

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

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Wednesday, June 13, 2012
4:15 p.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS, CHAIR
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN BOBBY HENON
COUNCILMAN KENYATTA JOHNSON
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILMAN DAVID OH
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

BILLS 120145, 120274, 120433, 120435 and
120482

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COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Good

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afternoon, everyone. We're going to go

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ahead and get started.

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Good afternoon. This hearing

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is called to order. This is a public

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hearing of the City Council Committee of

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Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

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The purpose of this public hearing is to

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hear testimony on Bills 120145, 120274,

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120433, 120435 and 120482. Also, the

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Committee is prepared to report out its

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recommendations for Resolution No.

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120401.

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I recognize the presence of a

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quorum of Committee members. Members of

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the Committee in attendance are our

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Majority Leader, Councilman Curtis Jones,

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Jr., Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown

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and Councilman Bobby Henon.

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Before we begin testimony, do

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we have any opening remarks from the

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Committee?

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(No response.)

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COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Okay. And

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 the Clerk will now read the title of
3 Resolution 120401.

4 THE CLERK: Resolution No.
5 120401, authorizing Council's Committee
6 on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs
7 to hold public hearings for applicants
8 seeking nomination to serve on the
9 Commission on Parks and Recreation, and
10 further authorizing the Committee to
11 recommend for Council's consideration
12 nominations to be forwarded to the Mayor.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Okay. And
14 I want to recognize Councilman David Oh
15 has joined the Committee.

16 And today it's my pleasure to
17 commence this hearing by announcing the
18 Committee's recommendations to the City
19 Council and the Mayor for the new
20 Commission on Parks and Recreation. The
21 record should reflect that the pool of
22 applicants was fantastic. There were a
23 total of 83 individuals that this
24 Committee actually heard from. The
25 quality and the quantity of candidates

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 that care about serving this city is
3 extraordinarily impressive.

4 You should know that the pool
5 was quite diverse, and all of the
6 skill-sets, as is stipulated in the
7 legislation, will be reflected in the
8 final 25.

9 I've been honored, along with
10 my colleagues, to be a part of this
11 process, and I will be remiss if I did
12 not give a sincere thank you to Theresa
13 Brunson and Joe Corrigan for the
14 important work that they've done in
15 ensuring that we end up with a final
16 product of 25 that we can all be
17 extremely proud of.

18 That being said, the 25
19 selected are: Yahya Abdul-Qaadir, Hanley
20 P. Bodek, Joseph G. Calhoun, Barbara A.
21 Capozzi, Nicole Chandler, Andrew Denison,
22 Nancy A. Goldenberg, Debra Wolf
23 Goldstein, Tracey Gordon, Jeffrey L.
24 Hackett, Annie Heckenberger, George
25 Matysik, Michael McCrea, Leslie Anne

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 Miller, Matthew Perks, Carol B. Rice,
3 Robert S. Santoro, Sr., Aaron Siegel,
4 Michael Sklaroff, James Bennett Straw,
5 Sarah Clark Stuart, M. Kelly Tillery,
6 Robert T. Vance, Dennis A. Waller and
7 Matthew I. Whitehorn.

8 The next step in this process
9 is that City Council will make these
10 formal recommendations to the Mayor via a
11 resolution to be introduced in Council on
12 May 14th, 2012 and adopted on June 21st,
13 2012.

14 We are encouraged by the
15 caliber of applicants and their
16 impassioned testimony, and so we
17 anticipate and are pleased to -- so we
18 are especially pleased to move this
19 process to the next step, which is the
20 introduction of the resolution on
21 Thursday, June 14th, 2012.

22 And now if the Clerk will read
23 the title of Bill No. 120145.

24 THE CLERK: An ordinance
25 renaming and designating Old Line Park

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 located at 8730 Old Line Road as "Jack
3 Horgan Memorial Field."

4 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: We'll have
5 the first panel come forward to testify.

6 (Witness approached witness
7 table.)

8 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Good
9 afternoon.

10 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER SLAWSON:
11 Good afternoon.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: How are
13 you?

14 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER SLAWSON:
15 I'm great. How are you all?

16 Good afternoon, Councilwoman
17 Bass and members of the Committee. My
18 name is Susan Slawson, First Deputy
19 Commissioner for Programs with the
20 Philadelphia Department of Parks and
21 Recreation. It is a pleasure to be here
22 with you all today.

23 I appear before you to present
24 testimony in support of the amended Bill
25 No. 120145 naming and designating the

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 athletic fields at Old Line Park located
3 at 8730 Old Line Road as the "Jack Horgan
4 Memorial Field."

5 Jack Horgan was active in the
6 Philadelphia baseball and the sports
7 community beginning in 1968 when he
8 started as a coach of the Andorra A's in
9 the 21st Ward Junior Baseball League.
10 While a member of the 21st Ward Junior
11 League group, Mr. Horgan served as
12 Chairman of the Rules Committee, League
13 Secretary, Deputy Commissioner and
14 Commissioner. He reorganized and managed
15 the Andorra Senior League Team and
16 managed the Senior League Team, Senior
17 Division Andorra Team for two years.
18 Mr. Horgan also helped to create the
19 Orioles Intramural Basketball League for
20 boys and girls in the Upper Roxborough
21 section of the City.

22 Mr. Horgan touched the lives of
23 thousands of youth in the City of
24 Philadelphia, especially in the
25 Roxborough and Manayunk neighborhoods,

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 through his 35-plus years of coaching and
3 volunteering. The Philadelphia
4 Department of Parks and Recreation
5 wholeheartedly supports the naming of the
6 "Jack Horgan Memorial Field" at Old Line
7 Park.

8 Thank you for the opportunity
9 to discuss this important issue with you
10 today, and I look forward to any
11 questions you may have.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you.
13 Any questions from the panel?
14 Councilman Jones.

