

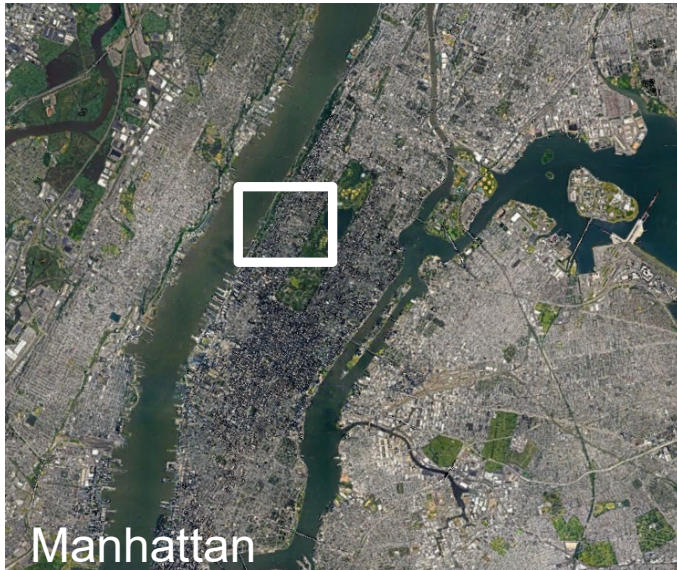


**NYC Parks**

***Equestrian Statue of  
Theodore Roosevelt***  
**by James Earle Fraser**  
**Proposed Relocation**  
**Theodore Roosevelt Park, MN**

American Museum of Natural History

# Site Location





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View of the American Museum of Natural History, 2020, NYC Parks



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## Existing Site Views



# History



Roosevelt Memorial model, Date unknown, AMNH



# History



October 1940 view of the equestrian statue, from the south. Photo by Thane L. Bierwert, AMNH Research Library / Digital Special Collections

## UNVEILS STATUE OF 'ROUGH RIDER'

Widow of Theodore Roosevelt Shares in Ceremony on His 82d Birth Anniversary

### THREE GET 1940 MEDALS

Grenville Clark Says U. S. May Face Decision on Resorting to Arms to Save Britain

Shortly before Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt Sr. unveiled an equestrian statue of the late President Roosevelt at the entrance of the New York State Theodore Roosevelt Memorial at the American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West and Seventy-ninth Street, yesterday afternoon, Grenville Clark, attorney, warned that this country might have to decide whether it would resort to arms to prevent defeat of Great Britain by the dictators.

Mr. Clark was one of three recipients of the Roosevelt Distinguished Service medals for 1940. The others were Homer Folks, secretary of the State Charities Aid Association of New York, and Chester H. Rowell, California publicist. The unveiling and the awards were part of the ceremonies commemorating the eighty-second anniversary of the birth of Theodore Roosevelt.

James R. Garfield, president of the Roosevelt Memorial Association, presented the medals after Hermann Hagedorn, secretary and executive director of the association.

October 28, 1940, New York Times



## AS STATUE OF THE 26TH PRESIDENT WAS UNVEILED YESTERDAY

Ceremony at the New York State Theodore Roosevelt Memorial of the American Museum of Natural History

Times Wide World

# History



Landmarks Preservation Commission designation photo of the Roosevelt Memorial, 1967, LPC

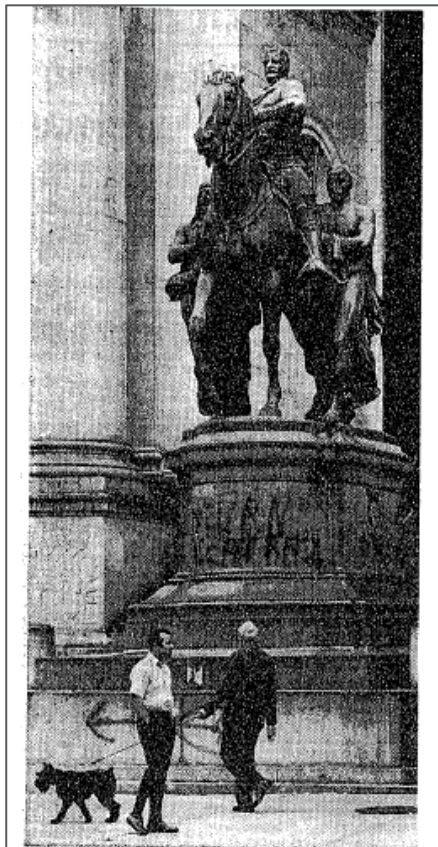


# Composition and Context



Photo by Denis Finnin / AMNH

# Sustained Public Controversy



The New York Times/Tyrene Dukes  
**STATUE DEFACED:** State's memorial to Theodore Roosevelt at the American Museum of Natural History after it was marked with red paint by vandals yesterday morning.

***Six Indians Accused of Defacing  
Theodore Roosevelt Statue Here***

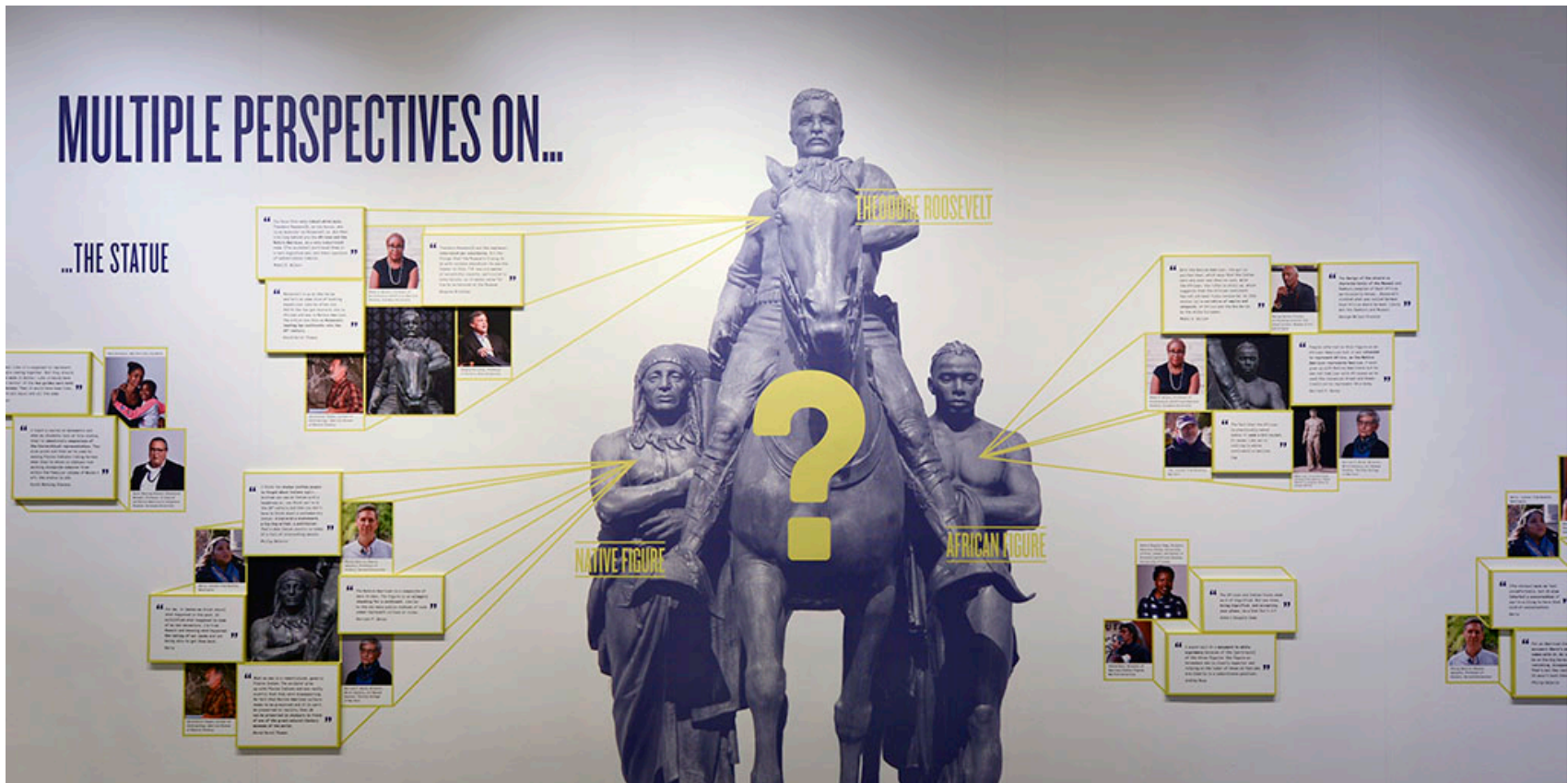
Vandalism of Equestrian Statue of  
Theodore Roosevelt, 1971, New  
York Times



