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**NYC Parks**

***Equestrian Statue of  
Theodore Roosevelt***  
Proposed Relocation  
Theodore Roosevelt Park, MN

NYC Parks

American Museum of Natural History

# Site Location



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

# Site Location



## 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.



## 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

October 28, 1940, New York Times

# History



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

# Composition and Context

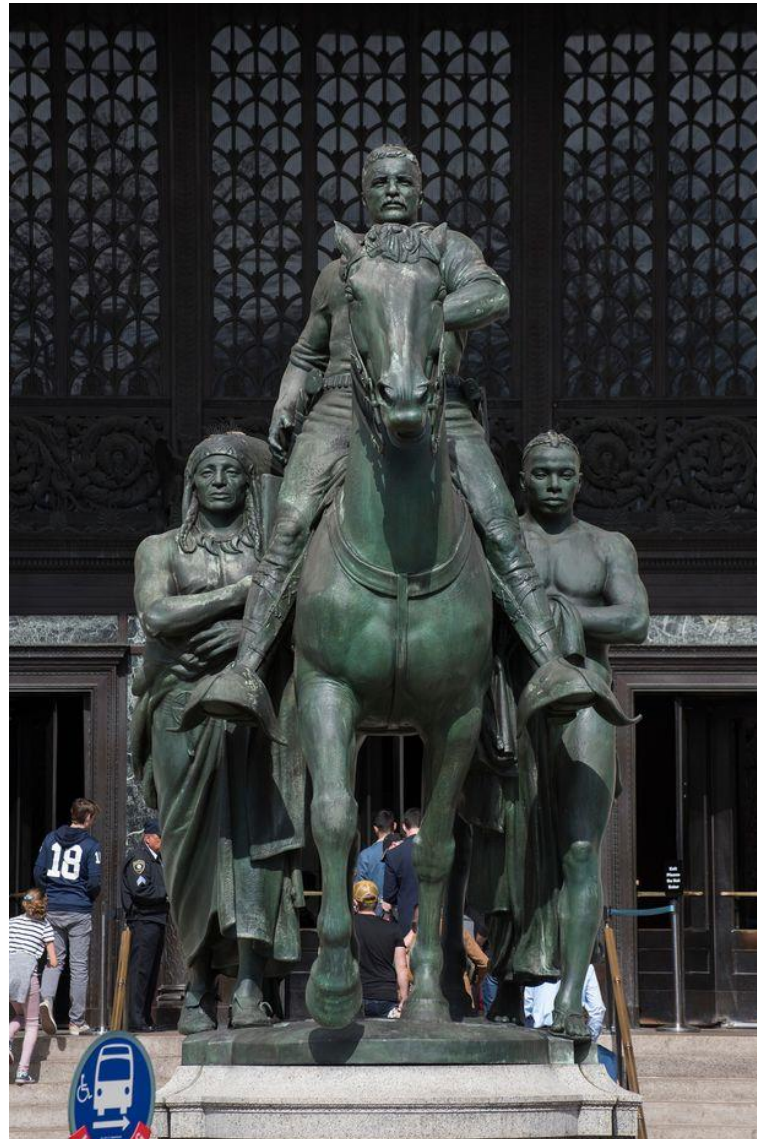


