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ADVISORY REPORT

ISSUE DATE: 01/9/2024	EXPIRATION DATE: 9/26/2029	DOCKET #: LPC-23-03630	CRA CRA-23-03630
<u>ADDRESS:</u> PROSPECT PARK		BOROUGH: BROOKLYN	BLOCK/LOT: 1117 / 1
Signage throughout Prospect Park, Scenic Landmark			

To the Mayor, the Council, and 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, at the Public Meeting of September 26, 2023, following the Public Hearing of the same date, voted to issue a positive report for the approved work, as put forward in your application completed on August 2, 2023.

The proposed work consists of the installation of forty-two dark green finished composite rigid resin signs, measuring 48"x 28", 48"x 24", and 32"x 24" , with white painted lettering, on unpainted, 65" tall wood posts, as well as attaching interchangeable yellow finished composite rigid resin safety signage, with black painted lettering, at the posts, as needed, in select locations near park entrances, playgrounds, bridle paths and barbecue areas throughout the park. The posts and signs have already been installed and the proposal was shown in a digital slide presentation, titled "Prospect Park Signage Installations," dated September 26, 2023, and consisting of 49 slides of drawings and photos, prepared by NYC Parks and Recreation, 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. The Commission also noted that Commission Advisory Report 03-4515 was issued on February 4, 2003 for signage installation; Commission Advisory Report 01-3218 was issued on December 5, 2000 for installation of directional signs; Commission Report 93-0001 was issued on July 9, 2002 for signage at Grand Army Plaza & Lincoln Road; and Commission Report 93-0018 was issued on

February 4, 1993 for signage at park entrances.

With regards to this proposal, the Commissioners found that the replacement of the previous mix of free-standing signage of varied sizes and finishes with this uniform set of free-standing signs has helped reduce visual clutter within the park; that the larger dark-finished signs are typical of park signage in terms of placement, size and materials and provide needed regulations information; that the finish and limited placement of the small interchangeable signs help draw needed attention to critical safety information; that the materials and finishes of the signs help these installations to blend with the surrounding landscape; and that the combination of the placement and limited number and size of the signs does not detract from any prominent vistas or significant historic or architectural features of the park.

However, the Commission recommended that the applicant explore a light grey finish to recall the appearance of weathered wood or use a different wood material for the posts, that they explore ways to integrate the safety signs into the design of the standard signs, and that they explore ways the color and installation details of the stand alone safety signs can be more consistent with the standard signs. Additionally, some Commissioners also recommended that the applicant explore ways to treat the back of the signs; and while most Commissioners supported the design of the standard sign as presented, one Commissioner recommended the applicant explore the historical record for evidence of historic signs to inform the design of the standard signs.

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Sarah Carroll
Chair

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ISSUE DATE: 01/4/2024	EXPIRATION DATE: 2/28/2029	DOCKET #: LPC-23-06119	REPORT #: CRA-23-06119
ADDRESS: PROSPECT PARK		BOROUGH: BROOKLYN	BLOCK/LOT: 1117 / 1
Lower Vale 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 February 28, 2023, following the Public Hearing of the same date, the Landmarks Preservation Commission voted to issue a positive report for the proposed work, as put forward in your application completed on February 2, 2023.

The proposed work consists of installing 2'-10" tall black painted metal picket fencing on portions of the existing granite curbing surrounding the pond within the Lower Vale in the northeast section of the park, including four sections of fencing, each separating one of the four landscaped peninsulas from the surrounding pathways, as shown in a digital slide presentation, titled "B073-322M Lower Vale Restoration," dated February 28, 2023, and consisting of 24 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 regard to this proposal, the Commission found that the proposed work will not eliminate or damage any significant historic or architectural features; that the installation of the proposed fences, limiting access to the peninsulas, will help support the preservation of these environmentally fragile areas; that the fences will be simply designed, low in height, typical in material, and dark in finish and will feature thin

framing, helping the fences to remain a discreet presence which will not detract from views of the pond and landscape; and that the proposed work will support the significant scenic and historic character of this scenic landmark. Based on these findings, the Commission determined the work to be appropriate to the scenic landmark and voted to issue a positive report for the proposed work. Based on these findings, Commission Advisory Report 23-06119 is being issued.

