area because I think,
11 at the end of the day, we are creating a
12 human highway that may bring people all
13 the way down through Philadelphia and
14 particularly in the 4th District that is
15 environmentally pleasing and esthetically
16 astounding.

17 And I had a opportunity to walk
18 out there with you guys and just see the
19 diversity that this city has to offer.
20 And the more people that get a chance to
21 walk through it, the more people will
22 have a better appreciation for the
23 commitment that the founding fathers made
24 in keeping the parks and recreation a
25 safe, healthy place for people to be, and

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2 the good job that our current
3 commissioners and people that work out in
4 the various departments, including Water,
5 do to keep it that way.

6 So I am excited. And it was
7 not without a lot of angst that this
8 proposal was walked through and then
9 ultimately agreed upon.

10 So I want thank you for all of
11 your time you spent with us. I have
12 pictures of it; it's on my Facebook, so
13 it's memorialized. So I just want to
14 thank you for your work.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN:

16 Councilwoman, do you have anything?

17 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Yes.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN:

19 Councilwoman Sanchez.

20 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: For the
21 record, can we state how much of the
22 Recovery Act money is being invested for
23 this trail?

24 MR. FOCHT: One moment, please.
25 It's a one million-dollar investment in

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2 federal stimulus funds to complete the
3 trail.

4 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Is any
5 additional dollars being leveraged as a
6 part of that investment?

7 MR. FOCHT: Not specifically
8 for this project. This is the
9 one-quarter-mile missing link that's
10 being funded by the federal stimulus
11 funds.

12 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Okay
13 thank you.

14 MR. FOCHT: Thank you.

15 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
16 you, Madam Chair.

17 COUNCILMAN JONES: Madam Chair,
18 may I?

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Please.

20 COUNCILMAN JONES: The
21 Councilwoman, with one thing she is
22 consistent and wanted to know, out of
23 that million dollars, whether there were
24 any opportunities for local companies,
25 female companies, and minority companies

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2 to take advantage of any of that work?

3 MR. FOCHT: The construction
4 documents are being completed now. When
5 they are finalized, they will be sent to
6 OEO to set participation ranges as they
7 do with every construction project.

8 COUNCILMAN JONES: And most of
9 the nature of that work is going to be
10 railing, fencing, and paving.

11 MR. FOCHT: Paving.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: And so,
13 they will present opportunities for
14 paving, railing, and fencers to do that
15 kind of business.

16 MR. FOCHT: Landscaping,
17 absolutely.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Okay. I
19 am a user of the trail. I am enormously
20 excited. And it really can be a
21 destination for visitors to our city who
22 are not necessarily with conventions.

23 So is there any linkage yet
24 with your office and Meryl Levitz'
25 organization?

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2 MR. FOCHT: Yes. We work
3 regularly with GPTMC on promoting events
4 in the park system. And you're about to
5 hear in a moment from a representative
6 from the Bicycle Coalition who also works
7 with us and GPTMC to promote biking
8 opportunities for our visitors.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Excellent.
10 Thank you very much.

11 MR. FOCHT: Thank you.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Sarah
13 Clark Stuart, Campaign Director for the
14 Bicycle Coalition of Greater
15 Philadelphia.

16 (Ms. Clark comes forward.)

17 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good
18 afternoon.

19 MS. STUART: Good afternoon,
20 Madam Chairwoman. Thank you,
21 Councilwoman Jones and Councilwoman
22 Quinones-Sanchez. I appreciate you
23 giving me the opportunity to testify here
24 this afternoon.

25 My name is Sarah Clark Stuart,

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2 and I'm Campaign Director of the Bicycle
3 Coalition of Greater Philadelphia. I'm
4 also honored to serve on the Parks and
5 Recreation Commission created last summer
6 as a result of legislation created by
7 this committee. So thank you for giving
8 me that opportunity.

9 The Bicycle Coalition has 1600
10 due-paying members and represents the
11 interests of hundreds of thousands of
12 bicyclists in the region who bike. And I
13 am pleased to appear before you today to
14 support Council Bill No. 090708.