15 COUNCILMAN JONES: One of the
16 things that you learn quickly in the 21st
17 Ward is that sports plays a huge part of
18 the daily life and interactions of the
19 residents there, and this coach
20 represents so much history, so many young
21 people that have been touched by his
22 activities. We're just glad to be able
23 to honor him and continue that tradition
24 up there. So thank you, Commissioner.

25 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER SLAWSON:

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.

2 Thank you. We're glad that we can
3 support this opportunity to honor him.

4 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
5 Madam Chair.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Any other
7 comments?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you
10 very much for your testimony.

11 I do want to take a moment to
12 acknowledge for the record that we've
13 been joined by Councilwoman Jannie
14 Blackwell. Thank you.

15 The Clerk will now read the
16 title of Bill No. 120433.

17 THE CLERK: An ordinance
18 authorizing the Concession Agreement for
19 Operation and Management of Bicycle
20 Rental Stations In The Fairmount Park
21 System, between the City of Philadelphia
22 and Freetime, Inc. (doing business as
23 "Wheel Fun Rentals"), to have an Initial
24 Term of five years and, at the City's
25 option, a Renewal Term of five years, all

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 under certain terms and conditions.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: And we'll
4 have the first panel up to testify on
5 this bill.

6 (Witness approached witness
7 table.)

8 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Good
9 afternoon.

10 MR. FAGAN: Good afternoon,
11 Chairwoman Bass.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Please
13 state your name for the record.

14 MR. FAGAN: My name is Ed
15 Fagan. I am the Philadelphia Director of
16 Development for the Philadelphia
17 Department of Parks and Recreation, and
18 I'm here to present testimony in support
19 of Bill No. 120433, authorizing the
20 Commissioner of the Procurement
21 Department and the Commissioner of Parks
22 and Recreation, on behalf of the City of
23 Philadelphia, to issue an Initial Term of
24 five years and a Renewal Term of five
25 years for the Concession Agreement for

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 Freetime, Incorporated, doing business as
3 Wheel Fun Rentals. Wheel Fun operates
4 115 bicycle rental locations in 35 cities
5 nationwide, and in Philadelphia, it
6 provides bicycle rental and Segway tour
7 opportunities at Lloyd Hall Recreation
8 Center, JFK Plaza and also at Trolley Car
9 Cafe on Kelly Drive in East Falls.

10 By way of background, the City
11 of Philadelphia issued a request for
12 proposal in October 2011 for the
13 operation and management of bicycle
14 rental stations in the Fairmount Park
15 system. The Proposal Selection Committee
16 unanimously agreed that Wheel Fun Rentals
17 provided the best proposal because of the
18 variety of its product offerings, its
19 desire to work with local organizations
20 to staff its facilities and substantial
21 amount of proposed capital investment.
22 To date, Wheel Fun has made a 278,000
23 capital investment in Philadelphia
24 bicycle rental program. It is currently
25 in the process of making an additional

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 investment to purchase more bikes to meet
3 the demand of an already successful
4 program.

5 Wheel Fun presently operates
6 under a Concession Agreement with an
7 Initial Term of one year, with three
8 annual Renewal Terms. The Initial Term
9 of this Concession Agreement will convert
10 to five years, with a five-year Renewal
11 Term when this ordinance is approved and
12 becomes law.

13 Wheel Fun is responsible for
14 all utility, maintenance and repair costs
15 for the rental locations. It provides an
16 annual concession fee starting at \$15,000
17 per year and escalating annually to
18 \$23,270 in the final year of the
19 five-year Renewal Term, plus 10 percent
20 of annual gross revenues. Projected
21 revenue to the City for the first year is
22 \$45,000.

23 Wheel Fun opened at Lloyd Hall
24 in April 2012 and is a welcomed amenity
25 on the Lloyd Hall campus, complementing

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 the existing Cosmic Cafe services at the
3 same location. Park users have access to
4 a variety of rental products, including
5 hybrid two-wheels, surrey bikes, tandems
6 and Segways, providing a new and exciting
7 way to explore the Fairmount Park system.
8 An additional location at JFK Plaza
9 scheduled to open later this month, which
10 is actually open today, will broaden
11 rental opportunities for visitors and
12 citizens at this hub location. Wheel Fun
13 is also working with Parks and Recreation
14 to identify potential bicycle rental
15 locations at each of the watershed parks
16 in our system.

17 Wheel Fun Rentals has
18 demonstrated a commitment to support
19 local business and has partnered with
20 City-based Advanced Sports, manufacturers
21 of Fuji Bicycles, to be their primary
22 supplier for their program. It's also
23 worked with Neighborhood Bike Works to
24 hire youth involved in that program to
25 assemble the bikes and to work as

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 customer service representatives for the
3 firm. It has also secured marketing
4 services from Cardenas Grant
5 Communications, Limited, a certified
6 minority-owned business in Philadelphia.

7 Wheel Fun is a civic-minded
8 organization that actively supports the
9 communities in which it operates. It
10 developed a nationwide program involving
11 Big Brothers and Big Sisters and has
12 created a partnership with Bicycle
13 Coalition of Greater Philadelphia,
14 supporting the annual Bike to Work Day,
15 along with other opportunities that have
16 been presented, and they're also going to
17 be starting, in conjunction with
18 ourselves, a Learn to Ride a Bicycle
19 program for adults starting next month.

20 In closing, I'm requesting this
21 Committee's favorable consideration of
22 Bill No. 120433, and I ask that the rules
23 be suspended so that the ordinance may be
24 passed upon the second reading of
25 Council.

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.

2 I want to thank you for your
3 opportunity to present this testimony
4 today, and I'd be happy to answer any
5 questions you may have.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you.
7 Are there any questions from
8 the panel?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you.