Please note that additional work within the Lower Vale, including restorative work at the balustrade, piers, steps, walls, paving and curbing, as well as the installation of handrails at stairs, benches at pathways and a bubbler within the pond, were noted, but not fully described, in the Public Hearing presentation for the fencing. A separate application for the proposed work, with supporting documentation, should be submitted to the Commission for review and comment prior to the commencement of work.

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The reviewed documents, and Department of Buildings filing drawings where applicable, are marked as reviewed by the Commission, with the date of the review indicated. Other work or amendments to this filing must be reviewed separately. A copy of this report must be prominently displayed at the site while work is in progress. Please direct inquiries to Misha'el Shabrami.

Sarah Carroll
Chair

PLEASE NOTE: REVIEWED DOCUMENTS, DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS FILING DRAWINGS WHERE APPLICABLE, AND A COPY OF THIS REPORT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO:

cc: Bernadette Artus, Deputy Director; Sybil Young, ; Amanda Sutphin, Archaeology/LPC



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ISSUE DATE: 01/9/2024	EXPIRATION DATE: 11/28/2029	DOCKET #: LPC-24-03689	CRA CRA-24-03689
<u>ADDRESS:</u> RIVERSIDE PARK		BOROUGH: Manhattan	BLOCK/LOT: 1897 / 1
DINOSAUR PLAYGROUND Riverside Park and Riverside Drive, Scenic Landmark			

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

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The Landmarks Preservation Commission, at the Public Meeting of November 28, 2023, following the Public Hearing of the same date, voted to issue a favorable report for the proposed work, as put forward in your application completed on November 2, 2023.

The proposed work consists of modifications to the pathways and playground ("Dinosaur Playground") located within the section of Riverside Park, near Riverside Drive and West 97th Street, including, replacing one (1) bluestone and granite step ramp and one (1) poured asphalt and granite ramp immediately adjacent to Riverside Drive with an interconnected stair and ramp assembly, featuring granite stairs and cheek walls, bluestone landings, a concrete switchback ramp, and 3'-0" and 4'-0" tall, black painted metal guardrails and handrails; removing two step ramps, located immediately adjacent to the east side of the playground, and landscaping the area as a rain garden; reducing the footprint of the pathway intersection/plaza and expanding the adjoining landscaped areas between the new stair and ramp assembly, and the rain garden by removing portions of the poured asphalt paving; replacing asphalt hex block pavers at the portion of the Riverside Drive sidewalk, adjacent to the stair and ramp assembly in-kind, as needed; removing metal pipe rails at the coping of retaining walls and walls adjacent to step ramps at the southern portion of the playground ("Dinosaur Playground") and steel picket guardrails/fencing at the low walls surrounding the water play area at the southern section of the playground; replacing the two (2) bluestone and granite step ramps between the upper level ("middle terrace") and the lower level at the southern end of the playground with a symmetrical assembly of intersecting concrete barrier free access ramps,

featuring white painted stucco cladding at the new north facing side of the ramps, in conjunction with increasing the height and reducing the slope of a portion of the adjoining walls by removing and adding white painted stucco clad masonry wall sections and resetting or replacing granite coping stones in-kind, as needed, as well as installing 34" tall black painted metal handrails at the steeper southern ramps; aligning the grade levels of the southern portion of the lower level of the playground by adding fill within the water play area and removing fill from the surrounding areas in conjunction with removing low concrete walls at the northern end of the water play area and replacing the concrete paving in this area with concrete paving and bonded rubber crumb tile safety surfacing; installing 42" black painted metal guardrails on the existing, modified, and new retaining walls adjacent to the ramps within the southern section of the playground; and throughout the remainder of the playground, replacing poured asphalt, Belgian block pavers, and safety surfacing with poured asphalt, concrete, and bonded rubber crumb tile safety surfacing in conjunction with changing the footprint of the paving within the playground to be reduced in overall size and to feature more curvilinear edges; replacing a chain link fence and gates at the perimeter of the playground with a 4'-0" tall black painted metal fence and gates; and replacing play equipment, lampposts, benches, game tables, drinking fountains, and waste receptacles within the playground with a variety of play equipment, wood and metal benches, wood picnic tables, concrete and metal game tables, and metal lampposts, bottle filler/drinking fountains, and waste receptacles. The work was shown in a digital presentation, titled "Riverside Park Dinosaur Playground Reconstruction" and dated November 28, 2023, consisting of fifty-six (56) slides of photographs and drawings, all prepared by the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation and Starr Whitehouse Landscape Architects, and presented at the Public Hearing and Meeting.

