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BINDING REPORT

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ADDRESS CENTRAL PARK <u>Lasker Rink</u> SCENIC LANDMARK		BOROUGH: MANHATTAN	BLOCK/LOT: 1111/1

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

This report is issued pursuant to Sections 3020 and 854 (h) of the New York City Charter and Section 25-318 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, which require a report from the Landmarks Preservation Commission for certain 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 September 12, 2006, following the Public Hearing of the same date, the Landmarks Preservation Commission reviewed a proposal for alterations to the the Louis D. Lasker Memorial Pool and Rink, as put forward in your application completed August 17, 2006, and as you were informed in Status Update Letter 07-1992 (LPC 06-6530), issued September 15, 2006.

The proposed work consists of removing existing fencing and turnstiles at the upper terrace and the staircases connecting the upper and lower levels; installing hexagonal paving at the upper level; constructing new concrete staircases at the sides of the terraces; installing metal and glass infill and security gates at the lower level; and replacing parapets and railings at the upper level with new stucco-coated parapets and steel railings, as shown on presentation boards, labeled L-100, dated August 14, 2006; PH-101, PH-102, PH-103, PH-104, PH-105, P101, P102, P-106, E-101, and E-102, dated September 12, 2006; P-107, P-108, and P-109, dated May 15, 2006, consisting of drawings, photographs and finish samples and all prepared by James V. Czajka, RA, and presented at the Public Hearing and Meeting.

In reviewing this proposal, the Commission noted that the ice-skating rink and swimming pool was designed in 1963 by Fordyce & Hamby Associates and constructed within the northern section of Central Park, an English Romantic style public park designed in 1856 by Olmsted and Vaux.

With regard to this proposal, the Commission found that the removal of the chain link fencing and turnstiles from the terrace level will eliminate elements that detract from the rink and surrounding parkland; that the new paving at the terrace level will match the adjoining paving in materials, design, details and finish; that the proposed staircases, planters, security gates, railing and lower level infill will be simple in design, well scaled to the rink, finished in keeping with the colors of the rink, and oriented to relate to the curvature of the wall, thereby helping to integrate these elements into the overall design of the rink without drawing undue attention to the installations; that the visibility of the proposed lower level infill, in context with the rink and surrounding parkland, will be largely obscured from view

by the existing fountains and overhang of the terrace, thereby rendering the infill a discreet presence within the park; and that the alterations will not eliminate any significant features of the rink or park. Based on these findings, the Commission determined the work to be appropriate to the rink and pool and the Central Park Scenic Landmark and voted to approve it with the stipulation that the proposed railings be better revised to relate to the design of the rink.

Subsequently, on October 5, 2006, the Commission received final drawings DOB-100 through DOB-110, dated October 4, 2006 and prepared by James V. Czajka, RA. Accordingly, staff reviewed the drawing and noted that the design approved by the Commission has been maintained and the change required by the Commission has been included. Based on this and the above findings, the drawings have been marked approved with a perforated seal, and Binding Commission Report 07-2866 is being issued.

This permit 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. The applicant is hereby put on notice that performing or maintaining any work not explicitly authorized by this permit may make the applicant liable for criminal and/or civil penalties, including imprisonment and fines. This report constitutes the permit; a copy must be prominently displayed at the site while work is in progress. Please direct inquiries to Bernadette Artus.

Robert B. Tierney
Chair

cc: Caroline Kane Levy, Deputy Director of Preservation; James Czajka, RA; Jill Cremer, Wollman Rink Operations, LLC; The Art Commission