15 I will try not to read my
16 testimony; it is in front of you.

17 But I also want to mote that I
18 have provided a map of the Schuylkill
19 River Trail within Philadelphia that
20 highlights the critical gaps that exist,
21 but also highlights the sections of the
22 trail that have been provided funding
23 from the TIGER Grant that the City of
24 Philadelphia won this past February.

25 And up at the top right

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2 left-hand corner is the subject of
3 today's hearing, the part of the trail
4 between Shawmont Avenue and Port Royal
5 Avenue.

6 As I know, most of you are very
7 familiar that Philadelphia has several
8 critical gaps, and I have been working
9 with a number of different organizations
10 for the past couple of years to try to
11 close these gaps. And this committee and
12 many members of this committee have been
13 extremely supportive of that effort.

14 Councilman Jones introduced a
15 resolution, 090134, that urged all
16 federal-, state-, and local-elected
17 officials to help officials to help
18 complete this trail. And you,
19 Councilwoman, introduced 090530,
20 authorizing the committee to hold
21 hearings in formal working group.

22 So you have been extremely
23 supportive in this wide effort to help
24 complete the trail within the City of
25 Philadelphia.

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2 We held a wonderful forum last
3 February of '09 that Councilman Jones
4 spoke at, and it was standing room only,
5 in the middle of February, at which
6 Commissioner DiBerardinis and Executive
7 Director Focht also spoke at regarding
8 the need to complete the trail and their
9 commitment to do so.

10 And following that forum, we've
11 had an online petition that over 4,000
12 people have signed, expressing their
13 support for completing the trail.

14 All of that work that was done
15 last spring really laid the groundwork
16 for the City of Philadelphia to apply to
17 the federal government for this TIGER
18 Grant.

19 And I can't emphasize enough to
20 you how proud you should be for the City
21 of Philadelphia to win this grant. Over
22 1400 applications were submitted from
23 around the country; only 51 were awarded.
24 It was a phenomenal, phenomenal
25 achievement for the City to get this

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2 grant.

3 Every single elected official
4 who I went to and asked for a letter of
5 support provided it, from Senator Specter
6 and Casey, all the way across the board,
7 including you, yourself, Chairwoman;
8 Councilman Jones; Council President
9 Verna; and Councilwoman Krajewski. So,
10 again, I just am reemphasizing that the
11 support is very wide -- widespread.

12 And what's so fabulous about
13 this money is that it's a hundred percent
14 grant. I mean, it does not have to be
15 matched. It is a critical jolt of
16 capital that the City is very hard-
17 pressed to find these days.

18 So it's incredibly important
19 for the City to make this a successful
20 project and complete all of these
21 different segments. There are seven
22 segments that the City has to work on
23 between now and February 2012, and this
24 is one of them.

25 There are a number of reasons

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2 why this segment in particular is
3 important. But the one that I want to
4 speak to right now is safety. Many of
5 the gaps in the Schuylkill River Trail
6 are in the northwest section of the City,
7 and these gaps are very difficult to
8 tackling due to space constraints.

9 And as a result, at many points
10 of the trail, cyclists have to ride in
11 the street with traffic, on narrow
12 streets, with no bike lanes and no
13 shoulders. And although thousands of
14 experienced cyclists ride along these
15 sections comfortably, many others do not,
16 and particularly families with young
17 children, especially those young children
18 who are riding on their own bikes for the
19 first time

20 These sections of trail are
21 really a deterrent, and they cause
22 families to just not want to go on them
23 at all and limit many people to the loop
24 and not go beyond the loop at East Falls
25 Bridge.

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2 In fact, automatic counters
3 that are located on various points along
4 the trail have documented that south of
5 East Falls Bridge, weekly uses on the
6 trail are between 16,000 and 24,000; but
7 on the Manayunk Canal, it's only 2500.

8 Currently, at the end of the
9 Manayunk Canal toe path, the trail goes
10 on-road on Nixon Street to Port Royal
11 Avenue. And as charming and as special
12 as Nixon Street is, it's a neighborhood
13 street; it's not a multi-use path.