Vandalism of Equestrian Statue of Theodore Roosevelt,  
2017, NYC Parks



# Sustained Public Controversy



Addressing the Statue exhibition at AMNH, C. Chesek/ AMNH

# Theodore Roosevelt Memorial (Existing)



American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West entrance with statue, AMNH



# Theodore Roosevelt Memorial (Proposed)



American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West entrance without statue (Rendering), AMNH



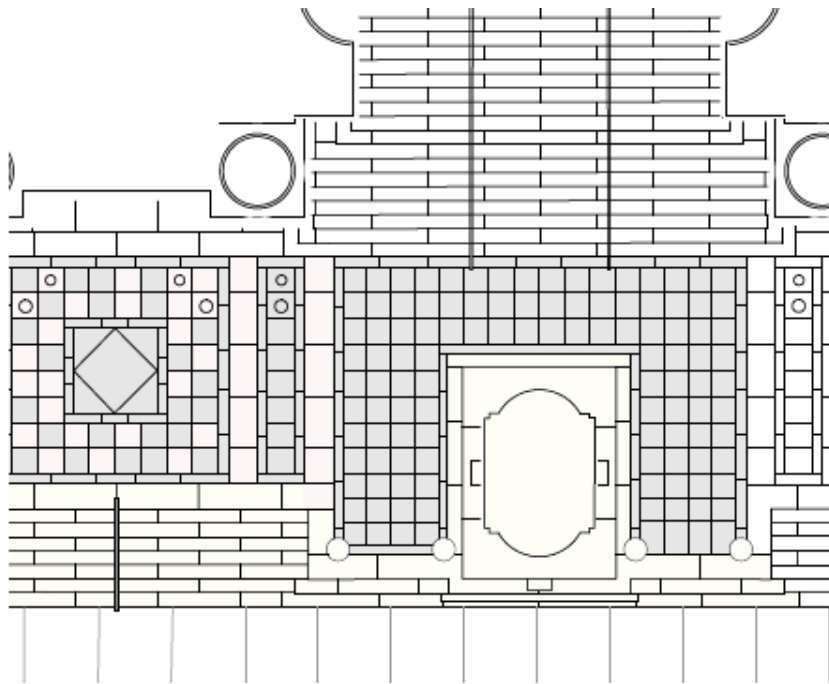
## Plaza View (Existing)



American Museum of Natural History Central Park West entrance, existing stairs and plaza treatment, AMNH

