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FRANCHISE AND CONCESSION REVIEW COMMITTEE
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2 Lafayette Street
New York, New York 10007

Tuesday, October 11, 2016
2:37 p.m.

APPEARANCES:

- Mayor: Peter Hatch
- Office of the Mayor: Benjamin Furnas
- Corporation Counsel: Sharon Cantor
- Office of Management and Budget: Yvonne Quintian
- Comptroller: Richard Friedman
- Manhattan BP: James Caras
- Brooklyn BP: Jeff Lowell
- Queens BP: Angelina Martinez-Rubio
- Department of Parks and Recreation: Alexander Han
- Clerk: Stephanie Ruiz

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2 MR. HATCH: Good afternoon, the
3 Public Hearing will now come to order.

4 Will the Clerk please call the roll?

5 MS. RUIZ: Mayor.

6 MR. HATCH: Here.

7 MS. RUIZ: Office of the Mayor.

8 MR. FURNAS: Here.

9 MS. RUIZ: Comptroller.

10 MR. FRIEDMAN: Here.

11 MS. RUIZ: Corporation Counsel.

12 MS. CANTOR: Here.

13 MS. RUIZ: Office of Management and
14 Budget.

15 MS. QUINTIAN: Here.

16 MS. RUIZ: President, Borough of the
17 Bronx.

18 (No response.)

19 MS. RUIZ: President, Borough of
20 Brooklyn.

21 MR. LOWELL: Here.

22 MS. RUIZ: President, Borough of
23 Manhattan.

24 MR. CARAS: Here.

25 MS. RUIZ: President, Borough of

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Queens.

MS. MARTINEZ-RUBIO: Here.

MS. RUIZ: President, Borough of
Staten Island.

(No response.)

MR. HATCH: Welcome to this Public
Hearing of the Franchise and Concession
Review Committee. The hearing being
conducted today has been publicly
advertised in accordance with the New York
City Charter and Concession Rules of the
City of New York.

We want to be sure that anyone
desiring to be heard has the opportunity
to do so. All persons wishing to speak
must fill out a request slip, which may be
obtained from the Clerk. Each speaker
will be allotted approximately three
minutes. When you testify, please state
your name and affiliation, if any.

You may also submit written testimony
to the Clerk, which will be made part of
the record. Any written submissions must
be given to the Clerk before the close of

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the public hearing.

Will the Clerk please call the first calendar item?

MS. RUIZ: New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, Calendar Item No. 1: In the matter of the intent to award as a concession for the operation and maintenance of bicycle rental stations at Central Park, Riverside Park, East River Park, and Highbridge Park, with the option for additional Manhattan locations, for the license term of six years, to Tour Central Park, Inc. d/b/a Bike Rent NYC.

MR. HATCH: Alexander Han, Director of Concessions for the Department of Parks and Recreation, will read into the record a change that has been made to the proposed agreement since its distribution to the FCRC.

MR. HAN: The changes to Section 6.2 of the Draft Agreement, that is to clarify the amount for the Design Review Fee, which is payable to the City. So I'll read the entire correct provision out loud

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now.

Upon fixing its signature to this License Agreement, licensees should pay to the City the amount of \$1,521.09, representing 1 percent of the cost of the minimum guaranteed capital improvements described or referred to in Section 6.1a above, as a fee for Design Review by Parks personnel, the Design Review Fee.

MR. HATCH: Does anyone wish to testify or make a statement?

MR. CARAS: My understanding is that this agreement is for the locations that are already existing locations in the parks. This currently adds no new locations, although there would be an option for new locations; is that correct?

MR. HAN: That's correct.

MR. CARAS: Are there contemplated new locations and how does the exercise of that option work?

MR. HAN: No new locations are being contemplated at this time. However, in the event that we discuss or we identify

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any new potential locations, Parks would work with our Manhattan Parks Commissioner's Office to reach out to the affected Community Board for a final location and determination.

MR. CARAS: I would just ask, and I spoke to someone from the Parks Department today, how does that outreach usually work? Is it just a notice, in terms of the Community Board?

MR. HAN: Well we would start by reaching out to the District Manager of the Community Board and offer them the opportunity to discuss the proposed location with Parks, at either their Parks Committee meeting or any other appropriate meeting they would like, or if they're satisfied they don't want to meet.

MR. CARAS: If you could reach out to the Community Board staff and the Chair of the Parks Committee 'cause I think that would be helpful.

And one other question. Does the current franchisee currently have any

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2 programs for hiring New York City kids or
3 young people or New York City -- making
4 these, you know, sort of New York City
5 jobs?

6 MR. HAN: Sure. So in case anyone
7 else --

8 MR. CARAS: First, I want to know
9 about the current program and then the new
10 concession.

11 MR. HAN: The current concession
12 group has expired. They were a company
13 based from the West Coast in California.
14 And, you know, they did perform local
15 outreach in local papers for any
16 employment opportunities.

17 The proposed concession in the new
18 agreement is a New York City-based
19 company, and from our conversations with
20 them they would include specific outreach
21 to the local community in their overall
22 employment plans.

23 MR. CARAS: I mean, it would be great
24 if they could link up with City programs.
25 I don't know how their season works with

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Summer Youth Employment, but that would be really helpful.

And currently the concessionaire has a number of storefront locations in Manhattan, right?

MR. HAN: That's correct. On 57th Street on the West Side.

MR. CARAS: We were happy to see that. Thanks.

MR. HATCH: Anyone else wish to speak?

(No response.)

MR. HATCH: If no one wishes to speak, that concludes today's hearing.

We ask that the Reporter make the entire Public Hearing Agenda, which was made publicly available and distributed at this hearing, part of the final record of the proceeding.

The hearing is now closed. Thank you.

(Time noted: 2:42 p.m.)

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