



## **CITY PLANNING COMMISSION**

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May 10, 2004/Calendar No. 19

C 040185 PSK

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**IN THE MATTER OF** an application, submitted by the Brooklyn Public Library and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, pursuant to Section 197-c of the New York City Charter, for site selection of property located on Block 2110, Lot 3, on the block bounded by Flatbush Avenue, Lafayette Avenue, and Ashland Place, Community District 2, Borough of Brooklyn, for use as a public library.

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This application (C 040185 PSK) was filed on November 26, 2003 by the Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) for site selection of city-owned property located on the block bounded by Flatbush Avenue, Lafayette Avenue, and Ashland Place (Block 2110, Lot 3), Borough of Brooklyn, Community District 2, for use as a library.

### **RELATED ACTIONS**

In addition to the site selection of city-owned property, which is the subject of this report, implementation of the proposal also requires action by the City Planning Commission on the following applications which are being considered concurrently with this application:

1. C 030514 MMK Elimination, discontinuance and closing of Pearl Street between Willoughby Street and Fulton Street;
2. C 030515 MMK Elimination, discontinuance and closing of Red Hook Lane between Boerum Place and Fulton Street;
3. C 030516 MMK Widening of Willoughby Street between Albee Square and Flatbush Avenue Extension;
4. C 030517 MMK Elimination, discontinuance and closing of Fair Street between Prince Street and Fleet Place and Prince Street between Myrtle Avenue and Flatbush Avenue Extension; establishment and widening of Fleet Place between Willoughby Street and Myrtle Avenue; widening of Myrtle Avenue between Flatbush Avenue Extension and Fleet Place; modification of a sewer easement at Fleet Place;
5. N 040172 ZRK Amendments of the Zoning Resolution Section 37-03 (Off Street Relocation or Renovation of a Subway Stair), Article VII, Chapter 4 (Special Permits by the City Planning Commission) and Article X, Chapter 1 (Special Downtown Brooklyn District);

6. C 040173 HUK Fifth amendment to the Brooklyn Center Urban Renewal Plan for the Brooklyn Center Urban Renewal Area;
7. C 040174 HUK Second amendment to the MetroTech Urban Renewal Plan for the MetroTech Urban Renewal Area to develop open space;
8. C 040175 HUK Tenth amendment to the Atlantic Terminal Urban Renewal Plan for the Atlantic Terminal Urban Renewal Area to facilitate residential development on Site 6A and a public library and other community facility use with below-grade parking on Site 20;
9. N 040176 HGK Designation of properties in the Brooklyn Center Urban Renewal Plan;
10. C 040177 HDK Disposition of city-owned properties within the Brooklyn Center Urban Renewal Area;
11. C 040178 HDK Disposition of city-owned property, within the MetroTech Urban Renewal Area;
12. C 040179 HDK Disposition of city-owned properties within the Atlantic Terminal Urban Renewal Area;
13. C 040180 PPK Disposition of one city-owned property located at 370 Jay Street (Block 140, lot 111), pursuant to zoning;
14. C 040181 ZSK Special Permit for an unattended public parking garage with a maximum capacity of 694 spaces on a portion of the ground level, in the cellar and three sub-cellars on property located on the southerly side of Willoughby Street between Duffield Street and Gold Street, in a C6-4.5 District;
15. C 040182 ZSK Special Permit for an attended public parking garage with a maximum capacity of 465 spaces on a portion of the first floor and in the cellar of a proposed mixed-use development to be constructed on property generally bounded by Fulton Street, Ashland Place, Lafayette Street and Rockwell Place (Block 2107, Lots 2, 15, 24, 30, 36, 40 and 41), in a C6-4 District;
16. C 040183 ZSK Special Permit for an attended public parking garage with a maximum capacity of 466 spaces on a portion of the ground floor, in the cellar and the sub-cellar of a proposed mixed use development to be constructed on property bounded by Lafayette Avenue, Ashland Place and Flatbush Avenue (Block 2110, Lot 3), in a C6-1 District;
17. C 040184 ZSK Special Permit for an unattended public parking garage with a maximum

capacity of 457 spaces on portions of the cellar, ground floor, 2nd floor and 3rd floor and to allow the floor area below a height of 23 feet above curb level to be exempted from the definition of floor area on property bounded by Myrtle Avenue, Fleet Place, Willoughby Street and Flatbush Avenue Extension in a C6-4 District;

18. C 040171 ZMK Amendment to the Zoning Map, Section Nos. 12d and 16c to rezone seven areas to C6-2, C6-4, C6-4.5 and R7-1/C2-4 in the Special Downtown Brooklyn District
19. M 930481(E)ZSK Modification of the MetroTech General Large-Scale Development Special Permit to increase the maximum permitted floor area and allow the distribution of floor area from zoning lot C to zoning lot A;
20. M 000592(A)ZSK Modification of the MetroTech General Large Scale Development Special Permit to authorize bulk modifications and floor area;
21. M 860689(B)ZSK Modification of a Special Permit to change the allowable floor area of Building D and removing preserved but not built floor area;

## **BACKGROUND**

The Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) is proposing to occupy property located at Ashland Place, Flatbush Avenue, and Lafayette Avenue (Block 2110, Lot 3), within the Atlantic Terminal Urban Renewal Area in Downtown Brooklyn, for use as a Visual and Performing Arts Library. The proposed facility will occupy a city-owned lot of approximately 30,000 square feet. The site, which is currently developed as a surface parking lot, will be developed with a six-story approximately 110,000 square foot building.