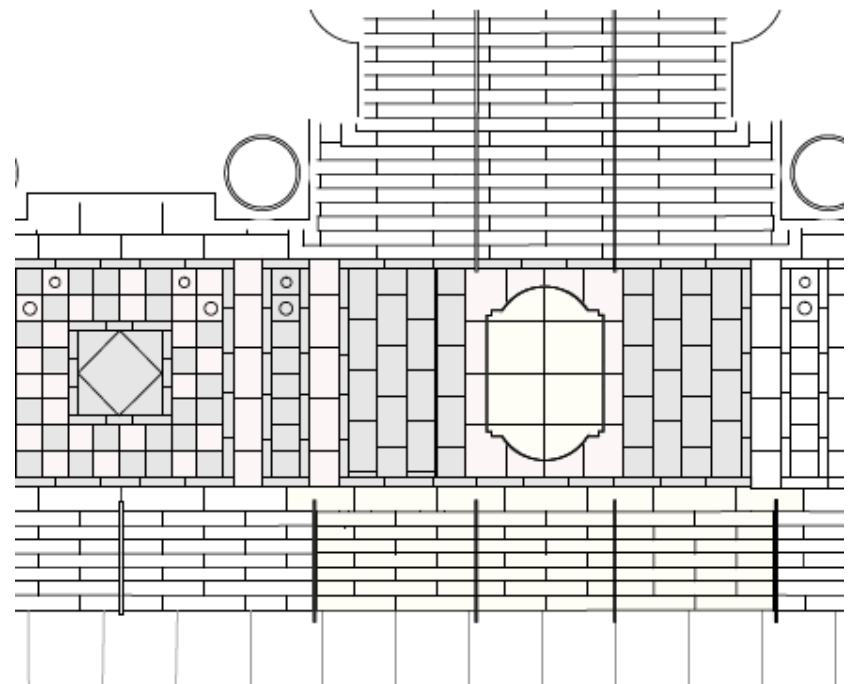


# Plaza and Stair Detail



Central Park West

Existing



Central Park West

Proposed

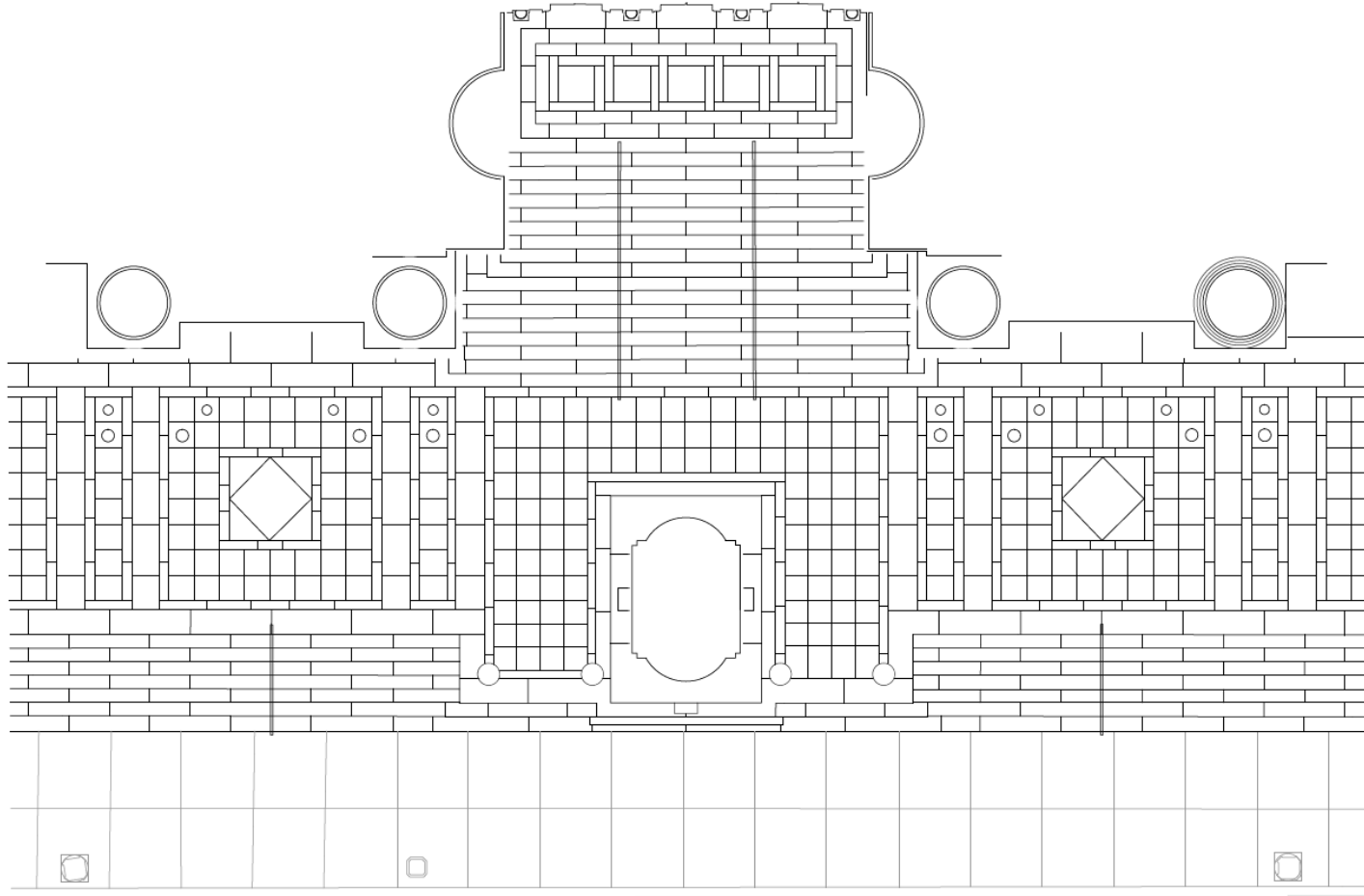
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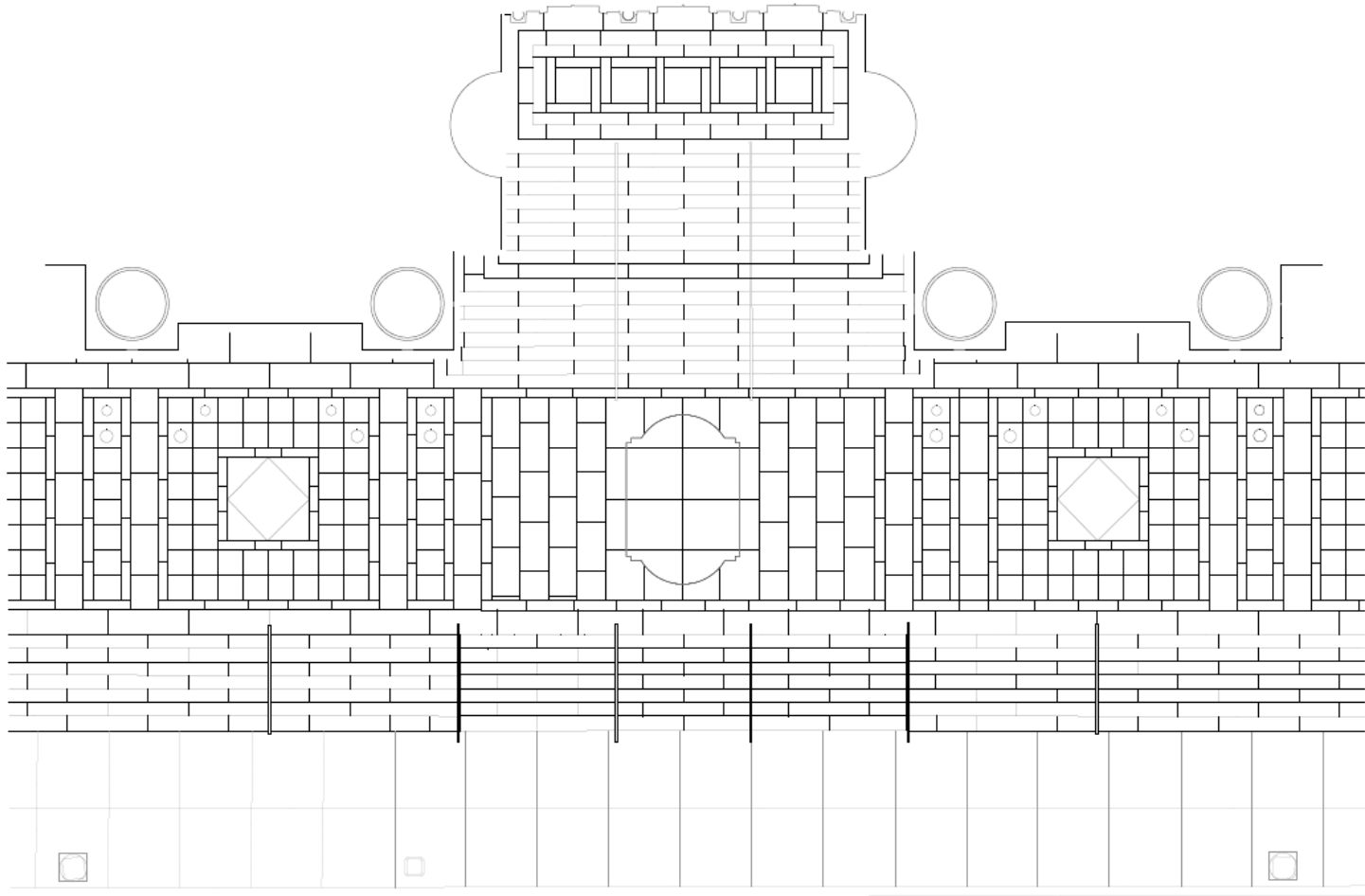
American Museum of Natural History Central Park West entrance, proposed plaza and stair treatment without statue, AMNH



