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Richard Moses
President
Lower East Side Preservation Initiative

Via email: richard@lespi-nyc.org

Re: East River Park Historic Structures

Dear Richard,

I am writing in response to your request for an update on the status of the East River Park historic buildings.

Track House and Tennis Center Comfort Station

The current anticipated timeline for the Tennis Center Comfort Station demolition work is mid- to end of February. However, this is the earliest anticipated date, and there is the possibility of this work being shifted to a later date. The Track House work is not yet scheduled.

The HABS level 2 recordation work has been completed and the final report was submitted to SHPO and NYC Parks on November 3, 2021. As LESPI stated in a follow up email, they received the documentation from the SHPO.

There has not been any further discussion or plans to salvage elements from the buildings as the City and NYC Parks do not have funding for salvage, storage, or proper display of salvaged elements. Any potential salvage would occur separate of the ESCR Project. LESPI can reach out to NYC Parks regarding proposals for salvage with these considerations in mind.

Fire Boat House

As far as the level of protection during construction, the Fireboat house is one of the thirteen historic structures that will have a Construction Protection Plan (CPP). As stipulated in the PA, the City, in consultation with LPC and SHPO, would develop and implement CPPs for these architectural resources to avoid inadvertent construction-period damage from ground-borne vibrations, falling debris, collapse, dewatering, subsidence, or construction equipment.

Regarding the flood resilience design plans, there have been no updated drawings or updates to the work since the drawings that were shared in May 2021. The next set of design plans will be shared with the consulting parties, including LESPI, when they are released.

Thank you for your continued interest in the ESCR Project, and please reach out if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

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