Photo by Denis Finnin / AMNH

# Sustained Public Controversy



The New York Times/Tyronne 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

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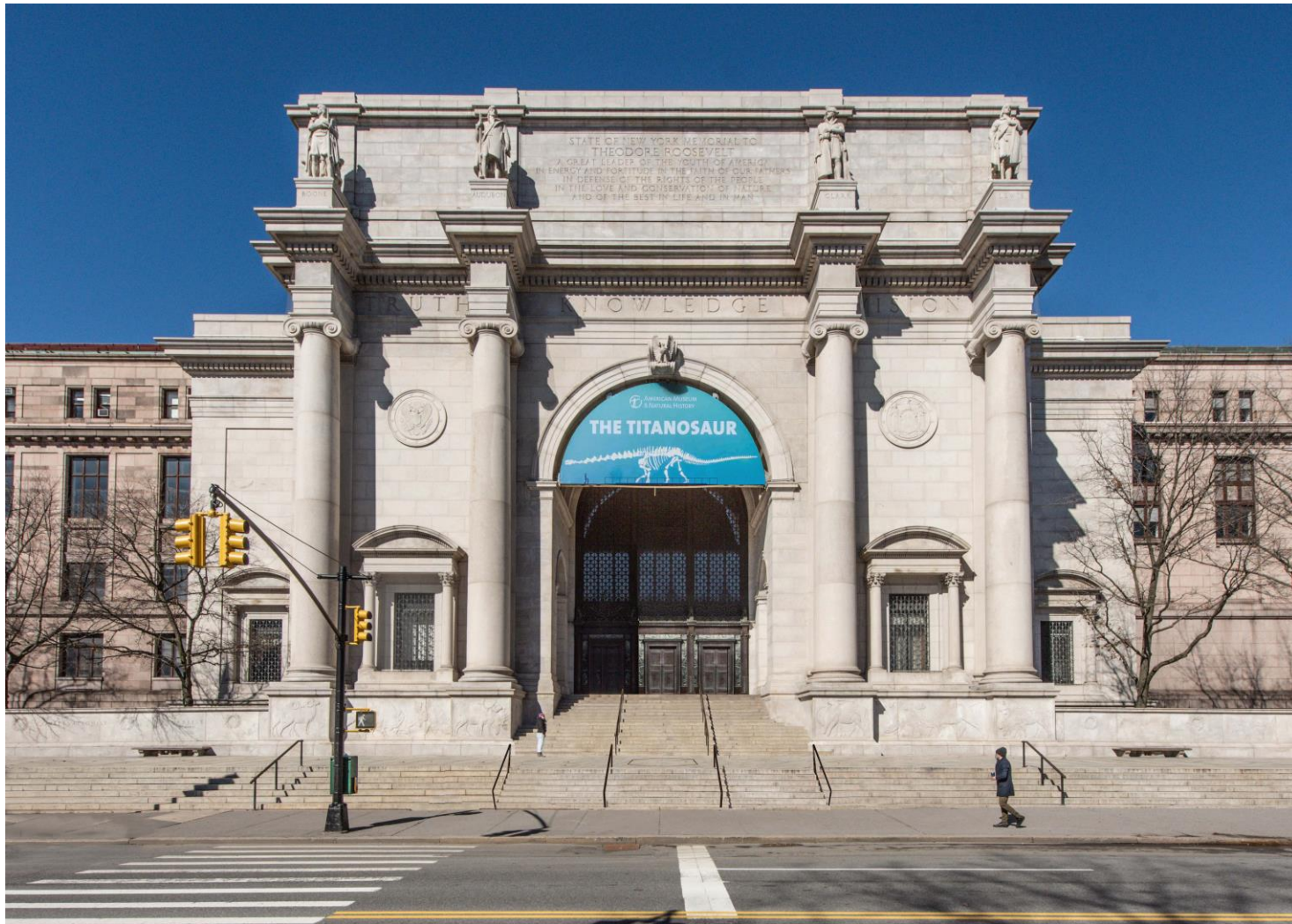
*Addressing the Statue* exhibition at AMNH, C. Chesek/ AMNH

# Theodore Roosevelt Memorial (Existing)



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

# Theodore Roosevelt Memorial (Proposed)



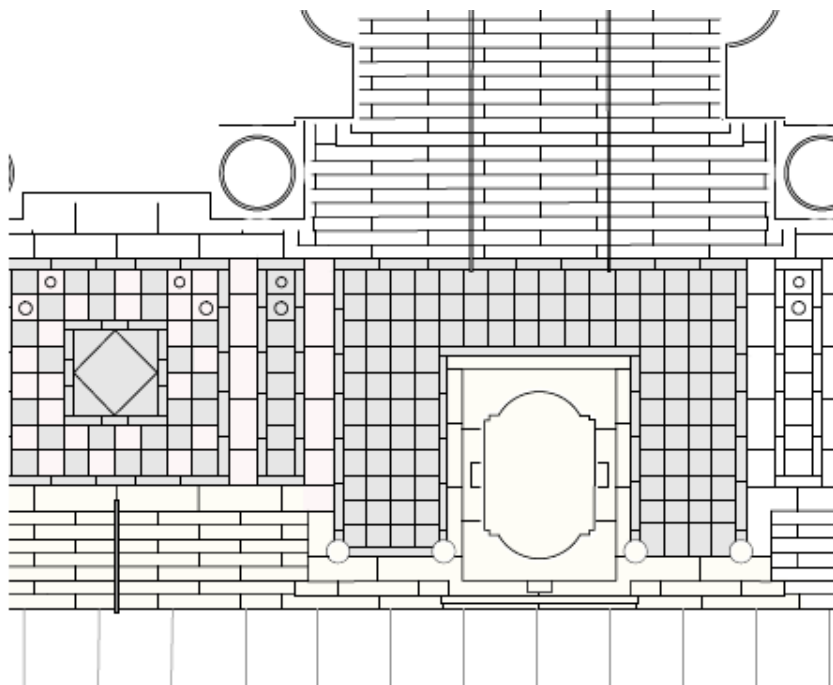
American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West entrance without statue (Rendering), AMNH

