



CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

July 11, 2007/Calendar No. 25

N 070317 HGQ

IN THE MATTER OF the designation of the Jamaica Gateway Urban Renewal Area, as an area appropriate for urban renewal, pursuant to Section 504 of Article 15 of the General Municipal (Urban Renewal) Law of New York State, located in Community District 12 in the Borough of Queens and described as follows:

<u>Site</u>	<u>Land Use</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot(s)</u>
1	Commercial	9999	1,9,10,11,13,15
2	Commercial	9998 South	1,2,16,19,22,25,42,43,47,48,144
3	Commercial	9998 North	83,86,87,88,89,90,91,93,94,95,101,109,110,119,124,127
4	Commercial	9993	1,3,18,20,22,23,24,25,27,28,29

148th Street between 94th and 95th Avenues
All mapped and/or built streets within the Project Boundary
Borough of Queens, Community District 12.

The application for the designation of the Jamaica Gateway Urban Renewal Area was filed by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development on February 5, 2007 as part of the Jamaica Plan, a comprehensive planning and zoning strategy for an approximately 368 block area intended to support Jamaica’s downtown business district, expand housing opportunities along the area’s major thoroughfares and preserve intact blocks in neighboring low-rise residential communities.

RELATED ACTIONS

In addition to the designation of the Jamaica Gateway Urban Renewal Area which is the subject of this report, implementation of the proposed development also requires action by the City Planning Commission on the following applications which are being considered concurrently

with this application:

1. C 070158 MMQ An amendment to the City Map for the elimination, discontinuance and closing of a portion of 148th Street between 94th Avenue and Atlantic Avenue (95th Avenue)
2. C 070314(A)ZMQ Amendment of the Zoning Map
3. N 070315 (A)ZMQ Amendment of the Zoning Resolution concerning Article XI, Chapter 5 (Special Downtown Jamaica District), establishing a special district and modifying related regulations
4. C 070316 HUQ Approval of the Jamaica Gateway Urban Renewal Area
5. C 070322 HDQ Disposition of property within the Jamaica Gateway Urban Renewal Plan
6. C 070318 PPQ Disposition of one (1) city-owned property

BACKGROUND

A full background discussion and description of this project appears in the report on the related application for an amendment of the Zoning Map (C 070314 (A) ZMQ).

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This application (N 070317 HGQ), in conjunction with the applications for the related actions (C 070158 MMQ), (C 070314 ZMQ), (C 070314 (A) ZMQ), (N 070315 ZRQ), (N 070315 (A) ZRQ), (C 070316 HUQ), (C 070322 HDQ) and (C 070318 PPQ), was reviewed pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and the SEQRA regulations set forth in Volume 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations, Section 617.00 et seq. and the New York City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) Rules of Procedure of 1991 and

Executive Order No. 91 of 1977. The designated CEQR number is 05DCP081Q. The lead agency is the City Planning Commission.

A summary of the environmental review and the Final Environmental Impact Statement appears in the report on the related application for an amendment of the Zoning Map (C 070314 (A) ZMQ).

City Planning Commission Public Hearing

On May 9, 2007 (Calendar No. 6), the City Planning Commission scheduled May 23, 2007, for a public hearing on this application (N 070317 HGQ). The hearing was duly held on May 23, 2007 (Calendar No. 33), in conjunction with the public hearings on the applications for the related actions.

There were a number of speakers, as described in the report on the related application for an amendment of the Zoning Map (C 070314 (A) ZMQ), and the hearing was closed.

CONSIDERATION

The Commission believes that the proposed designation of the Jamaica Gateway Urban Renewal Area is appropriate.

A full consideration and analysis of the issues, and the reasons for approving this application, appear in the report on the related application for an amendment of the Zoning Map (C 070314 (A) ZMQ).

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that having considered the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), for which a Notice of Completion was issued on June 29, 2007, with respect to this application (CEQR No. 05DCP081Q), the City Planning Commission finds that the requirements of Part 617 of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, have been met and that, consistent with social, economic and other essential considerations:

1. From among the reasonable alternatives thereto, the action to be approved is one which minimizes or avoids adverse environmental impacts to the maximum extent practicable; and
2. The adverse environmental impacts revealed in the environmental impact statement will be minimized or avoided to the maximum extent practicable by incorporating as conditions to the approval those mitigative measures that were identified as practicable.

The report of the City Planning Commission, together with the FEIS, constitutes the written statement of facts, and of social, economic and othe factors and standards, that form the basis of the decision, pursuant to Section 617.11(d) of the SEQRA regulations; and be it further

RESOLVED

The City Planning Commission designates, pursuant to Section 504, Article 15 of the General Municipal Law of New York State, the area in the application (N 070317 HGQ) described above as an area appropriate for urban renewal.

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