11 MR. FAGAN: Thank you.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you
13 for your testimony.

14 MR. FAGAN: You're welcome.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: I'm sorry.
16 Can you return, sir. We do have one
17 question from Councilwoman Brown.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good
19 afternoon it is. And I thank you for
20 your entrepreneurial spirit as it relates
21 to this enterprise. I am one of those
22 folk who does fast walk the Drive, not
23 run, and have come and touched with the
24 members of the folk who use this
25 enterprise. And I'm probably speaking to

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 the wrong -- I should share this also
3 with the Rec Department and Fairmount
4 Park, just as a matter of course. And
5 maybe you can build this into your
6 business orientation for prospective
7 employees. And I'm not -- I do not know
8 at all if this is one of your employees.
9 I'm just putting it out there, because I
10 think we all have to be as cognizant of
11 this as possible so as not to avoid
12 injury, where we need our drivers as well
13 as our walkers to exercise not texting
14 while driving. Okay?

15 MR. FAGAN: Absolutely.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Even when
17 we're on a bike, like those that are now
18 on the Drive.

19 MR. FAGAN: I certainly agree
20 with you there, to maximize the safety of
21 everyone. Thank you.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: And I only
23 thought of that when I saw one Sunday or
24 Saturday morning down the Drive. I'm
25 like, wow, we have to now extend some of

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 our traffic laws on the street to those
3 who are using vehicles throughout our
4 parks.

5 MR. FAGAN: Well, at our
6 request, Wheel Fun does offer like an
7 instructional session for anyone who
8 rents a bike for them, tells them the
9 rules, and we have taken additional steps
10 in striping both Kelly Drive and King
11 Drive.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I saw
13 that. That's great.

14 MR. FAGAN: To maximize the
15 safety, and we're taking additional steps
16 with -- we put in additional signage
17 asking people to stay within their lanes.
18 One of the upsides of one of the products
19 that they offer, the surreys, which
20 people were hesitant at first, but
21 talking with other cities who have
22 offered the same services, it slows
23 traffic down to much more manageable
24 pace. I know people have talked about
25 all the cyclists or whomever just like

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 flying by. This has kind of become much
3 more manageable, and we hope to implement
4 other safety enhancement opportunities.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Very good.
6 It's a wonderful new enterprise on the
7 Drive.

8 MR. FAGAN: Thank you.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you.

10 MR. FAGAN: You're welcome.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you.

12 No more questions, so can we
13 have the Clerk now read the title of Bill
14 No. 120274.

15 THE CLERK: An ordinance naming
16 the playground currently designated as
17 the "Cobbs Creek Playground," located at
18 63rd and Catharine Streets, and bounded
19 by 63rd and Christian Streets as the
20 "Rufus O. Williams Memorial Playground."

21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: And we'll
22 now have Commissioner come forward for
23 testimony.

24 (Witness approached witness
25 table.)

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.

2 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Hello
3 again.

4 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER SLAWSON:
5 Good afternoon, Councilwoman Bass and
6 members of the Committee. Again, my name
7 is Susan Slawson, First Deputy
8 Commissioner for Programs and Recreation,
9 Philadelphia Department of Parks and
10 Recreation, and I appear before you again
11 to present this testimony in support of
12 Bill No. 120274 naming the playground
13 currently designated as the "Cobbs Creek
14 Playground," located at 63rd and
15 Catharine Streets, and bounded by 63rd
16 and Christian Streets as the "Rufus O.
17 Williams Memorial Playground."

18 Mr. Williams was a 1940
19 graduate of Overbrook High School. And I
20 actually remember Mr. Williams when I was
21 there. He was a member of the All-City
22 Championship Track Team. Mr. Williams
23 enrolled at Penn State and majored in art
24 education. But when World War II broke
25 out, he put his education on hold to

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 enlist in the Army. After the war, he
3 returned to Penn State and, in 1948,
4 received a Bachelor's degree and later a
5 Master's in education. Mr. Williams was
6 on the faculty of Sulzberger Junior High
7 School for nearly 35 years.

8 Mr. Williams was a man who was
9 devoted to children. He worked for the
10 City for more than 30 years. He would
11 spend countless hours at the recreation
12 center and playground serving as a
13 recreation center leader during the
14 evenings and a day camp director in the
15 summers. He enjoyed coaching sports and
16 taking youngsters on trips and sharing
17 the joy of art. The Philadelphia
18 Department of Parks and Recreation
19 wholeheartedly supports the renaming of
20 the "Cobbs Creek Playground" to the
21 "Rufus O. Williams Memorial Playground."

22 Thank you for this opportunity
23 to discuss this important issue with you
24 today, and I look forward to any
25 questions that you may have.

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.

2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
3 Chair.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: The Chair
5 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
7 you. We stayed from a graduation for
8 this and for the Zoo, but certainly we're
9 happy to support this and hope that the
10 Committee will as well and we'll suspend
11 the rules.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you
13 so much.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
15 you.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Any other
17 questions for this witness?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you
20 so much.

21 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER SLAWSON:
22 Thank you.

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: Do we have a
24 perjury rule? Because she said she knew
25 the gentleman since 1943, and we know

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 you're not that old.

3 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER SLAWSON:
4 No, no. I was at Sulzberger when he was
5 a teacher.

6 COUNCILMAN JONES: Okay. I
7 just wanted to clear that up for the
8 record.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: She looks
10 good for her age, right?

11 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER SLAWSON:
12 Thank you.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you.
14 Seeing no further witnesses, will the
15 Clerk now read the title of Bill No.
16 120435.

17 THE CLERK: An ordinance
18 authorizing the Commissioner of the
19 Department of Parks and Recreation to
20 acquire certain easements for the purpose
21 of constructing a public recreation trail
22 to connect Junod Playground to Poquessing
23 Creek Park and Benjamin Rush State Park,
24 all under certain terms and conditions.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Can we have

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.