# Plaza and Stair Treatment (Existing)

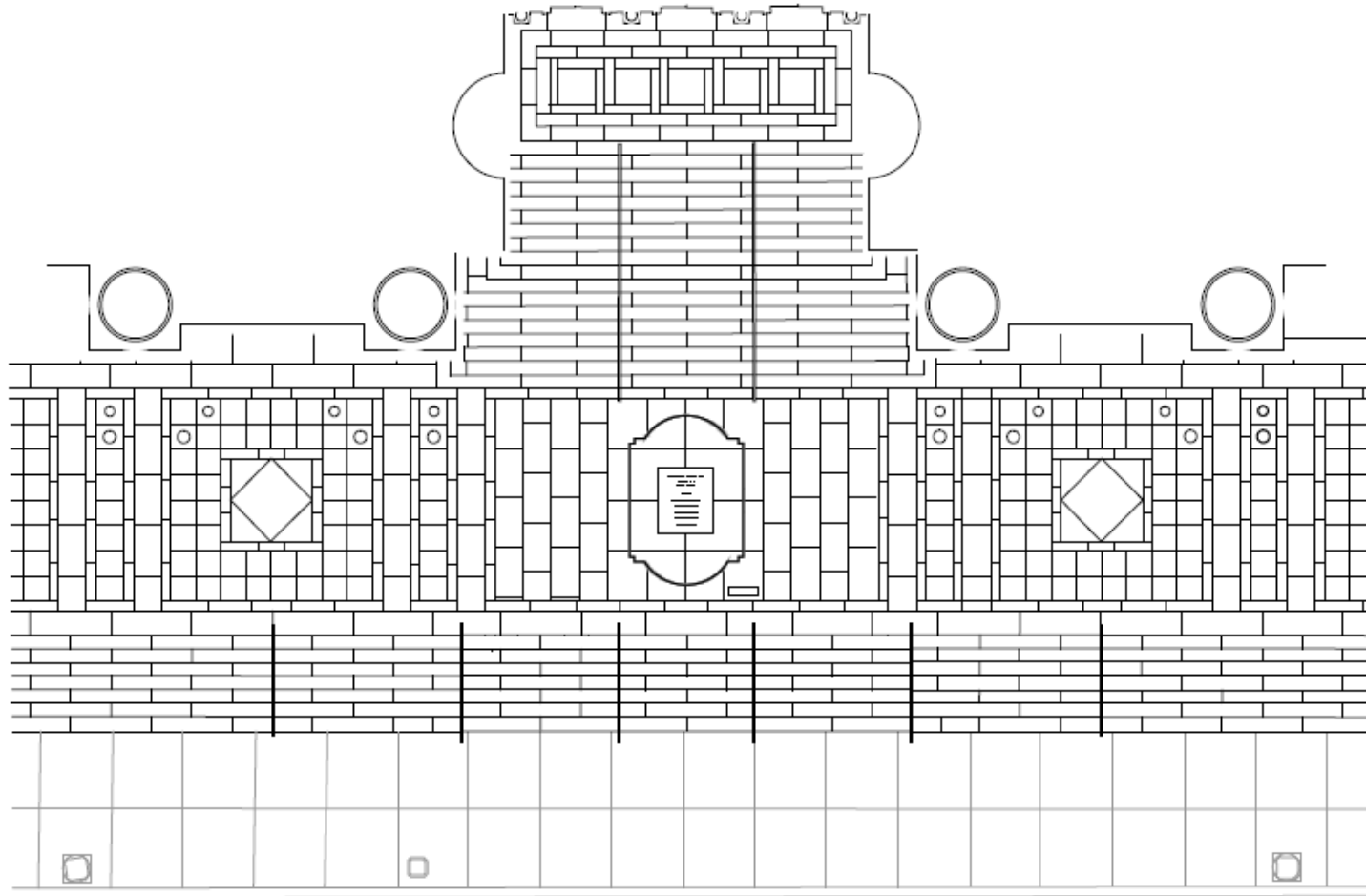


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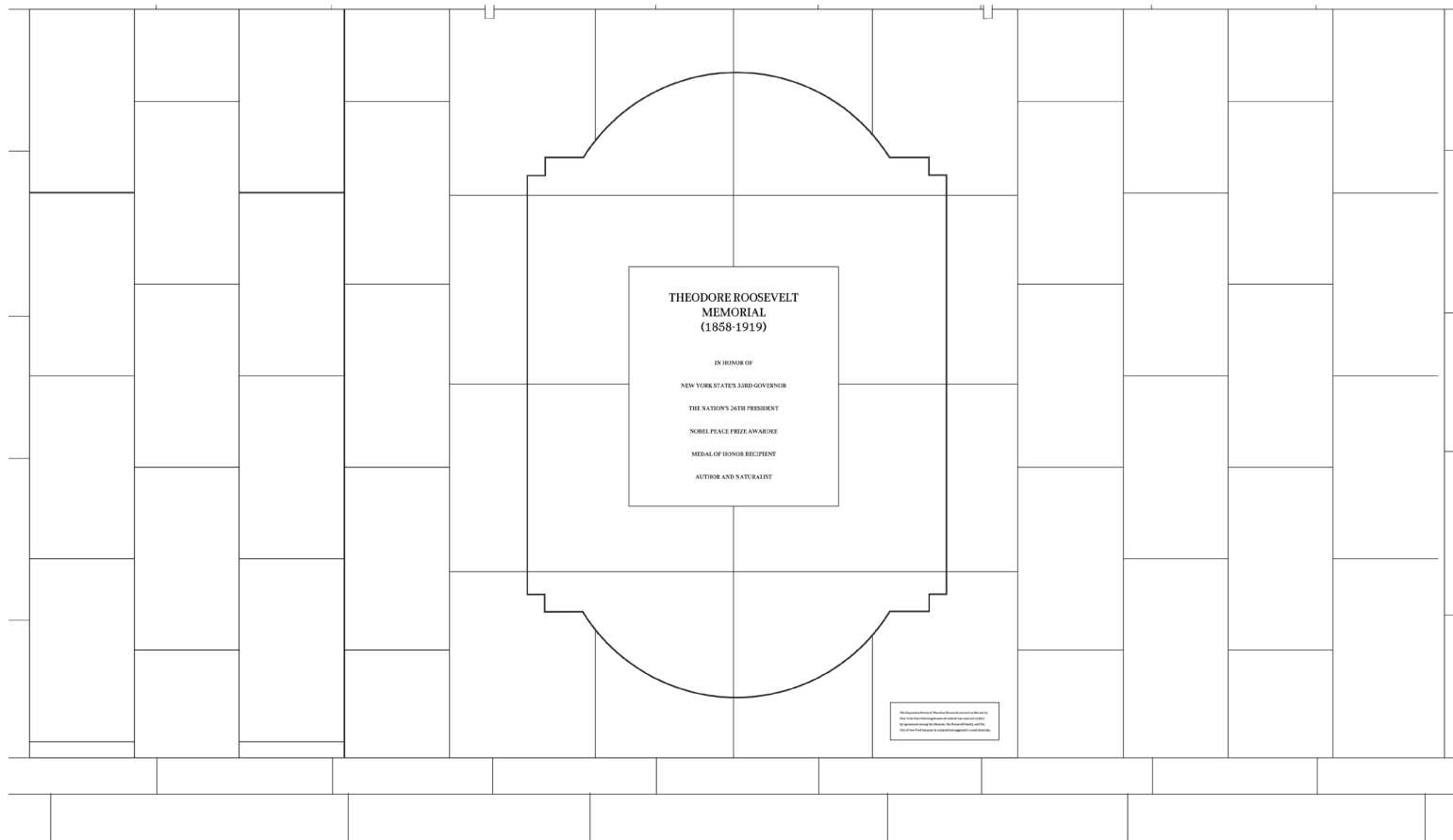


