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ADVISORY REPORT

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ADDRESS: 40 WEST 42nd STREET		BOROUGH: Manhattan	BLOCK/LOT: 1257 / 2
Bryant 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.

The Landmarks Preservation Commission has reviewed a proposal for exterior work, subject to a Commission approved Master Plan, including the temporary installation of an ice rink at the central lawn, as well as decking, ramps, steps, guardrails, signage and a limited number of portable pavilions, kiosks, and tents throughout the park, to be installed beginning September 27, 2025 and removed by March 16, 2026, as described and shown in a letter, dated August 1, 2025; and a 7 page digital presentation, titled "Bryant Park Seasonal Master Plan," dated August 1, 2025, and prepared by the Bryant Park Corporation, 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 the establishment of a master plan, governing the future temporary seasonal installations for a period of ten years, including summer and spring installations, including a stage and projection screen at the western end of the park; fall and winter installations, including a rink, decking, ramps, steps, guardrails, signage and a limited number of portable pavilions, kiosks, and tents throughout the park; and short term installations of various types; and Commission Advisory Report 25-10563 was issued on July 23, 2025, approving the renewal of the master plan for a period of ten years, as well as to expand the footprint of the seasonal decking and provide parameters for the short term installations, which will be in place for a week or less.

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>

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.

Sarah Carroll
Chair

cc: Bernadette Artus, Deputy Director; Marc Boddewyn, Bryant Park Corp / 34th St. Partnership