2 the panel come up to testify, please.

3 (Witness approached witness
4 table.)

5 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Good
6 afternoon.

7 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOCHT:
8 Good afternoon, Councilwoman Bass and
9 members of the Committee. My name is
10 Mark Focht. I'm First Deputy
11 Commissioner for Parks and Facilities for
12 Philadelphia Parks and Recreation.
13 Pleased to appear before you today on
14 behalf of the Department in full support
15 of Council Bill No. 120435.

16 This bill authorizes the
17 Commissioner of the Department of Parks
18 and Recreation to acquire certain
19 easements for the purpose of constructing
20 a public recreation trail to connect
21 Junod Playground to Poquessing Creek Park
22 and Benjamin Rush State Park in Northeast
23 Philadelphia, all under certain terms and
24 conditions.

25 This legislation will allow

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 Parks and Recreation to execute easements
3 to facilitate construction of a 1.57-mile
4 Poquessing Creek Trail connecting Junod
5 and the Parkwood neighborhood in Far
6 Northeast Philadelphia to a 32-acre
7 section of Poquessing Creek Park
8 bordering Bucks County, which currently
9 has no legitimate gateway from either the
10 Parkwood neighborhood or neighboring
11 Bensalem Township. The trail will also
12 connect the Parkwood neighborhood to
13 Benjamin Rush State Park, a 275-acre open
14 space, which presently can only be
15 accessed by automobile from the Roosevelt
16 Boulevard. If easements are not
17 established, no off-road connection
18 between various neighborhoods, Junod,
19 Poquessing and the State Park, can be
20 made.

21 Using the easement and the
22 resulting trail to connect neighborhoods
23 to natural areas and open spaces is a
24 goal of several recent planning documents
25 for the Far Northeast. The trail will

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 meet several criteria of Green2015,
3 GreenPlan and Philadelphia2035, including
4 connecting neighborhoods to watershed
5 parks and open space. In fact, the
6 Poquessing Creek Trail is mentioned in
7 Green2015 as, in quotes, "an important
8 site for future projects," end quote.

9 This trail will be developed on
10 an easement, which was first mentioned as
11 a priority in the Poquessing Creek Trail
12 Park Master Plan in 2001, a plan which
13 resulted from much community input.

14 The design of this trail is
15 complete. Once easements and
16 construction funding is secured,
17 construction can begin.

18 Therefore, I appear before you
19 today to pledge the support of Parks and
20 Recreation for this legislation and
21 respectfully ask that the City Council
22 approve Bill No. 120435.

23 In addition, I ask that the
24 rules be suspended so the ordinance may
25 be passed upon the second reading of

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.

2 Council.

3 Thank you very much.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Jones.

7 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you so
8 much, Madam Chair.

9 Very quickly. I know you took
10 us on that tour in that general
11 direction. How long will this trail
12 extend now from furthest point to...

13 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOCHT: The
14 southernmost point is Junod Playground in
15 the Parkwood neighborhood, and then it
16 goes for one and a half miles, kind of
17 wraps around the back of the Byberry
18 Industrial Park right along the
19 Poquessing Creek, connects through this
20 32-acre parcel that's already under the
21 control of Parks and Recreation but is
22 otherwise isolated, and then connects to
23 the 275-acre Benjamin Rush State Park and
24 comes out at the Roosevelt Boulevard in
25 the northern end. So it connects

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 Parkwood and Junod through the industrial
3 park, Poquessing Creek Park and State
4 Park.

5 COUNCILMAN JONES: So how long
6 length-wise?

7 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOCHT: One
8 and a half miles.

9 COUNCILMAN JONES: But it makes
10 it pedestrian friendly, biker friendly?

11 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOCHT:
12 Yeah. This will be -- what we'll develop
13 on these easements are a typical paved
14 multi-use recreation trail.

15 COUNCILMAN JONES: Good use of
16 parkland.

17 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOCHT:
18 Thank you.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Any other
20 questions, comments?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you
23 so much for your testimony.

24 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOCHT:
25 Thank you.

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.

2 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: I'd also
3 like to recognize Councilman Kenyatta
4 Johnson who has joined us, for the
5 record.

6 And can we have the Clerk
7 please read the bill of 120482.

8 THE CLERK: An ordinance
9 authorizing the Commissioner of Parks and
10 Recreation to execute a lease with the
11 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
12 Development ("PAID"), obligating PAID to
13 execute a sublease with the Zoological
14 Society of Philadelphia (the "Society"),
15 under which the Society would construct,
16 manage, operate, maintain, and repair a
17 multi-story parking garage and related
18 streetscape improvements along West
19 Girard Avenue, and exempting the proposed
20 lease from the requirements of
21 Philadelphia Code Section 15-101 et seq.,
22 commonly called the "Open Lands
23 Protection Ordinance," because the
24 Society has already satisfied the
25 requirements of the Open Lands Protection

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 Ordinance, all under certain terms and
3 conditions.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you.

5 And do we have also testifying
6 on this bill Mr. Woodson, if you want to
7 come forward, and Ms. Nina Bisbee.

8 (Witnesses approached witness
9 table.)

10 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: If you
11 could again state your name for the
12 record and begin your testimony.

13 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOCHT:
14 Good afternoon, Chairwoman Bass and
15 Committee members. I'm Mark Focht, First
16 Deputy Commissioner, Parks and Facilities
17 for Philadelphia Parks and Recreation. I
18 am pleased to appear before you today on
19 behalf of the Department of Parks and
20 Recreation in full support of Council
21 Bill 120482.