# Proposed Interpretation



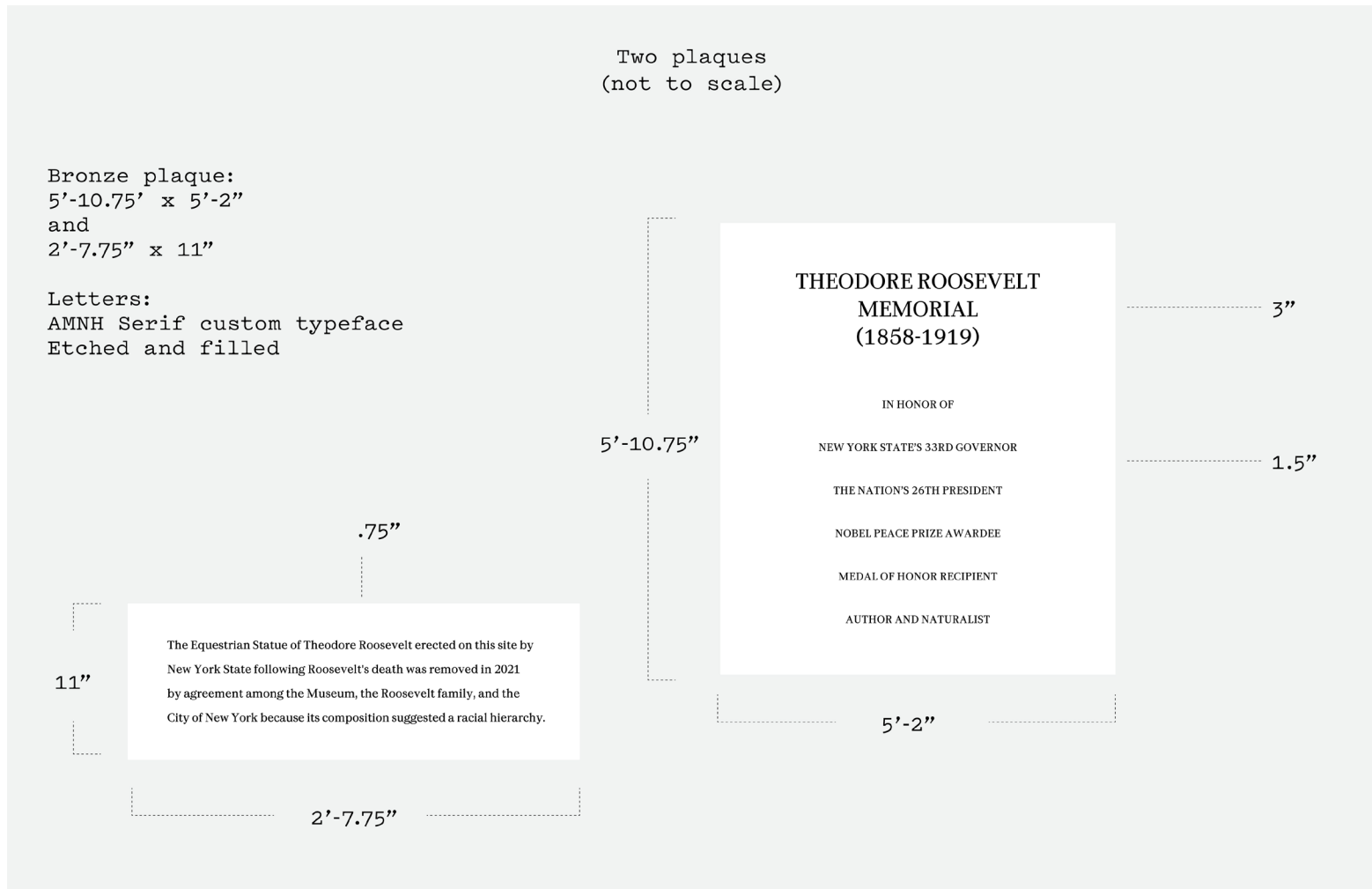
# Proposed Interpretation

Two plaques





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# Appropriateness



Photo by Denis Finnin / AMNH



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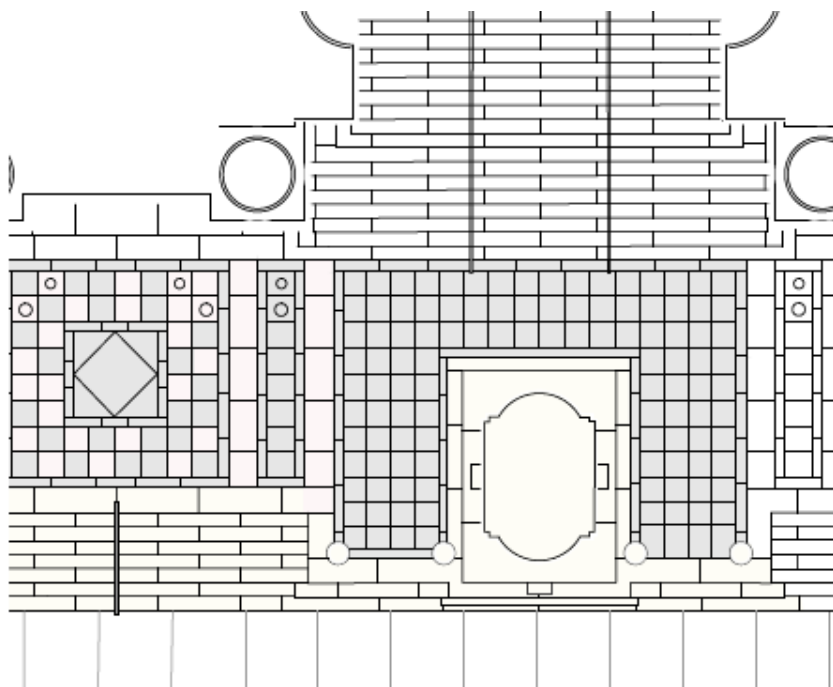


Central Park West entrance with statue

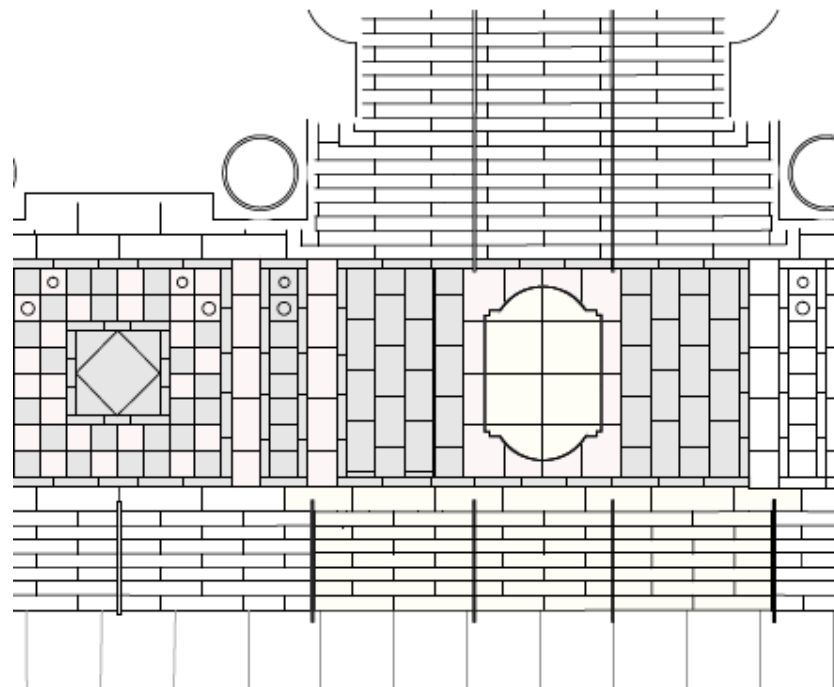


Central Park West entrance without statue

# Appropriateness



Existing



Proposed



# Appropriateness



AMNH complex, 1930s



Hayden Planetarium, 1965



Rose Center and Ross Terrace, 2000s



Central Park West entrance with statue



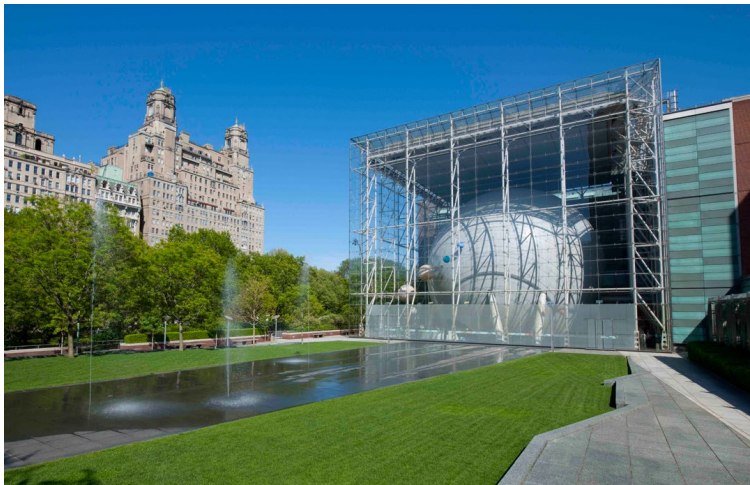
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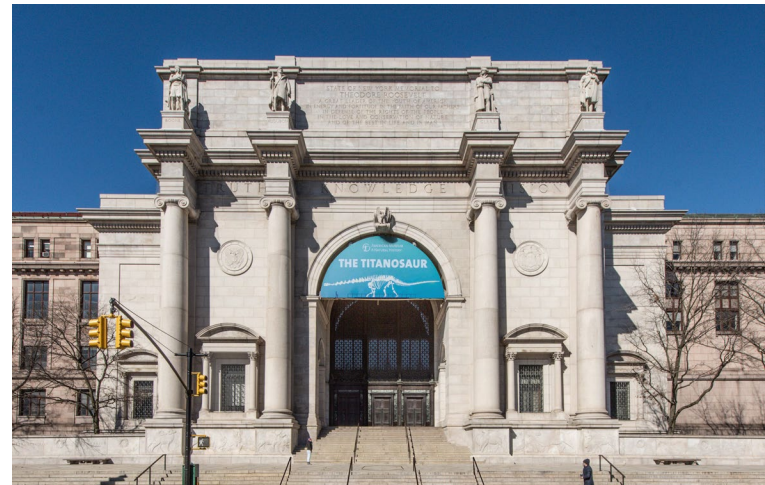
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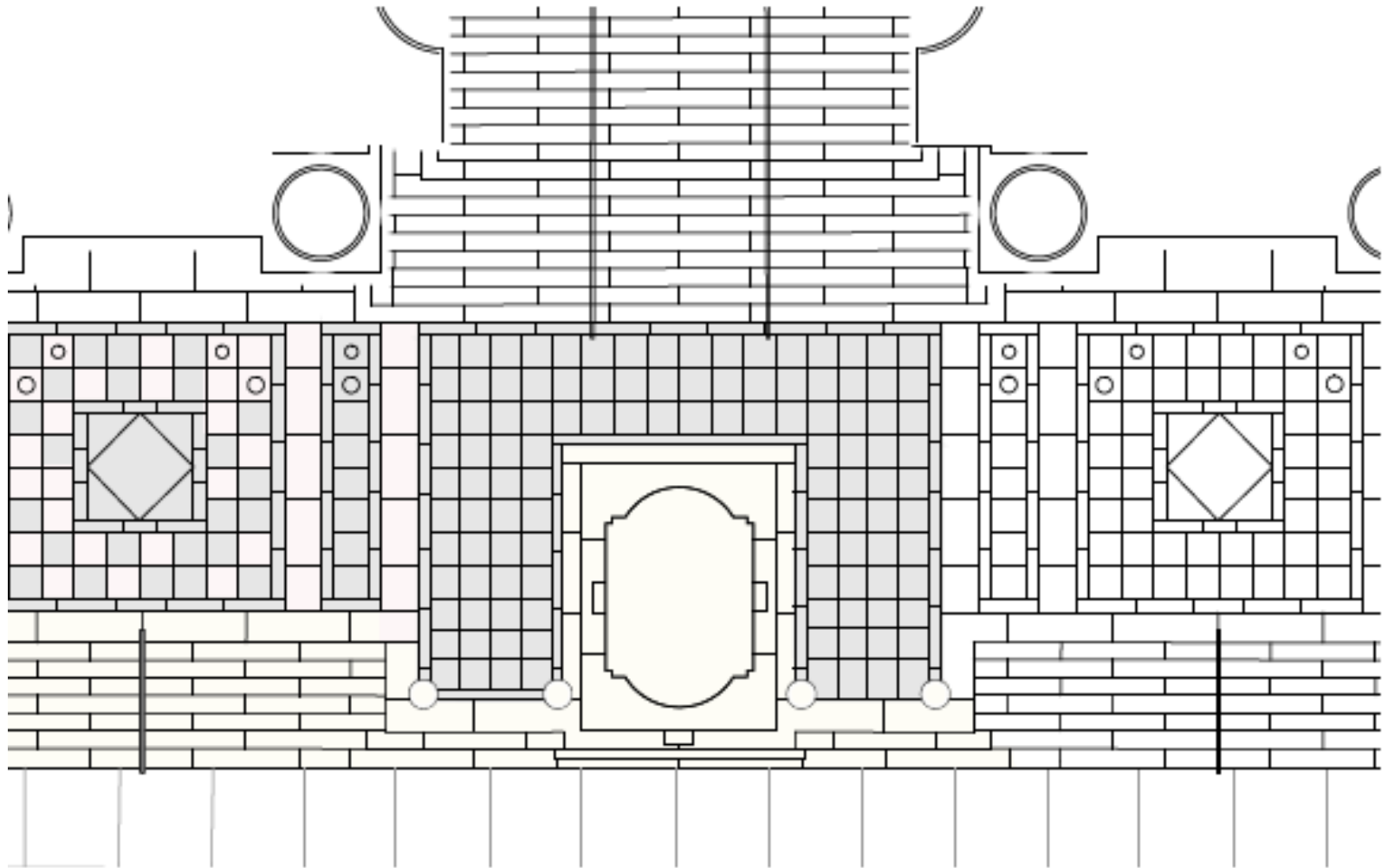