14 And as Mark Focht mentioned, I
15 did visit the site with Councilman Jones
16 and himself. And there's parking on the
17 street, there's car doors opening,
18 there's people walking in the street.
19 It's not -- it's a lovely place, but it's
20 not a great place to be riding through on
21 your way.

22 And so, by creating this
23 segment of trail up higher off the road,
24 behind the residences, it's going to make
25 the entire experience much more

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2 comfortable for everybody.

3 So I just want to close by
4 saying that thousands of cyclists and
5 hikers fully support making the
6 Schuylkill River Trail a seamless
7 off-road recreation and transportation
8 corridor. And on their behalf, the
9 Bicycle Coalition supports this bill.

10 Building this will close an
11 important gap, it will fulfill an
12 important federal grant that
13 Philadelphia, the region, and
14 Pennsylvania must successfully carry out.

15 And we are working very hard
16 with the Parks and Recreation Department
17 and other partners to help Philadelphia
18 achieve this goal. And I know that you
19 want to help them achieve that goal as
20 well. And I hope that by voting
21 positively on this bill, you will do
22 that.

23 So thank you very much. I'd be
24 happy to answer any questions.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: We thank

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2 you for your testimony as well.

3 On the issue of security --

4 well, two questions. One, have residents

5 been informed that this new experience

6 will be happening in their community?

7 MS. STUART: Yes, they have

8 been informed. They've had several

9 meetings with the Parks and Recreation

10 Department and have talked through all of

11 these different issues.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Okay. And

13 on the issue of security, does that

14 include lights or cameras anywhere along

15 that tract that this \$1 million is going

16 to fund?

17 MS. STUART: I'll let Mark

18 answer that.

19 MR. FOCHT: Councilwoman, no,

20 this project does not include lighting,

21 this section of the trail. The sections

22 of the trail that lead up to this are not

23 lit, so we wouldn't light just this one

24 quarter-mile section.

25 So there's no lighting or

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2 security cameras on this section of the
3 trail.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: And there
5 might be some who would argue that given
6 this unique opportunity, why not consider
7 lighting and security? I'm throwing that
8 out there because of still infrequent
9 though rare news reports we hear where
10 folks have been -- they're out recreating
11 and then bad things happen.

12 MR. FOCHT: Certainly.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: So when we
14 have new opportunities for new dollars,
15 there may be some value in doing the
16 non-traditional and adding where you can
17 lights, cameras. It's an idea.

18 MR. FOCHT: Thank you.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: That's why
20 I offer it up.

21 Okay. Anyone else to testify
22 on Bill No. 090708?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Okay. We
25 thank you for your testimony.

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2 We will now move to hear
3 testimony on Bill No. 100372. And I
4 would like to invite up again Mark Focht,
5 Executive Director of Fairmount Park; and
6 Joan Schlotterbeck, Commissioner for the
7 Department of Public Property and/or her
8 designee.

9 MR. FOCHT: Good afternoon
10 again. Thank you.

11 Chairwoman Reynolds-Brown and
12 committees members, Mark Focht, Executive
13 Director of Fairmount Park.

14 I am pleased to appear before
15 you today again on behalf of the
16 Department of Parks and Recreation in
17 support of Council Bill No. 100372.

18 This bill authorizes the
19 Department of Public Property, operating
20 on behalf of the Department of Parks and
21 Recreation, to enter into a 99-year
22 ground lease, with the Philadelphia
23 Housing Authority acting as landlord, for
24 a parcel of land bounded by South 12th
25 Street, Catharine Street, Fawn Street,

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2 and Clymer Street. This parcel is to be
3 used solely for the construction,
4 development, maintenance, and operation
5 of what will be known as Hawthorne Park.

6 Hawthorne Park is the green
7 capstone in a total neighborhood
8 transformation going back over a decade.
9 Beginning in 1998, the U.S. Department of
10 Housing and Urban Development awarded PHA
11 a Hope VI Revitalization Grant to rebuild
12 the former Martin Luther King, Jr. public
13 housing site in the surrounding area.

