



THE NEW YORK CITY LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
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ADVISORY REPORT

ISSUE DATE: 07/23/2025	EXPIRATION DATE: 6/17/2031	DOCKET #: LPC-25-10563	CRA CRA-25-10563
<u>ADDRESS:</u> N/A BRYANT PARK		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, at the Public Meeting of June 17, 2025, following the Public Hearing of the same date, voted to issue a favorable report for the proposed work at the subject premises, as put forward in your application completed on May 22, 2025.

The proposal as approved, consists of the establishment of a master plan, governing 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, which will occupy 5,000 square feet or less, for less than a week throughout the year. The proposal was shown in a digital presentation, titled "Bryant Park –Temporary Seasonal Installations -Master Plan;" dated June 11, 2025; prepared by the Bryant Park Corporation, consisting of fifty-two slides of drawings and photos, submitted as components of the application; and presented at the Public Hearing and Public Meeting.

In reviewing this proposal, the Commission noted that the Bryant Park Scenic Landmark Designation Report describes the park as a French Classical style park designed by Lusby Simpson and built in 1934, and reconstructed and partially redesigned by Hanna/Olin in 1988-91. The Commission further noted that Advisory Commission Report 18-1276 was issued on January 20, 2016 for a master plan governing future temporary seasonal installations for a period of ten years; including the temporary installation of an ice rink, portable structures, tents, shop structures, stage platforms, and small-scale portable structures in

Bryant Park; Advisory Staff Report 17-7405 was issued on October 5, 2015 for the temporary installation of an ice rink, restaurant and kiosk structures, tents, and light towers in Bryant Park; Advisory Commission Report 13-4440 was issued on July 24, 2012 for the establishment a three year master plan governing the seasonal installations in Bryant Park; Advisory Commission Report 11-8879 was issued on April 25, 2011, for installation a deck and pergola; and Advisory Commission Report 88-0006 was issued on January 11, 1988 for the installation of restaurant pavilions on rear terrace, kiosks, and paving.

With regard to this proposal, the Commission found that the proposed work will not eliminate or damage any significant historic, architectural or landscape features; that the temporary presence of the seasonal installations will enhance the public's experience of the park; that the seasonal installations will be removed at the end of each season; that the placement of the seasonal installations, including a stage, a projection screen, a rink, decking, ramps, steps, guardrails, signage and a limited number of portable pavilions, kiosks, and tents, will not diminish the primacy of the formal, symmetrical organization of the park and allow prominent axial views through the park; that the shorter-term installations will only occupy a small portion of the park for less than a week; that the lawn, ivy beds, pathways and any other areas disturbed by the temporary installations will be restored after the removal of the temporary installations; that an acceptable plan and time schedule for the dismantling of the seasonal installations will be submitted to the Commission as a component of future applications; and that the cumulative impact of these temporary installations will not detract from the special historic character of the Bryant Park Scenic Landmark. Based on these findings, the Commission determined the work to be appropriate to the scenic landmark and voted to issue a favorable report. Therefore, Commission Advisory Report 25-10563 is being issued.

Additionally, within their review of the proposal, the Commissioners discussed exploring and possibly reducing the duration of the seasonal installations over the course of the year.

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



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ISSUE DATE: 07/25/2025	EXPIRATION DATE: 7/8/2031	DOCKET #: LPC-25-11028	CRA CRA-25-11028
<u>ADDRESS:</u> N/A		BOROUGH: Brooklyn	BLOCK/LOT: /
Other, Eastern Parkway Malls: ADA Bus Stops Eastern Parkway, Scenic Landmark			

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

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July 8, 2025, following the Public Hearing of the same date, the Landmarks Preservation Commission voted to issue a favorable advisory report for the proposed work at the subject premises, as put forward in your application completed on June 12, 2025.

The proposal consists of alterations to the southern median (mall), west of Buffalo Avenue, associated with creating a new bus stop, including removing one tree and paving over a section of a grass verge with ADA-compliant smooth granite pavers; and the installation of a metal bus stop signage pole, as shown in a digital slide presentation, titled "Eastern Parkway – ADA Improvements From Schenectady Av to Ralph Av," dated July 8, 2025, consisting of 34 slides of drawings and photos, and prepared by the NYC Department of Transportation, all presented at the Public Hearing and Public Meeting. Additional work at the medians at Eastern Parkway was shown in the presentation appendix, including replacing roughhewn granite block pavers with ADA compliant smooth granite block pavers and installing a bus stop sign at a southern median, west of Utica Avenue, and resetting and sloping the hex block pavers and granite curbing at the east and west ends of the northern medians, adjacent to Buffalo, Utica and Rochester Avenues, creating ADA-compliant pedestrian ramps.

In reviewing this proposal, the Commission noted that the Eastern Parkway Scenic Landmark Designation Report describes Eastern Parkway as a parkway designed by Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux and built in 1870-74. The Commission also noted that Eastern Parkway was designed as a new kind of

roadway, described as a "shaded green ribbon" and featuring central malls/medians with trees, pleasure drives, walkways, and service roads.