22 This bill authorizes the
23 Commissioner of Parks and Recreation to
24 execute a lease through the Philadelphia
25 Authority for Industrial Development, or

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 PAID, obligating PAID to execute a
3 sublease with the Zoological Society of
4 Philadelphia, under which the Society
5 will construct, manage, operate,
6 maintain, and repair a multi-story
7 parking garage and related streetscape
8 improvements along West Girard Avenue,
9 and exempting the proposed lease from the
10 requirements of Philadelphia Code Section
11 15-101, commonly called the "Open Lands
12 Protection Ordinance," because the
13 Society has already satisfied the
14 requirements of the Open Lands Protection
15 Ordinance, all under certain terms and
16 conditions.

17 The Zoo proposes to construct a
18 parking garage to serve visitors on a
19 parcel of land in the Fairmount Park
20 system under the jurisdiction of Parks
21 and Recreation along West Girard Avenue
22 that the Society has used as a surface
23 parking lot for nearly 60 years. The
24 site is not contiguous to any other park
25 or recreation land and is actually

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 bordered by two railroad lines and Girard
3 Avenue.

4 The proposed garage would
5 nearly double the amount of parking
6 available at the site and make it easier
7 for patrons who drive to the Zoo via the
8 Schuylkill Expressway or Girard Avenue to
9 quickly find convenient and safe parking.

10 The concept of a parking garage
11 has basis in many studies over the last
12 ten years, including a Parking and
13 Assessment Study in 2002, which
14 recommended that the Society create more
15 parking close to the Zoo with direct
16 access to I-76 and create better public
17 transit options; a 2004 City of
18 Philadelphia Commerce Department study,
19 entitled "The Centennial District
20 Economic Development Strategy," which
21 includes a plan for development of the
22 area around the Zoo and shows a parking
23 garage constructed on this site; and the
24 2010 "Philadelphia Zoo Intermodal
25 Transportation Project," under which the

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2 Society envisioned constructing a garage,
3 improving public transit access to the
4 Zoo and making extensive streetscape
5 improvements along West Girard Avenue.

6 In accordance with federal
7 regulations and procedures, the
8 Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
9 hired an independent consultant to
10 conduct a "Categorical Exclusion
11 Evaluation" and determine whether the
12 garage complied with the requirements for
13 a Categorical Exclusion under the
14 National Environmental Policy Act. As a
15 result of this independent study, the
16 U.S. Department of Transportation
17 confirmed that the garage qualifies for a
18 Categorical Exclusion, concluding that
19 the proposed project will not involve any
20 significant negative impacts to
21 socioeconomic, natural or cultural
22 resources. It will not induce
23 significant alterations in land use or
24 affect planned growth, and will not
25 significantly negatively impact air or

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2 water quality, wetlands, threatened or
3 endangered plants or animals, noise level
4 or travel patterns, and that the garage
5 will have no negative effects on traffic
6 in the vicinity of the Zoo and that, and
7 this is in quotes, "the proposed traffic
8 design will improve congestion and safety
9 issues which currently exist in the
10 area," end quote.

11 Further, the Zoo concluded that
12 the garage will have a positive --
13 further, the evaluation concluded that
14 the garage will have a very positive
15 impact on the operations of the Zoo and
16 the Philadelphia community at large,
17 noting, again in quote, "nearby residents
18 and the local community will benefit from
19 the reduced traffic congestion, improved
20 aesthetics of the site, increased number
21 of potential customers to the area and
22 facilitated access to public
23 transportation," end quote. The
24 evaluation determined that the security
25 features of the garage and new walkways

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2 and lights along Girard Avenue between
3 the Zoo and the garage will improve
4 safety, as well as the Zoo's main
5 entrance and along 34th Street and will
6 reduce opportunities for crime near the
7 garage.

8 Significant public input has
9 been involved in the development of this
10 project, including the formation of a
11 Community Review Committee, comprised of
12 five community groups and representatives
13 from neighborhoods near the Zoo. The Zoo
14 wrote letters to 26 individuals and
15 groups informing them of the Categorical
16 Exclusion Evaluation, inviting them to
17 submit comments. PennDOT's consultant
18 conducted interviews with more than 50
19 key community leaders to seek their
20 comments about this project. The Zoo
21 published a public notice in the
22 Philadelphia Inquirer advising of a
23 30-day comment period to review the
24 Categorical Exclusion Evaluation and
25 submit comments, including places where

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 the evaluation was available to read and
3 the person to contact with questions or
4 comments.

5 Given the breadth of this study
6 and public participation, the United
7 States Department of Transportation
8 determined that the garage qualifies for
9 a Categorical Exclusion under the
10 National Environmental Policy Act.

11 The Open Lands Protection
12 Ordinance passed by City Council and
13 enacted in April 2011 creates procedures
14 to ensure that no City of Philadelphia
15 outdoor park or recreation land is
16 converted or transferred for non-park or
17 non-recreation purposes.

18 The ordinance is critical to
19 ensure comprehensive analysis and public
20 participation before any transfer or
21 conversion of outdoor park or recreation
22 land occurs. The Zoo made a presentation
23 about the garage to the Parks and
24 Recreation Commission on May 18th, 2012,
25 including information on the Categorical

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 Execution Evaluation, parking and access
3 study, Centennial District economic
4 development strategy and the efforts to
5 notify the public about the garage and
6 seek public comments during the
7 preparation of these studies and
8 documents.

9 Philadelphia Parks and
10 Recreation strongly believes that the
11 efforts of the Zoo, their consultants,
12 PennDOT and their consultants, which
13 resulted in a finding of a Categorical
14 Exclusion, meets, if not exceeds, the
15 standards of the City's Open Lands
16 Protection Ordinance.

17 Therefore, I appear before you
18 today to pledge the full support of the
19 Department of Parks and Recreation for
20 this legislation and respectfully ask
21 that City Council approve Bill No.
22 120482.