14 When completed, the three
15 phases of the revitalization will have
16 136 new rental units and 109
17 homeownership units. A stated goal of
18 the revitalization is to build a
19 socioeconomically diverse community whose
20 architecture blends seamlessly into the
21 larger urban fabric. This creates a
22 healthy, vibrant neighborhood that
23 connects the transit and amenities like
24 open space.

25 While this neighborhood is

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2 well-served with active recreational
3 space, the City's sustainability
4 blueprint, Greenworks, has noted the lack
5 of passive park space in the area. To
6 this end, PHA has agreed to set aside a
7 portion area for a public park.

8 The addition of this new park
9 will also help the Department of Parks
10 and Recreation build towards the bold
11 goal set by Greenworks that 500 new acres
12 of open space in the City by 2015.

13 Beginning in 2005, Fairmount
14 Park, in conjunction with the
15 Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, began
16 working with the Hawthorne Empowerment
17 Coalition and other community members to
18 develop an accessible, safe, and well-
19 designed public space.

20 The project team, lead by
21 (indiscernible) landscape architects has
22 created a unique park that accommodates
23 for a variety of use and users. The
24 space will accommodate outdoor movies,
25 concerts and performances, while also

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2 featuring game tables and spaces for

3 quiet relaxation and contemplation.

4 Other design features will help keep

5 storm water out of the City's exiting

6 storm water system.

7 Design of the park has been

8 completed, and full construction funding

9 is in place, thanks to the Pennsylvania

10 Department of Conservation and Natural

11 Resources, the Pennsylvania Department of

12 Community and Economic Development

13 through State Representative Babette

14 Josephs, and City Councilman Frank

15 DiCicco.

16 The project has been approved

17 by the Philadelphia Art Commission. And

18 pending City Council approval of this

19 ground lease, we intend to bid this

20 project in late summer, early fall.

21 The Department of Parks and

22 Recreation firmly believes that every

23 neighborhood deserves a safe, clean, and

24 well-designed park such as Hawthorne.

25 Today, I appear before you to pledge the

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2 support of the Department of Parks and
3 Recreation for this legislation and
4 respectfully ask that City Council
5 approve Bill No. 100372.

6 In addition, I ask that the
7 rules be suspended so that the ordinance
8 may be passed upon the second reading of
9 Council.

10 Thank you. And I'd be pleased
11 to answer any questions.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Very well.
13 Councilman Jones, any
14 questions?

15 COUNCILMAN JONES: No, none at
16 all.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Let us
18 please then invite up Joan Schlotterbeck,
19 Commissioner of the Department of Public
20 Property and/or her designee.

21 (Commissioner Schlotterbeck is
22 not present at this time.)

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Very well.
24 Let's invite Pat Bullard, Chairperson for
25 the Beautification Committee of the

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2 Hawthorne Empowerment Coalition.

3 (Witness comes forward.)

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good
5 afternoon.

6 MS. BULLARD: Good afternoon.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Please
8 state your name for the record.

9 MS. BULLARD: My name is Pat
10 Bullard, and I represent the Hawthorne
11 Empowerment Coalition of Philadelphia. I
12 am pleased to appear before you today on
13 behalf of the Hawthorne Empowerment
14 Coalition in support of Council Bill
15 100372.

16 The establishment of a passive
17 open space is important to this
18 community, as the neighborhoods grows and
19 continue to see add new living space.
20 Without acquired outdoor place for
21 relaxation, the neighborhood will become
22 too congested and crowded.

23 We believe that the creation of
24 this park completes the transformation of
25 this neighborhoods as well as bringing

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2 the community together in a space for

3 art, entertainment, music, outdoor

4 movies, relaxation, gardening,

5 spontaneous play, and quiet solitude.

6 The creation of this park ensures us an

7 opportunity for a healthy neighborhood in

8 which to raise our children and

9 grandchildren.

10 HEC has been working with

11 Fairmount Park and the project team for

12 several years now to first reserve the

13 land as open space, then to help imagine

14 what the park might look like. The

15 design has gone through some changes

16 since the beginning, but the community

17 has always felt that we had a voice in

18 the process and the opportunity to help

19 shape a park suitable for our

20 neighborhood, and we are excited about

21 the result and believe it captures the

22 needs of the community.

