



Date:	11/14/2017
LPC Docket #:	LPC-19-15560
LPC Action:	Approved
Action required by other agencies:	DOT
Permit Type:	ADVISORY REPORT

**Address:** Flatbush Avenue, Prospect Park - Prospect Park

**Borough:** Brooklyn

**Block:** 1117      **Lot:** 1

**Historic District:** Scenic Landmark

**Description:** A naturalistic style park designed in 1865 by Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux. Application is to construct new entrances and pathways.

### COMMISSION FINDINGS

Pursuant to Section 25-318 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, the Commission voted to issue a POSITIVE ADVISORY REPORT for the proposal, finding:

- that the new entrances will help improve barrier free, general pedestrian access, and access for emergency vehicles;
- that the creation of moderately sized entrances at this simply designed and densely planted border of the park will not significantly increase the overall amount of paving, or disrupt any prominent vistas;
- that the presence of the entrances at this border to the park will be consistent with an early park design and the placement and proportions of these entrances will be consistent with other entrances that have been gradually added to the park over time;
- that the low roughhewn granite wall and widened sidewalk paving will help demarcate the northern (“primary”) entrance, utilizing a formal composition of elements typical of many entrances to the park, without detracting from the surrounding naturalistic landscape features;
- that the removal of a section of fencing and associated paving at the southern entrance will be a discreet change, and will not alter any significant park features;
- that the limited removal of portions of the berm, with a gradual sloping of the remaining adjoining sections, will be compatible with the naturalistic character and informal height variations of the berm;
- that new pathways, connecting to the existing pathway network, will match the surrounding pathways in terms of basic design, proportions, materials and curvilinear form;
- that the proposed granite walls, seating, steps and boulders within the park will be simply designed and in keeping with other naturalistic installations within this portion of the park;
- that the proposed non-masonry site furnishings both within the park and at the adjoining sidewalk, including benches, lamp posts, refuse containers, signage, and bike racks, will be consistent with such elements found throughout the park and the adjacent sidewalks in terms of placement, materials, size, design, and finishes;
- and that the removal of mature trees will be limited to the minimum amount necessary for the creation of the entrances and will not significantly reduce the overall number of mature trees within this portion of the park.

#### VOTE:

Present: Meenakshi Srinivasan, Adi Shamir-Baron, Frederick Bland, Wellington Chen, Michael Devonshire, Michael Goldblum, John Gustafsson, Kim Vauss, Jeanne Lutfy

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In Favor = M.Srinivasan, A.Shamir-Baron, F.Bland, W.Chen, M.Devonshire, M.Goldblum, J.Gustafsson, K.Vauss, J.Lutfy

Oppose =

Abstain =

Recuse =

Please note that these “Commission Findings” are a summary of the findings related to the application. This is NOT a permit or approval to commence any work. No work may occur until the Commission has issued a Certificate of Appropriateness, which requires review and approval of Department of Buildings filing drawings and/or other construction drawings related to the approved work. In addition, no work may occur until the work has been reviewed and approved by other City agencies, such as the Department of Buildings, as required by law