



THE NEW YORK CITY LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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# BINDING REPORT

<b>ISSUE DATE:</b> 10/19/2005	<b>DOCKET #:</b> 06-1440	<b>CRB #:</b> CRB 06-3154	
<b>ADDRESS</b> RIVERSIDE PARK <u>Riverside Park and Riverside Drive</u> SCENIC LANDMARK		<b>BOROUGH:</b>  MANHATTAN	<b>BLOCK/LOT:</b>  1897/19

To the Mayor, the Council, and the Commissioner, Department of Parks & 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.

The Landmarks Preservation Commission has reviewed a proposal to create pathways that connect the Fireman's Memorial to existing paths located at West 99th Street and West 101st Street. The proposed curvilinear pathways will be approximately 6' wide, paved with exposed aggregate asphalt pavement and feature granite block edging and drainage channels. The proposal also includes replacing asphalt paving at the adjoining pathways and replacement of plantings damaged by soil compaction. The proposal was shown in presentation boards labeled 2 through 5, and drawings labeled S1, S2, R1, R2, D1 and L1 through L4, all dated August 1, 2005, prepared by the City of New York Department of Parks & Recreation.

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 1873-75 and designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, with modifications and additions built in 1934-37 and designed by Clifton Lloyd and Gilmore Clarke.

With regard to this proposal, the Commission found that the proposed pathways will connect to existing pathways at West 99th Street and West 101st Street and will be simple in design and consistent with the contiguous existing pathways, thereby making the proposed pathway harmonious with the surrounding park; that the curvilinear paths will be harmonious with Olmsted's original design of the park; that the proposed pathways will formalize desire paths that are degrading the park and causing drainage problems, and will help restore greenery adjacent to the monument; that the asphalt paving will be topped by aggregate gravel material and will harmonize with existing materials and support the naturalistic character of the park; that the proposed paths will provide barrier-free access to the monument; and that the proposed work will not detract from the significant architectural and historic character of the Riverside Park and Riverside Drive Scenic Landmark. Based on these findings, the proposed work is determined appropriate to the Riverside Park and Riverside Drive Scenic Landmark. The work, therefore, is approved.

Please provide one or more 8 by 10 black and white photographs of the completed work to the Art Commission of the

City of New York for its archives.

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 Jared Knowles.

Robert B. Tierney  
Chair

cc: Sarah Carroll, Director of Preservation/LPC