23 We have worked with Fairmount

24 Park, the Department of Parks and

25 Recreation, City Council Councilman Frank

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2 DiCicco, as well as State Representative
3 Babette Josephs. And we thank them for
4 their dedication and continued support.
5 And we know it's no small accomplishment
6 to turn commercially-attractive land into
7 a park.

8 We are also grateful for
9 funding for construction from the
10 Pennsylvania Department of Conservation
11 and Natural Resources and the
12 Pennsylvania Department of Community and
13 Economic Development.

14 Today I would like to declare
15 the support of the Hawthorne neighborhood
16 and respectfully ask that City Council
17 approve Bill No. 100372.

18 Thank you.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Well, we
20 thank you for your testimony, Miss
21 Bullard. And as a former community
22 member/leader/activist, we thank you for
23 your leadership in the community where
24 you sit.

25 Always, when captains -- block

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2 captains step up and work collaboratively
3 with elected officials, good things
4 happen, and we commend you for that. It
5 does not go unrecognized.

6 Anyone else to have testimony
7 on this bill?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Any
10 questions from members of the committee?

11 (No questions.)

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Okay.

13 Thank you again.

14 Let's now move to the last and
15 final bill this afternoon for this
16 hearing, and that is Bill No. 100361.
17 And we want to invite up the leadership
18 for the Department of Parks and
19 Recreation.

20 (Witnesses come forward.)

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN:
22 Commissioner DiBerardinis, good
23 afternoon.

24 COMM. DiBERARDINIS: Good
25 afternoon.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: And our
3 Recreation Commissioner as well, welcome.

4 COMM. DiBERARDINIS: Thank you.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: You're
6 welcome.

7 COMM. DiBERARDINIS: Good
8 afternoon, Councilwoman Brown and members
9 of the committee. My name is Michael
10 DiBerardinis, Commissioner of the
11 Department of Parks and Recreation. And
12 with me today is Susan Slawson,
13 Recreation Commissioner. And it is a
14 pleasure to be here.

15 We appear before you today to
16 present testimony in support of Bill No.
17 100361, which, if adopted, would
18 authorize the Department of Parks and
19 Recreation to enter into an agreement
20 with the Ed Snyder Youth Hockey
21 Foundation.

22 The agreement will be for four
23 years, with the option to renew for an
24 additional four years, and it will
25 require the City to match the

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2 Foundation's investment up to \$1 million
3 for capital improvements at the
4 facilities.

5 The Snyder Youth Hockey
6 Foundation is a nonprofit organization
7 for the purpose of conducting programs at
8 the following ice-skating rinks:
9 Scanlon, Laura Sims at Cobbs Creek, the
10 Rink at Simons Recreation Center, Rizzo
11 Ice Rink, and Tarken Ice Rink.

12 At the Scanlon, Simons, and and
13 Sims rinks, the Foundation will supply
14 full-time staff and equipment; while, at
15 the other two rinks, the Department will
16 provide the staffing, support, and
17 equipment needs.

18 The Foundation-provided
19 programs will help to expand current
20 offerings, which, in essence, currently
21 teach youth how to play ice hockey and to
22 introduce a wider variety of children,
23 youth, teens, and families to the fun and
24 enjoyments of skating.

25 Because of the Foundation's

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2 generous support, the Department will
3 commit to the running of a seven-day-a-
4 week operation at all its rinks to expand
5 ice-skating, public ice-skating; this
6 will begin next season. This represents
7 an additional day of public skating at
8 all our rinks.

9 During these difficult times
10 and into the future, the continued
11 support from the Ed Snyder Youth Hockey
12 Foundation will be extremely valuable to
13 the City of Philadelphia and to our young
14 people. The Department of Parks and
15 Recreation is extremely grateful for
16 their commitment.

17 The Department would also like
18 to thank the following District
19 Councilmembers for their ongoing support
20 of our ice-skating rinks in their
21 Councilmatic districts. That would be
22 Councilwoman Tasco, Councilwoman
23 Blackwell, and Councilman Quiñones-
24 Sanchez.