Central Park West entrance without statue



# APPENDIX

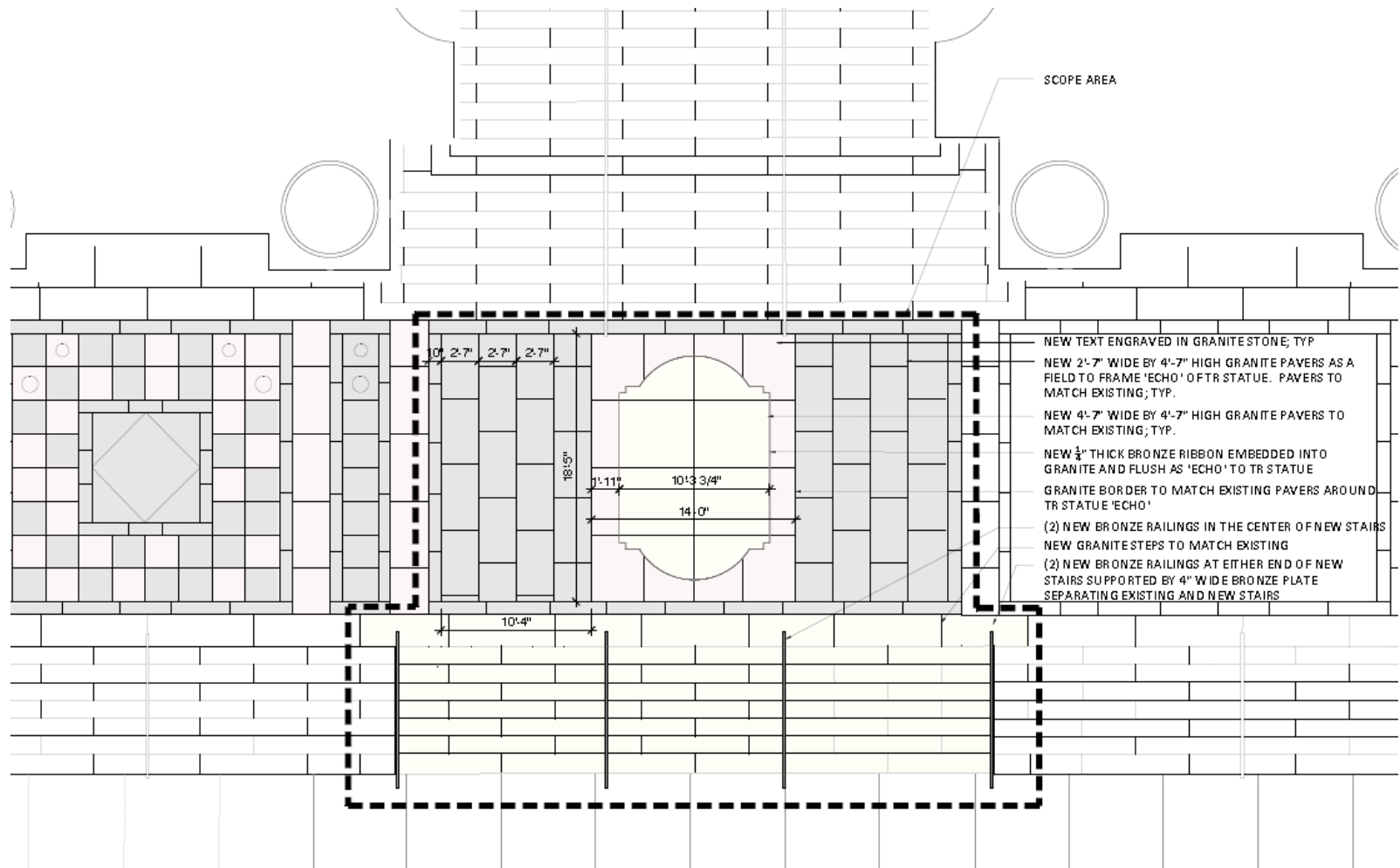
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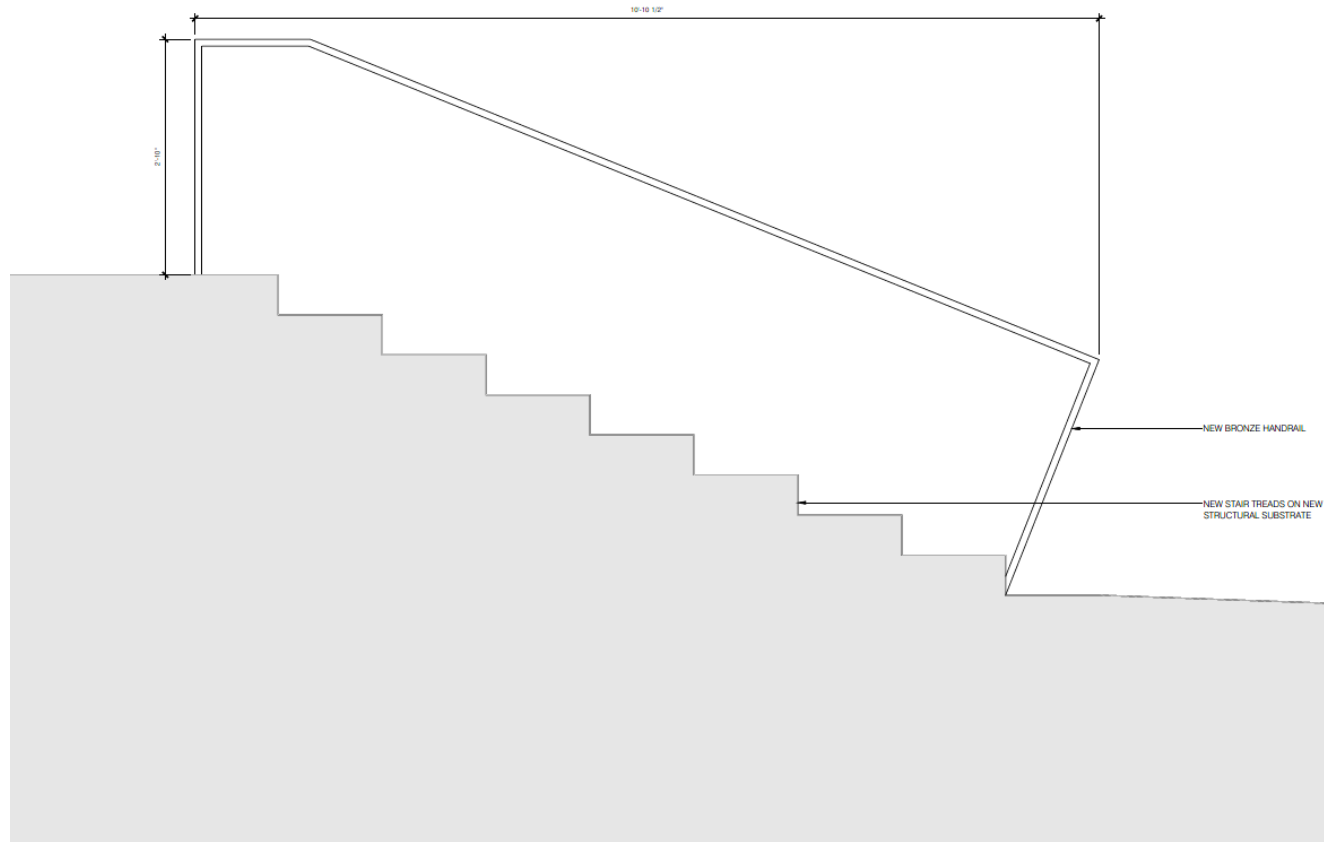
Central Park West