23 In addition, I ask that the
24 rules be suspended so that the ordinance
25 may be passed upon the second reading at

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 Council.

3 I would add to my prepared
4 testimony that Parks and Rec
5 Commissioner, Debra Wolf Goldstein, was
6 prepared to testify yesterday on behalf
7 of the full Commission in full support of
8 this ordinance, and I believe she
9 delivered her written testimony to the
10 Committee.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Yes, she
12 did.

13 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOCHT:
14 Since she's unable to join us this
15 afternoon.

16 Thank you, and I'd be happy to
17 answer any questions you may have.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you.

19 Why don't we take the next
20 testimony. If you want to go, we'll save
21 our questions for the end.

22 MR. WOODSON: Good afternoon,
23 Madam Chair and members of the Parks and
24 Recreation and Cultural Affairs
25 Committee. I am Kenneth Woodson, Vice

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2 President, Community and Government
3 Affairs at the Philadelphia Zoo. Joining
4 me is Nina Bisbee, my colleague, who is
5 Vice President for Facilities at the
6 Philadelphia Zoo. We are happy to be
7 before you today to testify on behalf of
8 Bill No. 120482.

9 For years, the Philadelphia Zoo
10 and the surrounding community have faced
11 longstanding issues of parking capacity,
12 access and traffic flow as a result of
13 large numbers of guests visiting the Zoo
14 and neighboring cultural attractions.
15 Such traffic issues affect the entire
16 general public with congestion for miles
17 along the I-76 corridor and neighboring
18 areas.

19 The highest attended months at
20 the Zoo are April through September,
21 which accounts for 80 percent of all
22 visitors, with the numbers of guests
23 sometimes exceeding 10,000 per day. The
24 volume and peak demand nature of the Zoo
25 visitation places a tremendous burden on

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2 the current parking facilities, which are
3 spread among five separate locations in
4 areas near but not contiguous with the
5 Zoo. During times of heavy visitation,
6 the Zoo makes use of a sixth lot in
7 Fairmount Park across Girard Avenue
8 Bridge in an attempt to accommodate
9 overflow parking demand. On extremely
10 busy days, 34th Street and the Mann Music
11 Center are also utilized for parking.

12 Currently, the Zoo exceeds the
13 number of parking spaces needed on an
14 average of 40 days out of the year. High
15 Zoo visitation days also create problems
16 for our neighbors. In addition to
17 traffic congestion, they also have
18 difficulty parking near their homes.

19 The approval of Bill No. 120482
20 will enable the Philadelphia Zoo to
21 construct the Centennial District
22 Intermodal Transportation Center. This
23 project will fulfill two main objectives:
24 increase parking capacity and reduce
25 traffic congestion. A four-story,

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2 683-space parking garage, along with new
3 lighting, sidewalks, sustainable
4 landscaping and streetscape and traffic
5 controls to improve traffic flow along
6 34th Street, Girard Avenue and Zoological
7 Drive, will complete this project. Such
8 improvements will create an environment
9 that is safer for pedestrians and
10 vehicles, while improving traffic flow
11 and parking and creating a more
12 attractive environment for the
13 neighborhood, commuters and Zoo visitors.
14 Overall, these developments will benefit
15 Zoo visitors, our neighbors in East and
16 West Parkside and other cultural
17 institutions in the Centennial District.

18 The proposed garage would be
19 constructed on the current Zebra surface
20 parking lot at 35th and Girard Avenue, a
21 parcel of land in the Fairmount Park
22 system. The Zoo has used this location
23 as a surface parking lot for nearly 60
24 years. The garage will nearly double the
25 amount of parking available at that

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2 location, making it easier for patrons
3 who drive to the Zoo via the Schuylkill
4 Expressway or Girard Avenue to quickly
5 find close and convenient parking.
6 Additionally, a mural created in
7 partnership with the Mural Arts Program
8 will be located on the facade of the
9 parking garage facing the rail tracks,
10 where it will be visible to hundreds of
11 thousands of rail passengers who travel
12 that section of the northeast corridor
13 each day.

14 Additional transit improvements
15 that include synchronized traffic signals
16 and electronic digital signs will reduce
17 traffic congestion at the I-76 off-ramps
18 and facilitate access to the parking lots
19 and improve pedestrian safety.

20 This project is a result of a
21 parking and access study that was
22 completed in 2003. The study recommended
23 that the Zoo create better and closer
24 parking opportunities with direct access
25 to I-76 and the Zoo. The study also

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 recommended better public transit
3 connections between the Zoo and Center
4 City. In 2010, the Zoo completed plans
5 for the Centennial District Intermodal
6 Transportation Center.

7 The economic opportunity plan
8 goals for the parking garage, reviewed
9 and endorsed by the City of Philadelphia,
10 includes a professional services goal of
11 25 percent minority and 5 percent
12 female-owned businesses, a construction
13 contractor goal of 20 percent
14 minority-owned and 5 percent female-owned
15 businesses, and a construction workforce
16 goal of 30 percent minorities and 5
17 percent female. The general contractor
18 selected for this project is a joint
19 venture between the Shoemaker
20 Construction Company and Perryman
21 Building and Construction Services.
22 Perryman Building and Construction
23 Services is a well-known West
24 Philadelphia-based minority-owned
25 construction firm.