25 At this time, I would like to

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2 offer up a proposed amendment to the
3 bill, which is an agreement which has
4 been negotiated between the parties. I
5 request that Council suspend the rules so
6 that the ordinance may be passed upon the
7 second reading of Council.

8 Thank you for this opportunity
9 to discuss this important partnership
10 with you today, and we look forward to
11 your questions.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: We thank
13 you, Commissioner.

14 (Addressing Commissioner
15 Slawson.) Do you care to offer
16 testimony?

17 COMM. SLAWSON: I would like
18 to.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Please
20 state your name for the record and
21 proceed.

22 COMM. SLAWSON: Yes. Good
23 afternoon, Council Chair Reynolds-Brown
24 and members of the committee. My name is
25 Susan Slawson, Recreation Commissioner.

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2 I would like to just mention
3 that in January of 2009, when we were
4 under severe difficult times financially
5 and we were going to have to close three
6 of our ice rinks as a result of funding,
7 it was the Ed Snyder Youth Hockey
8 Foundation that came onboard after I went
9 and asked what they could do to support
10 us, to ensure that we were going to keep
11 these ice rinks open.

12 And they stepped up with just
13 one visit, and they supplied the staffing
14 for three of the facilities that we were
15 going to have to shut down. Not only do
16 they supply staffing, but all of the
17 equipment that the young people use
18 during the times that they're having a
19 part of this program is all free of
20 charges. They're not paying for any
21 visits, they're not paying for any of
22 their equipment.

23 And I think they planned to
24 build somewhere else. But as a result of
25 them coming, Mr. Snyder himself came out

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2 to our facilities, sat in the stands, and
3 he watched our young people visit other
4 facilities in the City and compete
5 against each other. And he realized that
6 the investment would make more sense to
7 invest in our communities as opposed to
8 building one facility somewhere else.
9 And this is how this came about.

10 He realized the investment
11 would really be our children. It's not
12 really about the infrastructure; it's
13 about ensuring that our kids and our
14 communities, young people, young
15 African-Americans, young Latinos that
16 don't always have an opportunity to play
17 ice hockey, to play during the summer and
18 learn how to roller-skate, this is what
19 this does for the City of Philadelphia
20 and for Parks and Recreation.

21 And I wanted to read that into
22 the record just to kind of acknowledge
23 the fact that the support was vital, and
24 it's important right now.

25 Thank you for giving me this

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2 opportunity.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN:

4 Absolutely, absolutely.

5 Councilman Jones?

6 COUNCILMAN JONES: Well, my
7 only comment is: For the record, the 4th
8 District does not have an ice-skating
9 rink, although we support it
10 wholeheartedly in the 3rd District, which
11 is across the street, outside of our
12 district, in Councilwoman Jannie
13 Blackwell's district.

14 And it's a fine opportunity for
15 young people to get that experience.

16 Thank you.

17 COMM. SLAWSON: Thank you.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: He would
19 not be honoring his duty if he did not
20 make it clear plain and clear that he
21 would appreciate that for his young
22 people as well.

23 Councilman James Kenney.

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
25 Madam Chair, and thank you for allowing

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2 me another walk down Memory Lane 'cause
3 it's important to put in context what
4 commissioner Slawson just talked about.

5 Back in 1970 or so -- you have
6 to understand, hockey is my sport. I
7 mean, I love all of our professional
8 sports teams, but I was standing on a car
9 in 1973 at Broad and Pattison, cheering
10 on our first cup and our second.

11 And in 1970, when I first got
12 exposed to the Flyers, everybody who
13 played hockey in the City of Philadelphia
14 or in the region looked like me -- a lot
15 younger, but looked like me, my
16 complexion.

17 And you have to understand,
18 hockey is a very expensive sport. And I
19 remember my parents struggling to provide
20 the equipment that was necessary.

21 And the other issue is ice
22 time. When I was playing in the '70s,
23 ice time was nonexistent, so you had to
24 wind up going to practice at 2 o'clock in
25 the morning, and you played your games at

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2 1 o'clock in the morning on a Saturday
3 night/Sunday morning. So you had to
4 travel late at night, it was difficult to
5 find space, and it was very expensive.