In reviewing this proposal, the Commission noted that the Riverside Park and Riverside Drive Scenic Landmark Designation Report describes Riverside Park as an English Romantic-style park built in 1873-1875 and designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, with modifications and additions built in 1934-37 and designed by Clifton Lloyd and Gilmore Clarke. The Commission also noted that the playground and adjoining pathways were designed by Clifton Lloyd and Gilmore Clarke and built in the 1930s; and that the play equipment and paving were replaced circa 1990.

With regard to this proposal, the Commission found that the work will help improve barrier free access, safety and environmental resiliency without eliminating any significant historic features of the scenic landmark; that the regrading, replacement of stairs, construction of ramps and a wall, and changes to the footprint of the paving and the heights of existing walls within the playground will improve accessibility and expand greenspace without detracting from the historic symmetry and formality of the design; that the pipe rails to be replaced are not unique or finely crafted and their replacement with guardrails, with modest detailing, will be consistent with the playground design; that the proposed perimeter fencing will replace existing modern fencing, and feature a typical 4' tall height and simple picket design commonly used at fencing within the park; that the removal of the ramp and step ramps and construction of the new stairs will be compatible with the historic circulation pattern within this section of the park; that the proposed switchback ramp will be as short as feasible and partially screened by plantings, helping it to be harmonious within views of the park entrance and surrounding landscaping; that the materials and finishes of the proposed hardscape elements will be compatible with the historic materials and finish palette of the playground and surrounding parkland; and that the proposed work will not detract from the significant historic and naturalistic character of the Riverside Park Scenic Landmark. Based on these findings, a quorum of Commissioners voted to support the application as presented.

In addition, some Commissioners recommended that the applicants and the Public Design Commission (PDC) further explore and study aspects of the proposal. Two Commissioners suggested reducing the visual impact of having multiple guardrails at the ramps within the playground by eliminating the guardrails at the lower ramp sections if code compliant; two Commissioners suggested investigating

relocating the swing set at the west side of the playground to be on axis and, thereby, not disrupting the symmetry and flow of the design; and one Commissioner suggested that the design of the railings be restudies and modified to more closely recall the design of the historic guardrails, and that the overall plan on the playground retain more of its symmetry and formality.

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<u>ADDRESS:</u> CENTRAL PARK		BOROUGH: MANHATTAN	BLOCK/LOT: 1111 / 1
WEST 85th STREET PLAYGROUND Central Park, Scenic Landmark			

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

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The Landmarks Preservation Commission, at the Public Meeting of January 9, 2024, following the Public Hearing of the same date, voted to issue a favorable report for the proposed work, as put forward in your application completed on December 14, 2023.

The proposed work consists of modifications to a playground ("West 85th Street Playground") located within the section of Central Park, near Central Park West and West 85th Street, and nearby pathways and surrounding landscaping, including at the playground, replacing existing poured asphalt paving with poured asphalt and concrete paving, bonded rubber crumb tile safety surfacing, and bonded wood carpet in conjunction with changing the footprint of the playground from an oval shape to an organic shape and enlarging its footprint to include a picnic area; replacing a 7'-0" tall metal picket perimeter fence and gate with a 4'-0" tall black painted picket fence and gate on an 8" tall concrete curb at the perimeter of the play area and a 4' tall black finished mesh fence at the perimeter of the picnic area; replacing play equipment and benches within the playground with new play equipment, and wood, stone, and concrete benches; and installing wood picnic tables at the picnic area, as well as modifying the two existing pathways to the southwest of the playground to provide barrier free access by regrading the pathways and the adjoining landscaped areas, installing natural stone boulders within the landscaping adjacent to depressed portions of the pathways, as needed, slightly shifting the footprints of the pathways, replacing poured asphalt paving with a combination of asphalt block pavers set perpendicular to the paths and new poured asphalt paving and granite block curbing, and installing black painted metal handrails on both sides of the slightly sloped