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2 The Centennial District

3 Intermodal Transportation Center is the
4 first step in achieving our goals of
5 creating better access and alleviating
6 parking and traffic challenges. It is
7 not the total solution. With a growing
8 number of guests and visitors, it would
9 be impossible for the Zoo to create the
10 number of parking spaces to satisfy
11 demand on its busiest days. With an
12 anticipated 1.3 million visitors in the
13 coming year, the Philadelphia Zoo is the
14 most attended ticketed cultural
15 attraction in the region. As a result,
16 the ultimate solution and most beneficial
17 option is to advocate for a regional rail
18 station at the Zoo, which would recreate
19 one that serviced the Zoo until the
20 1940s. In addition to being a greener
21 way to travel for employees and
22 volunteers, a regional rail station at
23 the Zoo would also increase the Zoo's
24 attendance and regional economic impact.
25 The station's greatest impact, however,

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2 would be the opportunity provided to the
3 residents of Parkside and Mantua to
4 commute to economic opportunity in the
5 surrounding suburban employment centers.

6 A principal component of Bill
7 No. 120482 is to exempt this project from
8 the requirements of the recently passed
9 Open Lands Protection Ordinance. We
10 believe that an exemption is warranted in
11 this case because the Zoo has met and
12 exceeded the standards established by the
13 Open Lands Protection Ordinance for
14 public review and input. The Zoo has
15 worked hard to create public awareness
16 and obtain extensive public input. Zoo
17 staff since 2003 has met with every
18 leader in the East and West Parkside
19 communities, the City Planning
20 Commission, the Parks and Recreation
21 Department and the City Commerce
22 Department to gain insight and provide
23 updates regarding the project. At a
24 Zoning hearing on February 23rd, 2012,
25 several community leaders submitted

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 letters of support for the Centennial
3 District Intermodal Transportation
4 Project.

5 We do not believe that an
6 exemption in this instance will set a
7 precedent for other projects. The
8 Centennial District Intermodal
9 Transportation Center is a unique and
10 one-of-a-kind opportunity.

11 Finally, I'm requesting that
12 City Council suspend its rules so as to
13 permit a second reading and passage of
14 this bill at the next meeting of City
15 Council.

16 Thank you for this opportunity
17 to offer testimony on behalf of Bill No.
18 120482. Ms. Bisbee and I are available
19 to answer your questions at this time.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you
21 for your testimony.

22 We're going to wait one moment
23 for questions until after the next
24 witness. So if you want to begin your
25 testimony.

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2 MS. BISBEE: Actually, Kenneth
3 was providing the primary testimony. I'm
4 here to provide answers to any questions.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Okay.

6 Great. All right. Thank you.

7 And we'll start with Councilman
8 Majority Leader Curtis Jones.

9 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
10 Madam Chair. I just want to cite for the
11 record that the Zoo is an excellent
12 institution located in the 3rd
13 Councilmanic District, except for the
14 portion that we are talking about right
15 now. We went from 1 percent of the Zoo
16 to maybe 2 percent of the Zoo now. So we
17 share that, Councilwoman Blackwell, with
18 affection.

19 But I do know that this
20 Intermodal Transportation hub which will
21 be of interest to the Chair of
22 Transportation, Councilman Johnson --

23 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: That's
24 correct.

25 COUNCILMAN JONES: -- is an

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 excellent opportunity for reverse commute
3 that you cited, that its design is to
4 bring customers into Philadelphia to
5 spend their money, but it's also designed
6 to allow a workforce to go to other parts
7 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and
8 beyond to seek opportunities. So I think
9 it is an important process that we are
10 undertaking.

11 I also heard you in your
12 testimony say that you share this
13 resource with other institutions such as
14 the Please Touch, if they need it, and
15 the Mann, when they need it, in off-peak
16 hours as it relates to the Zoo. So I
17 think that's a far-reaching economic
18 impact for that area. So I think it's an
19 excellent project and glad to be able to
20 share it with Councilwoman Blackwell.

21 MR. WOODSON: Thank you.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you.

23 The Chair recognizes
24 Councilwoman Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 you, Madam Chair. As we said, we missed
3 the graduation that we have to apologize
4 for, but we did not want to neglect this
5 opportunity to thank the Zoo for all that
6 it has done. We are very pleased that it
7 is the most ticketed cultural attraction
8 in the region, and we've been meeting
9 with them on this issue for a long, long
10 time. And so we certainly thank them and
11 hope that the Committee will consider
12 suspension of rules so it can be reported
13 out tomorrow.

14 Thank you.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
16 Councilwoman.

17 The Chair recognizes
18 Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good
20 afternoon. I paid particular attention
21 to the MBE or WBE that will have an
22 opportunity to do business with the Zoo.
23 I'm well aware of Angelo Perryman's track
24 record. Is there any discussion in that
25 agreement that residents of Parkside and

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 residents of these two districts will
3 have first opportunity for the pending
4 employment opportunities?

5 MR. WOODSON: We did not have a
6 specific neighborhood provision in the
7 current EOP, but, of course, we've been
8 talking to people for several years and
9 encouraging individuals to take advantage
10 of opportunities as they presented by the
11 general contractor.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: And when
13 you say "individuals," you mean those
14 residents who live close to the Zoo?

15 MR. WOODSON: Yes. We've had
16 conversations with every organization,
17 all the leaders, and we've kept them
18 abreast of the bid situation, the winning
19 bidders, et cetera.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: What has
21 been the level of success? Is there any
22 tracking?

23 MR. WOODSON: There is no --
24 currently we've hired a consulting firm
25 to work with us. The contracts have just

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 been let, so we have not bought out the
3 project yet. So we don't have
4 contractors signed on yet, other than the
5 general contractor.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Okay. I
7 would suggest and urge since all of us on
8 Council are concerned about hiring
9 Philadelphians and in instances where
10 there are going to be opportunities of
11 this scale, that the first reach goes to
12 those residents who live close to that
13 scale construction opportunity. I think
14 we have an obligation to do that. And if
15 it's not put on the table, then it gets
16 overlooked for a lot of different
17 reasons.

18 MR. WOODSON: Okay.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: That's
20 number one.

21 Number two, will the same
22 attention be given to the let of the
23 landscaping --

24 MR. WOODSON: Yes.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: --

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 opportunities?