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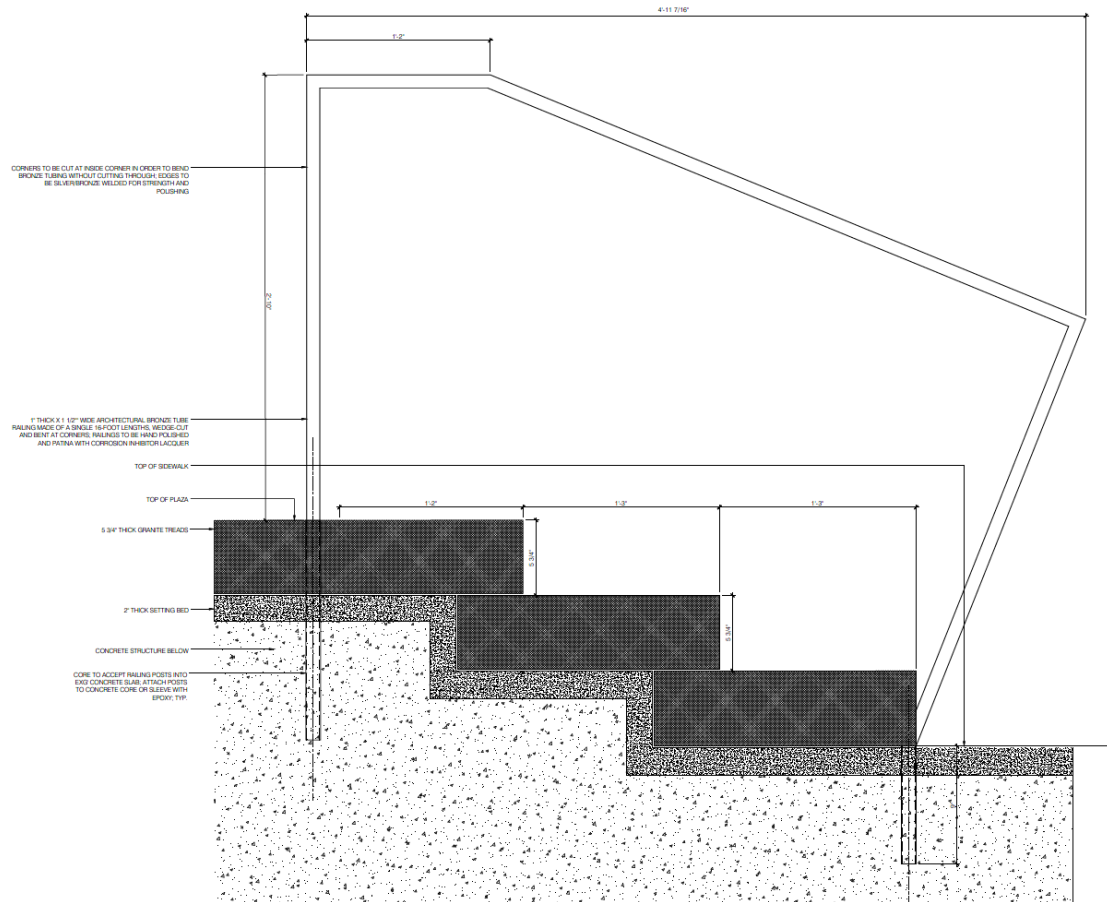


# Railing Section



American Museum of Natural History Central Park West entrance, railing section, AMNH

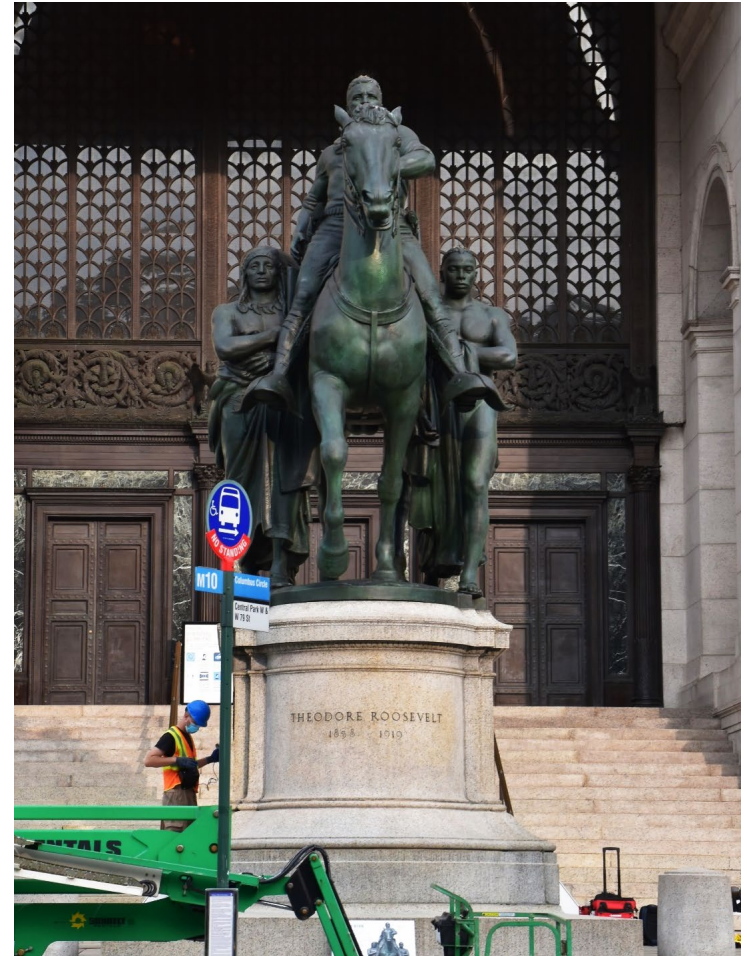
## Railing Detail



American Museum of Natural History Central Park West entrance, railing detail, AMNH