6 And it's important, the work
7 that they're all doing to get more kids
8 in our city involved in the sport, which
9 is very, very important. Our kids, no
10 matter where they come from, should have
11 an opportunity to participate in any
12 sport there is and learn the sport,
13 whether it's the stuff we went through
14 with the rowing with, you know, the river
15 stuff on the Schuylkill or anything else
16 like that.

17 But in addition to that, it
18 allows our kids from Rizzo Rink to travel
19 to Simons, and the kids from Simons to
20 travel to Tarken, and the kids from
21 Tarken to go to Laura Sims to play each
22 other, to get to know each other, to
23 compete against each other, you know, and
24 tough, but to have respect for each other
25 in another venue.

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2 The other thing it does -- and
3 this is what I think the Flyers Youth
4 Hockey Program, coupled with the
5 Recreation Department, does: It's not
6 only about hockey; it's about after
7 school, it's about studying, it's about
8 computers, it's about expanding your
9 mind.

10 You put the two sports
11 together, you add in people of color,
12 young kids and minorities, and add in
13 women, young girls, and you add in the
14 after-school programs; now you have an
15 opportunity to go and get a scholarship
16 somewhere that you didn't have the
17 opportunity to do.

18 If you're a good basketball
19 player or a good softball player, a good
20 football player or whatever, you have an
21 opportunity maybe to get your college
22 paid for. But when you are shut out
23 because of money and because of access to
24 a sport like ice hockey, where women get
25 scholarships, young men get scholarships

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2 to college, it just expands exponentially
3 the opportunities for our kids in this
4 city to really maximize their potential.

5 And I want to thank the
6 Recreation Department and, of course,
7 Comcast Spectacor and the Snyder
8 Foundation. Without them, it doesn't
9 work.

10 And I remember talking to
11 Mr. Shabel a number of years ago about
12 building a big facility somewhere down in
13 South Philly near the NovaCare Center.
14 And because of the economy and other
15 things, it just kind of sputtered a
16 little bit. But then when Mr. Snyder
17 wound up viewing what these kids actually
18 do, the investment's much better made
19 there.

20 So I want to thank all
21 involved. It's been a very inspiring
22 group of folks and inspiring
23 opportunities for me to go to these
24 events to see these kids, and we have --
25 couple times a year, they have these kind

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2 of get-togethers for the funders of the
3 Snyder Foundation, the corporate people
4 who put up some of the money and help
5 raise funds.

6 And they bring these young
7 people there to speak, to interact with
8 the corporate types, the suits. And
9 these kids are shaking your hand, looking
10 you in the eye, making presentations.
11 It's just fabulous to watch.

12 And it's not the only way these
13 kids are going to do better, but it's one
14 of the major ways they didn't have a
15 chance to do better, and they have it
16 now.

17 So I know I'm a little
18 verklemt about it, but it does my heart
19 good to see this opportunity for our
20 kids.

21 Thank you.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you
23 very, very much, Councilman Kenney.

24 Those are those intangibles
25 that most folks don't recognize because

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2 there's a dollar sign beside them. But
3 it's those intangibles that have long,
4 long-term positive outcomes.

5 So we salute the leadership,
6 both of and you, and also the corporate
7 citizenship of Mr. Ed Snyder. It's
8 remarkable.

9 Thank you very, very much.

10 PANEL MEMBERS: Thank you.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Anyone
12 else to testify on Bill No. 100361?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: With that,
15 then, this concludes the public hearing
16 on the Committee on Parks, Recreation and
17 Cultural Affairs. And soon as I can get
18 one or two of my colleagues to come back
19 so that we can have a vote, we can move
20 these bills out of committee.

21 So I'm going to ask any members
22 of the committee that can hear me but I
23 can't see you, we do need your presence
24 so that we can bring closure on these
25 important matters.

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2 This concludes the public
3 hearing on the Committee on Parks,
4 Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

5 We will now go into the public
6 meeting.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Jones for a motion on the amendment to
9 Bill No. 090708.