("accessible") pathways; at pathways to the southeast of the playground, replacing poured asphalt paving and granite block curbs in-kind; extending the poured asphalt pathway, adjoining the playground entrance, corresponding to the change in the playground footprint, by installing additional poured asphalt paving ; infilling a small lawn area at the pathway intersection, south of the playground, with poured asphalt paving; and selectively relocating wood and metal benches along the sides of the pathways to the sides of other pathways, all within the areas south of the playground. The work was shown in a digital presentation, titled "The Reconstruction of West 85th Street Playground" and dated January 9, 2024, consisting of fifty-six (56) slides of photographs and drawings, all prepared by Central Park Conservancy, and presented at the Public Hearing and Meeting.

In reviewing this proposal, the Commission noted that the Central Park Scenic Landmark Designation Report describes Central Park as an English Romantic style public park designed in 1857-1858 by Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux. The Commission also noted that the playground, now known as West 85th Street and/or Spector Playground, and adjoining pathways were originally constructed in the 1930s; that Commission Report LPC 75-076 was issued in 1975 for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the playground; and, in c. 1990, fencing, paving, play equipment and site furnishings were replaced.

With regard to this proposal, the Commission found that the proposed changes to the footprint of the playground will help protect known archeological resources and mature trees, without eliminating any significant historic features of the playground or surrounding landscaping; that the regrading of the paths will help provide barrier free access and feature a gradual sloping which will be well integrated into the surrounding naturalistic landscaping; that the modest increase in overall paving will facilitate an expansion of public amenities within the playground and eliminate an atypical 20th century lawn area within a pathway intersection; that the pervious (bonded wood carpet) paving will feature coloration and textural variations that will be harmonize with the surrounding landscaping; that the impervious paving within the playground will be in keeping with paving typically found within the park's playgrounds in terms of materials and neutral finishes and less than the existing paving in footprint; that the fencing at the playground and paving and handrails at the pathways will be in keeping with fencing, paving and handrails found at playgrounds and pathways within the park in terms of their simple designs, placement, size, materials, finishes and details; and that the proposed work will not detract from the significant historic and naturalistic character of the Central Park Scenic Landmark. Based on these findings, a quorum of Commissioners voted to support the application as presented.

In addition, the Commissioners encouraged the applicants to continue to work with the Commission's Archeological Department staff to identify, monitor, and protect any archeological discoveries, and a few Commissioners had recommendations for the applicants and the Public Design Commission (PDC) to explore and study, including three Commissioners who suggested using a single fence type, with the picket fence type preferred, and two Commissioners who suggested investigating reducing the square footage of the picnic area and associated bonded wood carpet.

PLEASE NOTE: The Commission notes that archaeology will be completed as part of this project in accordance with the Guidelines for Archaeological Work in New York City. As a next step, an archaeological work plan will be submitted to the LPC's Archaeology Department for review and approval before such work begins.

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ISSUE DATE: 01/08/24	EXPIRATION DATE: 1/8/2030	DOCKET #: LPC-24-05919	SRA SRA-24-05919
ADDRESS: 100 RICHMOND TERRACE Apt/Floor: BAS		BOROUGH: STATEN ISLAND	BLOCK/LOT: 9 / 22
Staten Island Family Courthouse, Individual Landmark			

To the Mayor, the Council, and the Commissioner of the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York

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 interior alterations only at the basement, including the demolition and construction of nonbearing partitions and finishes, as well as electrical work, as shown on drawings G-001.00 through G-003.00, A-100.00 through A-104.00, A-200.00, A-201.00, and IN-601.00, dated January 3, 2024, and prepared by Joseph J. Aliotta, RA, all submitted as components of the application.

The Commission has reviewed the drawings and finds that the work will have no effect on significant protected features of the building.

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