With regard to this proposal, the Commission found that the proposed work will support improvements to an existing bus route, thereby enhancing the public's experience of the parkway; that the removal of one tree and the limited installation of granite pavers at a portion of a grass verge will be consistent with prior alterations to the parkway and will not significantly reduce the overall amount of greenspace or trees at the parkway; that the proposed granite pavers will be compatible with the materials and finish palette of the median; that the contrast between the proposed granite pavers at the verges and existing asphalt hexblock pavers at the center of the median will help maintain the historic divided and symmetrical organization of the medians; that the proposed bus stop signage will be in keeping with signage found elsewhere along the parkway in terms of materials, size and simplicity of design and details, and will have an inconspicuous presence at the median and within vistas of the parkway; and that the cumulative effect of the work will not detract from the historic formal and picturesque aspects of the scenic landmark. Based on these findings, the Commission determined the work to be appropriate to the scenic landmark and voted to issue a favorable advisory report for the proposed work.

With regard to the additional work, staff found that the re-setting of the asphalt pavers will improve barrier-free access; that the rough hewn granite pavers are not original to the parkway or part of a significant later alteration; that the replacement of a section of the rough hewn granite pavers with smooth ADA compliant pavers will help provide barrier free access; that the replacement pavers will match the remaining adjoining rough hewn pavers in terms of material, size and finish, thereby maintaining the unity of the existing paving pattern; that the proposed bus stop signage near Utica Avenue will match the signage to be installed at the bus stop near Buffalo Avenue and will have an inconspicuous presence at the median and within vistas of the parkway. Based on these and the above findings, Commission Advisory Report 25-11028 is being issued.

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07/02/25	7/2/2031	LPC-25-12712	SRA-25-12712
ADDRESS:		BOROUGH:	BLOCK/LOT:
2600 SOUTHERN BOULEVARD		BRONX	3272 / 1
aka 2600 Dr. Theodore Kazimiroff Boulevard, and the LuEster T. Mertz Library New York Botanical Garden Museum (now Library) Building, Fountain of Life, and Tulip Tree Allee, Individual Landmark			

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The Landmarks Preservation Commission has reviewed a proposal for work at The Harriet Barnes Pratt Library Wing that is behind the central block of the designated Museum Building (now the LuEster T. Mertz Library) and is not part of the designated site, including rebuilding the west facade and carefully repointing the southernmost end at the interface with the designated Museum Building north facade, as shown and described in a memo titled "Re: Pratt Building @ NY Botanical Garden," dated June 18, 2025, and a four-page memo titled "Re: Pratt Building @ NY Botanical Garden, 2600 Kazimiroff Blvd. Block 3272, Lot 1, Docket #LPC 25-12712," dated June 27, 2025, both prepared by Joshua Brandfonbrener Architect, and drawings labeled T-100.00, A-001.00, A-002.00, A-003.00, A-004.00, A-005.00, A-006.00, A-007.00, and EN-100.00, dated (as issued on) June 27, 2025, and prepared by Joshua Brandfonbrener, R.A., all submitted as components of the application.

In reviewing this proposal, the Commission notes that the New York Botanical Garden Museum Building (now Library), Fountain of Life, and Tulip Tree Allée Individual Landmark Designation Report describes the landscaped building complex located on Watson Drive and Garden Way within the New York Botanical Garden, Bronx Park, as including a landscaped drive flanking the southwest axis that was planted between 1903 and 1911, a fountain designed by Carl Tefft and built in 1903-1905, and a neo-Renaissance style institutional garden museum building designed Robert W. Gibson and built in 1898-1901, with attached additions that are excluded from the designated site, including the International Plant

Science Center at the northwest, designed by Polshek Partnership and built in 1997-1998, The Harriet Barnes Pratt Library Wing at the rear (north), designed by Eggers & Higgins and built in 1964-1965, The Jeannette Kittredge Watson Science and Education Building at the rear of the Pratt Wing, designed by William and Geoffrey Platt and built in 1969-1972, and a east wing annex designed by Coe Lee Robinson Roesch, Inc., and built in 1993-1994.

With regard to the proposal, the Commission finds that certain aspects of the work are in accordance with the provisions set forth in Title 63 of the Rules of the City of New York, Section 2-11 for Repair, Restoration, Replacement, and Re-creation of Building Facades and Related Exterior Elements, including Section 2-11(e) for facade reconstruction. Furthermore, with regard to these or other aspects of the work, the Commission finds that the facade to be rebuilt at the Harriet Barnes Pratt Library Wing is located outside of the designated Individual Landmark site, and that the interface of the work with the designated historic building will have no effect on the significant protected features of the landmark site. The work, therefore, is approved.

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Chair

cc: Caroline Kane Levy, Deputy Director; Josh Brandfonbrener, Joshua Brandfonbrener Architect; Ursula Dean Hoskins, R.L.A., Vice President of Capital Projects, The Office of Capital Projects, New York Botanical Garden