A full background discussion and description of this application appears in the report on the related application for an amendment of the Zoning Map (C 040171 ZMK).

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

This application (C 040185 PSK), in conjunction with the application for the related actions ( C 030514 MMK, C 030515 MMK, C 030516 MMK, C 030517 MMK, N 040172 ZRK, C 040173 HUK, C 040174 HUK, C 040175 HUK, N 040176 HGK, C 040177 HDK, C 040178 HDK, C 040179 HDK, C 040180 PPK, M 930481 (E)ZSK, M 000592 (A)ZSK, M 860689(B)ZSK, C 040181 ZSK, C 040182 ZSK, C 040183 ZSK, C 040184 ZSK, and C 040171 ZMK) 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 City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) Rules of Procedure of 1991 and Executive Order No. 91 of 1977. The designated CEQR number is 03DME016K. The lead agency is the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development and Rebuilding.

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 040171 ZMK).

## **UNIFORM LAND USE REVIEW**

This application (C 040185 PSK), in conjunction with the applications for the related actions (C 030514 MMK, C 030515 MMK, C 030516 MMK, C 030517 MMK, C 040171ZMK, C 040173 HUK, C 040174 HUK, C 040175 HUK, C 040177 HDK, C 040178 HDK, C 040179 HDK, C 040180 PPK, C 040181 ZSK, C 040182 ZSK, C 040183 ZSK, and C 040184 ZSK), was certified as complete by the Department of City Planning on December 1, 2003, and was duly referred to Community Board 2 and the Borough President of Brooklyn, in accordance with Article 3 of the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) rules, along with the related non-ULURP applications (N 040172 ZRK and N 040176 HGK), which was sent to the community board and the Borough President for information and review.

## **Community Board Public Hearing**

The Community Board's action is described in the related application for an amendment of the Zoning Map (C 040171 ZMK).

**Borough President Recommendation**

A summary of the Borough President's recommendation appears in the report on the related application for an amendment of the Zoning Map (C 040171 ZMK).

**City Planning Commission Public Hearing**

On March 10, 2004 (Calendar No. 20), the City Planning Commission scheduled March 24, 2004 for a public hearing on this application ( C 040185 PSK). The hearing was duly held on March 24, 2004 (Calendar No. 29 ), in conjunction with the public hearing on the applications for the related actions (C 030514 MMK, C 030515 MMK, C 030516 MMK, C 030517 MMK, N 040172 ZRK, C 040173 HUK, C 040174 HUK, C 040175 HUK, N 040176 HGK, C 040177 HDK, C 040178 HDK, C 040179 HDK, C 040180 PPK, C 040181 ZSK, C 040182 ZSK, C 040183 ZSK, C 040184 ZSK, and C 040171 ZMK) .

There were a number of speakers, as described in the report on the related application for an amendment of the Zoning Map ( C 040171 ZMK), and the hearing was closed.

**CONSIDERATION**

The Commission believes that this application by the Brooklyn Public Library and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services for the site selection of property, for use as a public library is appropriate.

A full consideration of the issues, and the reasons for approving this application, appear in the report on the related zoning map amendments application (C 040171 ZMK).

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, that having considered the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), for which a Notice of Completion was issued on April 30, 2004, with respect to this application (CEQR No. 03DME016K), the City Planning Commission finds that the requirements of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and regulations, have been met and that, consistent with social, economic and other essential considerations:

1. From among the reasonable alternatives thereto, the actions to be approved are ones 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 other 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**, by the City Planning Commission, pursuant to Section 197-c of the New York City Charter, that based on the environmental determination and the consideration described in this report, the application (C 040185 PSK) of the Brooklyn Public Library and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, for the site selection of property located at Ashland Place, Flatbush Avenue, and Lafayette Avenue ( Block 2110, Lot 3), Community District 2, Borough of Brooklyn, for use as a public library, is approved.

The above resolution ( C 040185 PSK), duly adopted by the City Planning Commission on May 10, 2004 (Calendar No. 19), is filed with the Office of the Speaker, City Council, and the Borough President of Brooklyn in accordance with the requirements of Section 197-d of the New York City

Charter.

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**RICHARD W. EADDY, Commissioner, Recused**