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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. CARAS: I mean, it would be great if they could link up with City programs. 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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STATE OF NEW YORK)
 : ss.:
COUNTY OF QUEENS)

I, NICOLE ELLIS, a Notary Public for and within
the State of New York, do hereby certify:

I reported the proceedings in the within-entitled
matter, and that the within transcript is a true
record of such proceedings.

I further certify that I am not related to any of
the parties to this action by blood or by marriage
and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of
this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
this 21st day of October 2016.



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