10 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
11 Madam Chair. I move that Bill No. 090708
12 be amended.

13 (Motion duly seconded.)

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: All in
15 favor?

16 Any nays?

17 (No nays.)

18 All right. Bill No. 090708 has
19 been amended.

20 We now ask Councilman Curtis
21 Jones for a motion on Bill No. 090708, as
22 amended.

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: I move that
24 Bill No. 090708, as amended, be voted out
25 of committee with a favorable

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2 recommendation, and further, that the
3 rules of Council be suspended as to allow
4 the first reading at our next Council
5 session.

6 (Motion duly seconded.)

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: It has
8 been properly moved and seconded that
9 Bill No. 090708, as amended, be reported
10 out of this committee with a favorable
11 recommendation and further move that the
12 rules of Council be suspended so as to
13 permit first reading at the next
14 scheduled session of City Council.

15 All those in favor signify by
16 saying aye.

17 Those opposed?

18 So this bill has been moved out
19 of committee with a favorable
20 recommendation and further that the rules
21 of City Council be suspended so as to
22 permit first reading at our next Council
23 session.

24 Councilman Jones, please make a
25 motion on the amendment for Bill No.

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2 100361.

3 COUNCILMAN JONES: Okay.

4 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: There is
5 no amendment. There is? Oh, okay.

6 COUNCILMAN JONES: I make a
7 motion that Bill No. 100361 be amended.

8 (Motion duly seconded.)

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: All those
10 in favor, aye?

11 Those opposed?

12 (None opposed.)

13 We now ask Councilman Jones to
14 make a motion on Bill No. 100361, as
15 amended.

16 COUNCILMAN JONES: I move that
17 Bill No. 100361, as amended, be voted out
18 of committee with a favorable
19 recommendation, and further, that the
20 rules of Council be suspended so as to
21 allow for first reading at our next
22 Council session.

23 (Motion duly seconded.)

24 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Bill No.
25 100361 has been properly moved and

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2 seconded that it be reported out of this
3 with a favorable recommendation and that
4 the rules of Council be suspended so as
5 to permit first reading at our next
6 session.

7 All those in favor, say aye.

8 Those opposed?

9 Seeing none, this bill has been
10 properly moved and seconded. And
11 furthermore, the rules of Council have
12 been suspended so as to permit first
13 reading at our next scheduled session of
14 City Council.

15 The Chair now recognizes
16 Councilwoman Sanchez for a motion on Bill
17 No. 100363.

18 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
19 you, Madam Chair.

20 I move that Bill No. 100363 be
21 moved out of committee with a favorable
22 recommendation and that the rules of
23 Council be suspended to allow for first
24 reading at our next public session.

25 (Motion duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Bill No.

3 100363 has been properly moved and
4 seconded and it will be reported out of
5 this committee with a favorable
6 recommendation. Further move that of
7 rules of Council be suspended so as to
8 permit first reading at our next
9 scheduled session of City Council.

10 All those in favor, say aye.

11 Those opposed?

12 Seeing none, this bill has been
13 properly moved and seconded, and
14 furthermore, the rules of Council will be
15 suspended so as to permit first reading
16 at our next session of City Council.

17 The Chair recognizes
18 Councilwoman Sanchez for a motion on Bill
19 No. 100372.

20 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
21 you, Madam Chair.

22 I move that Bill No. 100372 be
23 moved out of committee with a favorable
24 recommendation and that the rules of
25 Council be suspended to allow first

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2 reading at our next public session.

3 (Motion duly seconded.)

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Bill No.

5 100372 has been moved properly seconded.

6 It will be reported out of this committee

7 with a favorable recommendation, and the

8 rules of Council will be suspended so as

9 to permit first reading at our next

10 scheduled session.

11 All those in favor, say aye.

12 Those opposed?

13 Seeing none, this bill has been

14 properly moved and seconded, and

15 furthermore, the rules of Council have

16 been suspended so as to permit first

17 reading at our next scheduled session.

18 This concludes this hearing.

19 We want to thank you all for your

20 attendance.

21 (Proceedings end at 2:45 p.m.)

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