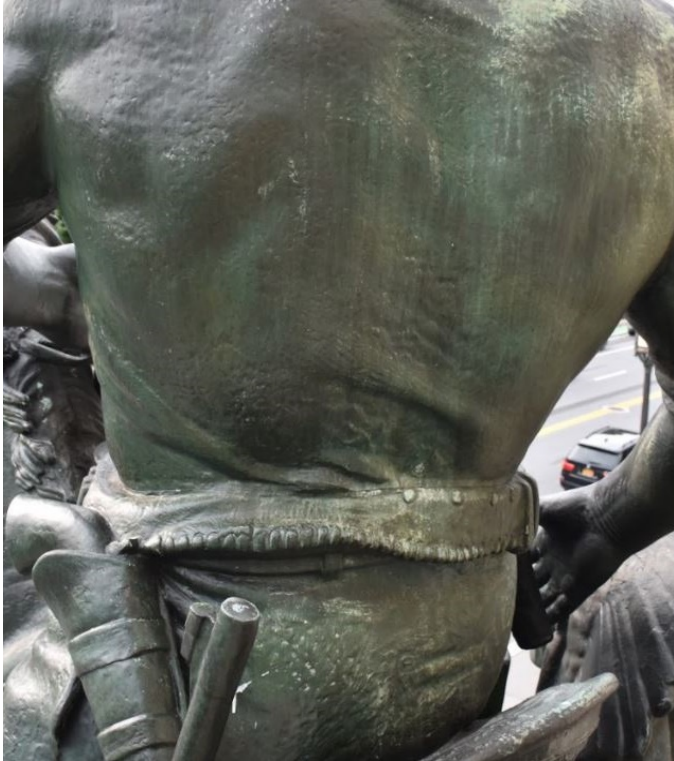


## Statue Detail



Equestrian Statue of Theodore Roosevelt, American Museum of Natural History. (Photos: EverGreene September 2020).

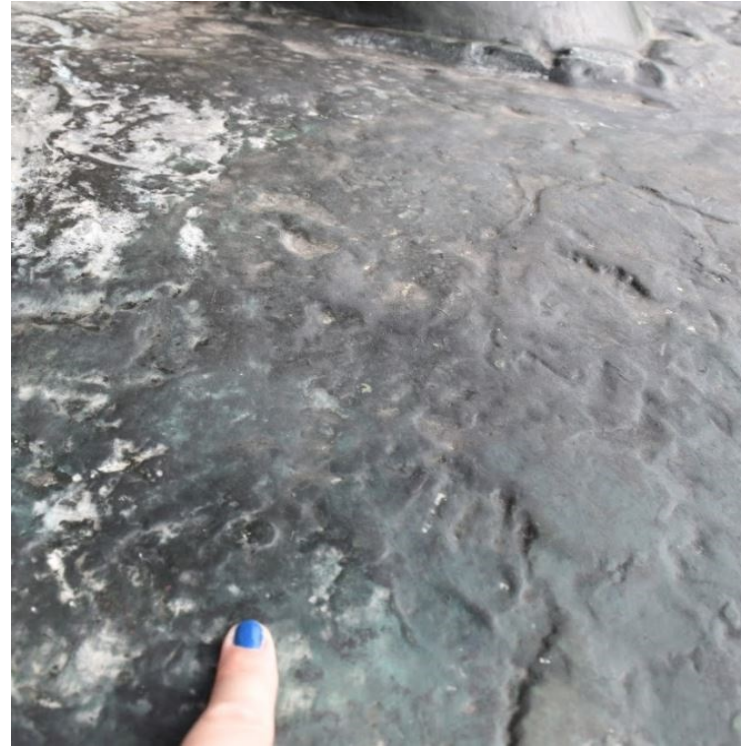
# Statue Detail



Equestrian Statue of Theodore Roosevelt, American Museum of Natural History. Seam at the waist, noted. Also, the small connection between the gun holster and finger that will need to be cut to remove the upper section of the figure. (Photos: EverGreene September 2020).



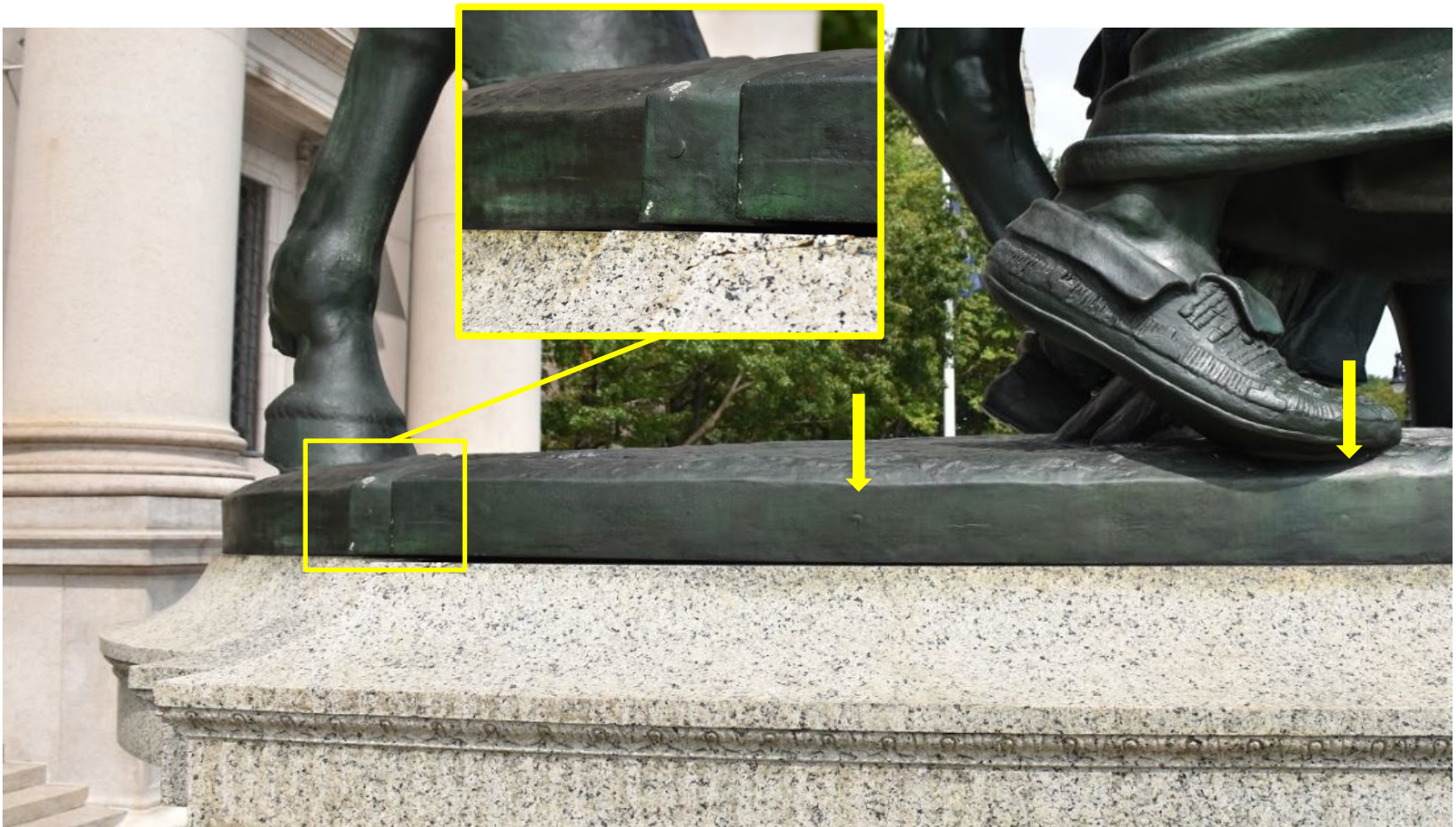
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Equestrian Statue of Theodore Roosevelt, American Museum of Natural History. The tooled heads of pins can be seen around the sculpture self-base; left: location on southwest; right: location on southeast (Photos: EverGreene September 2020).



## Statue Detail



Equestrian Statue of Theodore Roosevelt, American Museum of Natural History. Close-up of bars set into stone and pinned in to self-base with dowels. (Photo: EverGreene September 2020).

# Relocation Logistics