3 MR. WOODSON: The next phase of
4 contracts will be that portion for the
5 streetscaping and street improvements
6 along Girard Avenue and 34th Street. We
7 will have a plan in place for that as
8 well.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Okay. So
10 what I will say for the record is when I
11 first came to City Council, I saw too
12 many trucks with suburban zip codes doing
13 our land and our parks here in the City,
14 and we know that there are countless
15 Philadelphia-based businesses of all
16 types with Philadelphia zip codes who are
17 looking for opportunities in Philadelphia
18 in this particular area, and my hope
19 would be that a concerted effort would be
20 to do just that, go the extra mile to
21 ensure that Philadelphians get
22 opportunity and something as -- well,
23 some might say fundamental, others would
24 say not, because landscaping does come
25 with a skill-set, but that an opportunity

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2 is made enormously aware to those who
3 live in that community.

4 MR. WOODSON: Thank you.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Okay,
6 then.

7 Thank you, Madam Chair.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you.

9 Any other questions, comments?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Well, thank
12 you so much for your testimony today.

13 Is there anyone else here to
14 testify on this bill?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Seeing
17 none, that concludes testimony on Bills
18 No. 120145, 120274, 120433, 120435 and
19 120482, and this now concludes the public
20 hearing on the Committee of Parks,
21 Recreation and Cultural Affairs, and
22 we'll now go into our public meeting
23 shortly.

24 (Pause.)

25 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: The Chair

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 now recognizes Councilman Jones for a
3 motion on Bill No. 120145.

4 The Chair -- excuse me one
5 moment. The Chair now recognizes
6 Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown for
7 an amendment to Bill No. 120145.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
9 Madam Chair. I move that an amendment to
10 Bill No. 120145 be adopted.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: It's been
13 properly moved and seconded.

14 All in favor?

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Any
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: And so the
20 amendment carries.

21 And the Chair now recognizes
22 Councilmember Jones for a motion on Bill
23 No. 120145, as amended.

24 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
25 Madam Chair. I move that Bill No. 120145

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 be reported from this Committee with a
3 favorable recommendation and further move
4 that the rules of Council be suspended to
5 permit first reading of this bill at our
6 next session of Council.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: It's been
9 properly moved and seconded.

10 All in favor?

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Any
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: The motion
16 carries. It's been moved and properly
17 seconded that Bill No. 120145 be reported
18 from this Committee with a favorable
19 recommendation and further moved that the
20 rules of Council be suspended as to
21 permit first reading at the next
22 scheduled session of City Council.

23 And the Chair now recognizes
24 Councilmember Jones for a motion on Bill
25 No. 120274.

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.

2 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
3 Madam Chair. I move that Bill No. 120274
4 be reported from this Committee with a
5 favorable recommendation and further move
6 that the rules of Council be suspended to
7 permit first reading of this bill at our
8 next session of Council.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: It's been
11 properly moved and seconded that Bill No.
12 120274 be reported from this Committee.

13 All those in favor say aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Any
16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: So Bill No.
19 120274 will be reported from this
20 Committee with a favorable recommendation
21 and further moved that the rules of
22 Council will be suspended as to permit
23 first reading at the next scheduled
24 session of City Council.

25 The Chair now recognizes

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.

2 Councilmember Jones for a motion on Bill
3 No. 120433.

4 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
5 Madam Chair. I move that Bill No. 120433
6 be reported from this Committee with a
7 favorable recommendation and further move
8 that the rules of Council be suspended to
9 permit first reading of this bill at our
10 next session of Council.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: It's been
13 properly moved and seconded.

14 All in favor?

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Any
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: The ayes
20 have it, and it will be reported that
21 Bill No. 120433 will be reported from
22 this Committee with a favorable
23 recommendation and further moved that the
24 rules of Council be suspended to permit
25 first reading of this bill at the next

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 session of Council.

3 The Chair now recognizes
4 Councilmember Jones for a motion on Bill
5 No. 120435.

6 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
7 Madam Chair. I move that Bill No. 120435
8 be reported from this Committee with a
9 favorable recommendation and further move
10 that the rules of Council be suspended to
11 permit first reading of this bill at our
12 next session of Council.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: It's been
15 moved and properly seconded that Bill No.
16 120435 be reported from this Committee
17 with a favorable recommendation.

18 All those in favor?

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Any
21 opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Bill No.
24 120435 will be reported from this
25 Committee with a favorable recommendation

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.
2 and further moved that the rules of
3 Council will be suspended as to permit
4 first reading at the next scheduled
5 session of City Council.

6 The Chair now recognizes
7 Councilmember Jones for a motion on Bill
8 No. 120482.

9 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
10 Madam Chair. I move that Bill No. 120482
11 be reported from this Committee with a
12 favorable recommendation and further move
13 that the rules of Council be suspended to
14 permit first reading of this bill at our
15 next session of Council.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: It's been
18 moved and properly seconded that Bill No.
19 120482 be reported from this Committee
20 with a favorable recommendation and
21 further moved that the rules of Council
22 will be suspended as to permit first
23 reading at the next scheduled session of
24 City Council.

25 All those in favor say aye.

1 6/13/12 - PARKS - BILL 120145, etc.

2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Any

4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: The motion
7 carries and Bill No. 120482 will be
8 reported from this Committee with a
9 favorable recommendation with a request
10 that the rules of Council be suspended to
11 permit first reading at the next schedule
12 of Council.

13 With that, the business of this
14 Committee is concluded. Thank you very
15 much for all those who appeared to
16 testify and for your coming out today and
17 being involved in the process.

18 Thank you.

19 (Committee on Parks, Recreation
20 and Cultural Affairs concluded at 5:05
21 p.m.)

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