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# ADVISORY REPORT

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<b><u>ADDRESS:</u></b>		<b>BOROUGH:</b> Brooklyn	<b>BLOCK/LOT:</b> 1117 / 1
<b>PROSPECT PARK</b> Prospect Park, Scenic Landmark			

To the Mayor, the Council, and the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation,

This report is issued pursuant to Section 25-318 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, which requires a report from the Landmarks Preservation Commission for plans for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, or demolition of any improvement or proposed improvement which is owned by the City or is to be constructed upon property owned by the City and is or is to be located on a landmark site or in a historic district or which contains an interior landmark.

At the Public Meeting of March 19, 2024, following the Public Hearing of the same date, the Landmarks Preservation Commission voted to issue a report for the proposed work, as put forward in your application completed on February 2, 2024.

The proposed work consists of establishing a ten year master plan for modification to the south, west and north shorelines of the lake and surrounding areas, within the southeast section of the park, allowing for the removal of modern retaining walls in conjunction with modifying the footprint of the shoreline by selectively regrading; modifications to the pathway system within the landscaping adjoining the lake including the removal of select pathways, the replacement of select pathways with new pathways in different locations, and installing new pathways, with all of the new pathways featuring poured asphalt paving and primarily curvilinear footprints; construction of waterfront access point adjacent to the lake, including one featuring granite slabs and boulders (“sitting area”), one featuring asphalt paving (“lookout area”), one featuring bluestone pavers (“Northwest Waterfront Access”), and one featuring bluestone pavers, bluestone steps, and asphalt hex block pavers (the waterfront access point near Three Sisters Islands); the installation of a rustic wood timber bridge over an inlet and two timber paths over inlets/wetlands; the installation of granite flagstone pavers at an existing unpaved waterfront access point (“Southwest Waterfront Access”), as well as constructing a boat launch, featuring a cellular concrete system, for maintenance vehicles, set within the water, near the northern shoreline; removing a 10’ wide band of asphalt paving from the center of East Drive, creating a planted area, and planting a row of trees, separating pedestrian and mixed use traffic; reducing the width of Wellhouse Drive from 55’ to 20’ by removing asphalt paving and correspondingly expanding the adjoining landscaping; the installation of boulders, green and black painted wood and metal benches (“Central Park Settees”), black painted lampposts (B-9), unpainted metal bike racks, black painted garbage enclosures, and black painted metal pipe rails in select locations at and near the pathways and waterfront access points; and landscaping work in select locations throughout this section of the park. The proposal was shown in a digital slide

presentation, titled "Prospect Park Lakeshore Restoration," dated March 19, 2024, and consisting of 53 slides of drawings and photos, prepared by the Prospect Park Alliance, all presented at the Public Hearing and Public Meeting.

In reviewing this proposal, the Commission noted that the Prospect Park Scenic Landmark Designation Report describes Prospect Park as a primarily naturalistic style park designed in 1866-73 by Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux.

With regards to this proposal, a quorum of Commissioners voted to approve the proposal finding that the work will be largely restorative, eliminating modern intrusions at the water's edge and returning the landscape closer to Olmsted and Vaux's original design intent; that the modifications to the pathway system and limited expansion of paving in select areas will improve barrier free access and enhance the visitors' experience by increasing public access to the waterfront; that the limited non-restorative changes to the footprint of the shoreline and placement of new pathways will improve circulation, support the protection of ecological sensitive areas, and be harmonious with the historic design; that the pathways, walkway/bridges, steps and granite slabs will be simply designed and in keeping with the types of features found within the park in terms of their siting, scale, materials and finishes; that the boat access ramp will be modest in size and screened by vegetation and will help provide access for maintenance work; that the removal of a portion of paving and creation of a linear planting bed within a portion of the East Drive, dividing pedestrian only and mixed use traffic, will help improve safety and drainage; that the narrowing of late 19th century Wellhouse Drive will return landscaping to this section of the park while maintaining a drive width compatible with the adjoining pathways; that the proposed benches, lampposts, bike racks, garbage enclosures and pipe rails will be typical of furnishings used throughout the park in terms of materials, design, details, and finishes; that the proposed work will not result in the loss of any mature trees or obstruct any prominent vistas; and that the establishment of a Master Plan to perform the work in phases over ten (10) years will help support a cohesive design and provide sufficient time for a construction project of this scale. However, the Commission found that the removal of the 19th century stone wall, adjacent to Wellhouse Drive, will eliminate a historic feature and detract from the informal composition of these walls within this section of the park, and recommended that, if possible, the 19th century wall on Wellhouse Drive be retained.

This report is issued on the basis of the building and site conditions described in the application and disclosed during the review process. By accepting this permit, the applicant agrees to notify the Commission if the actual building or site conditions vary or if original or historic building fabric is discovered. The Commission reserves the right to amend or revoke this permit, upon written notice to the applicant, in the event that the actual building or site conditions are materially different from those described in the application or disclosed during the review process.

All approved drawings are marked approved by the Commission with a perforated seal indicating the date of approval. The work is limited to what is contained in the perforated documents. Other work or amendments to this filing must be reviewed and approved separately. This report constitutes the permit; a copy must be prominently displayed at the site while work is in progress. Please direct inquiries to Misha'el Shabrami.

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Chair

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<b>ADDRESS:</b> 42 WEST 42nd STREET		<b>BOROUGH:</b> Manhattan	<b>BLOCK/LOT:</b> 1257 / 2
Bryant Park, Scenic Landmark			

To the Mayor, the Council, and the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation

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The Landmarks Preservation Commission has reviewed a proposal for exterior work, subject to a Commission approved Master Plan, including the temporary installation of a stage and screen, between the fountain terrace and the central lawn to be installed beginning May 5, 2024 and removed by September 15, 2024, as described and shown in a written statement dated April 3, 2024, and drawings titled "Bryant Park Seasonal Master Plan Summer 2024" dated September 2, 2024, and prepared by the Bryant Park Corporation, all submitted as components of the application.

In reviewing this proposal, the Commission notes that the Bryant Park Scenic Landmark Designation Report describes Bryant Park as a French Classical style park designed by Lusby Simpson, and built in 1934. The Commission also notes that Bryant Park was reconstructed and partially redesigned by Hanna/Olin in 1988-91. The Commission further notes that Commission Advisory Report 18-1276 (LPC-17-6702) was issued on January 20, 2016, approving a master plan consisting of specific standards for temporary seasonal installations for a period of ten years; including the installation of an ice rink, portable structures, tents, shop structures, stage platforms, and small-scale portable structures; to be installed at the lawn, gravel paths, the allées, the Upper Terrace, the Fountain Terrace on 6th Avenue, the 5th Avenue Terrace in front of the New York Public Library, and a portion of the sidewalk on 42nd Street, at the subject premises.

With regard to this proposal, the Commission finds that the work is in accordance with the provisions set forth in Title 63 of the Rules of the City of New York, Section 2-02 for work in conformance with an

approved master plan. Based on these findings, the Commission determined that the work is appropriate to the designated landmark and/or has no effect on its significant protected features.

Please see Title 63 of the Rules of the City of New York for complete text of any cited Rule section(s): <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/lpc/applications/rules-guides.page>

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