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# ADVISORY REPORT

<b>ISSUE DATE:</b> 04/05/22	<b>EXPIRATION DATE:</b> 4/5/2028	<b>DOCKET #:</b> LPC-22-08482	<b>SRA</b> SRA-22-08482
<b>ADDRESS:</b> FORT TRYON PARK		<b>BOROUGH:</b> MANHATTAN	<b>BLOCK/LOT:</b> 2179 / 625
Fort Tryon Park, Scenic Landmark			

To the Mayor, the Council, and the Commissioner of 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.

The Landmarks Preservation Commission has reviewed a proposal for work within the northeast section of the park and at the southern section of the park, including the removal and in-kind replacement of poured asphalt paving and adding soldier granite block landscape edging at select pathways; the in-kind replacement of wood and concrete benches and the concrete pads on which they are installed, and replacing missing benches at existing concrete pads with new wood and concrete benches, as described and shown in a 24 page presentation, dated March 17, 2022, and prepared by NYC Parks and Recreation, including drawings, photographs and notes, all submitted as components of the application.

In reviewing this application, the Commission notes that the Fort Tryon Park is a picturesque public park, designed in the eighteenth-century English naturalistic romantic landscape tradition by Olmsted Brothers and built in 1931-1935.

With regards to this proposal the Commission finds that the proposed work will not result in the removal of any original features or any significant later alterations of this scenic landmark; that the work will not diminish a significant vista or eliminate any significant characteristics or features of the circulation system of the scenic landmark; that the replacement paving will not result in a change in the pathways' placement or footprint; that the replacement asphalt paving and concrete pads will match the paving and pads found throughout this section of the park in terms of material, finish and details; that the proposed soldier granite block pathway landscape edging will be a simple treatment at the edge of the pathways, which will help address erosion and be in keeping with similar installations found at the edges of pathways within the park

with similar grade and drainage conditions in terms of placement, materials, dimensions and details; that the benches will be typical of furnishings used throughout the park in terms of materials, design, details, and finishes, and will be harmonious with the character of these portions of the park; and that the proposed work will not detract from the significant historic and naturalistic character of the Fort Tryon Scenic Landmark. Based on these findings, the Commission determined that the work is appropriate to the Fort Tryon Park Scenic Landmark.

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>

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>ISSUE DATE:</b> 04/27/22	<b>EXPIRATION DATE:</b> 4/27/2028	<b>DOCKET #:</b> LPC-22-09169	<b>SRA</b> SRA-22-09169
<b>ADDRESS:</b> Ocean Parkway		<b>BOROUGH:</b> Brooklyn	<b>BLOCK/LOT:</b> 0 / 0
Ocean Parkway Ocean Parkway, Scenic Landmark			

To the Mayor, the Council, and the Commissioner of the Department of NYC 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.

The Landmarks Preservation Commission has reviewed a proposal for the removal of Belgian blocks from the existing planting beds/verges at the sides of the medians along Ocean Parkway between Church Avenue and Avenue P, in conjunction with the planting of 231 new trees within the center of the planting beds/verges, as described and shown in an email, dated April 5, 2022; an undated memo from Assistant Commissioner Jennifer Greenfeld; a drawing, dated revised January 25, 1954; historic photos; and an undated 27 page digital presentation, including existing condition color photographs and maps, and prepared by the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, all submitted as components of this application.

In reviewing this proposal, the Commission notes that the Ocean Parkway Designation Report describes Ocean Parkway as a parkway, designed by Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux and built in 1874-76; and that the parkway was substantially reconstructed circa 1980, with new paving and furnishings. The Commission further notes that the existing Belgian blocks were installed circa 1950.

With regards to the proposal, the Commission finds that the removal of the simple assemblies of Belgian blocks will not eliminate any original features of the parkway or significant later alterations; that the remaining blocks will maintain a simple, uniform pattern, therefore the removal of some, but not all, of the existing blocks will not detract from the overall appearance of the parkway; that the placement of the trees at the center of the planting beds/verges, instead of matching the historic locations closer to the edges, will help support the health of the trees and align in placement with many mature trees which exist throughout

this portion of the parkway, thereby helping to maintain the characteristic sense of uniformity of the parkway; and that the cumulative effect of the work will support the significant scenic and historic character of this scenic landmark.

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