## Plaza View (Existing)

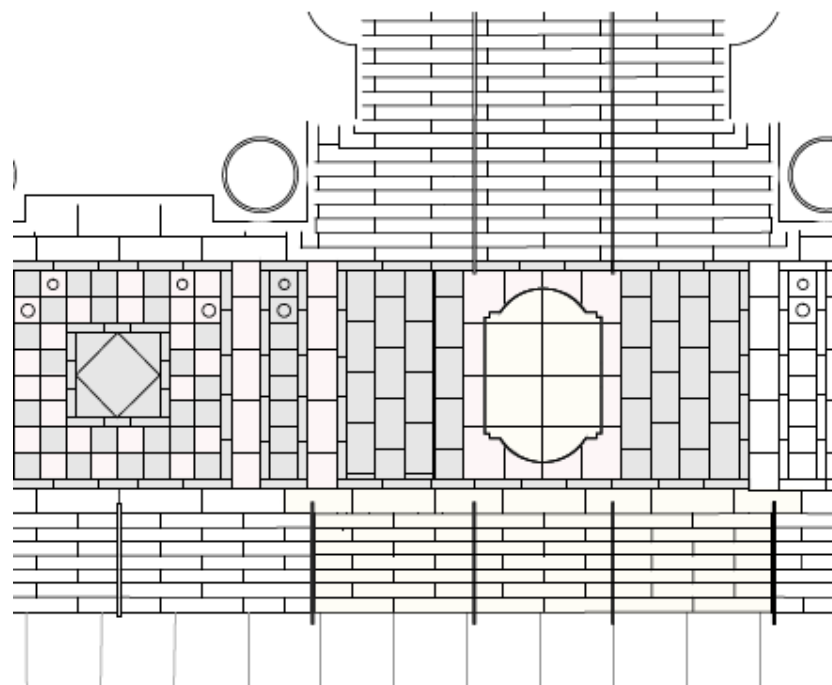


American Museum of Natural History Central Park West entrance, existing stairs and plaza treatment, AMNH

## Plaza and Stair Detail



Existing



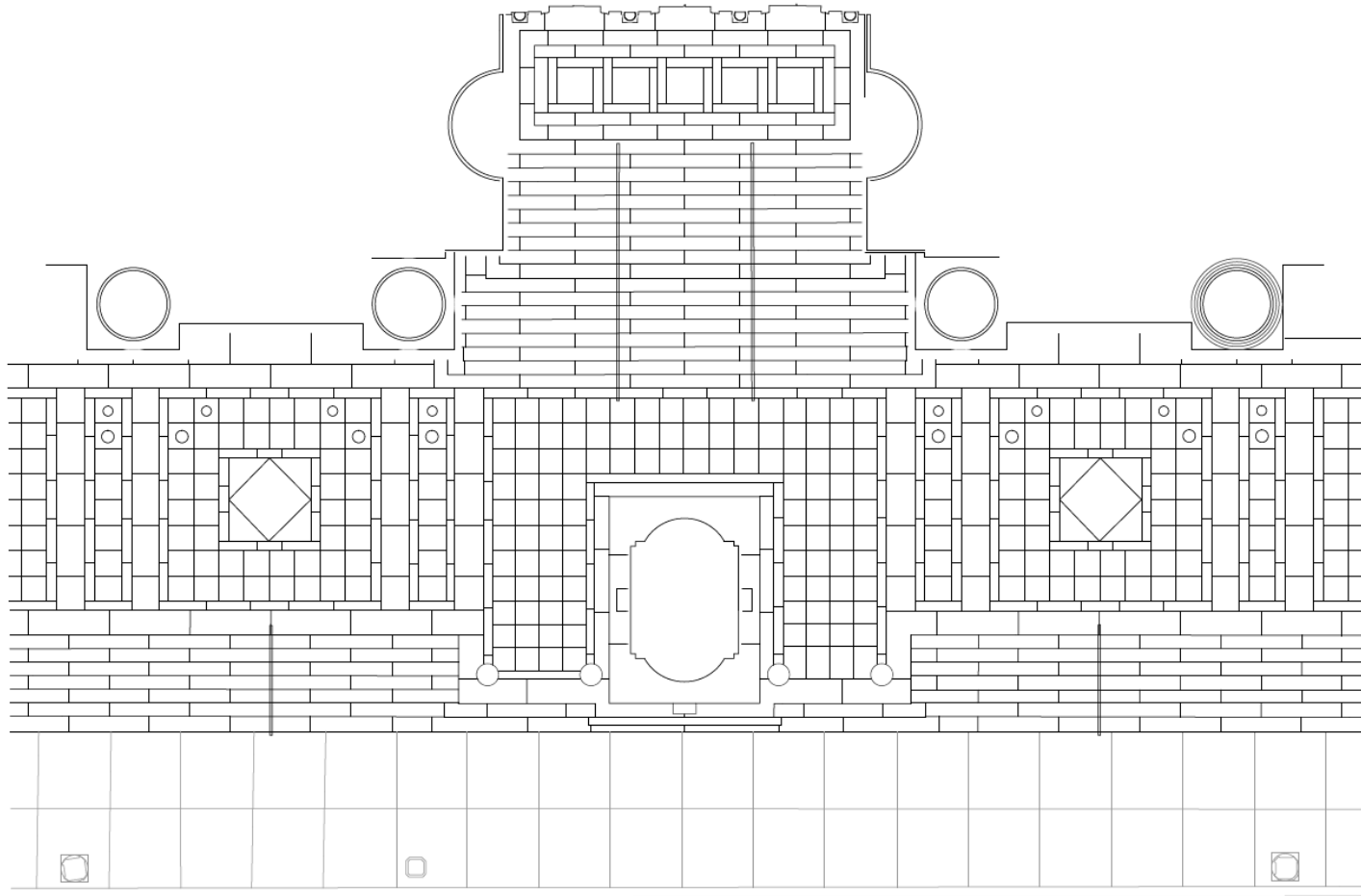
Proposed

## Plaza View (Proposed)

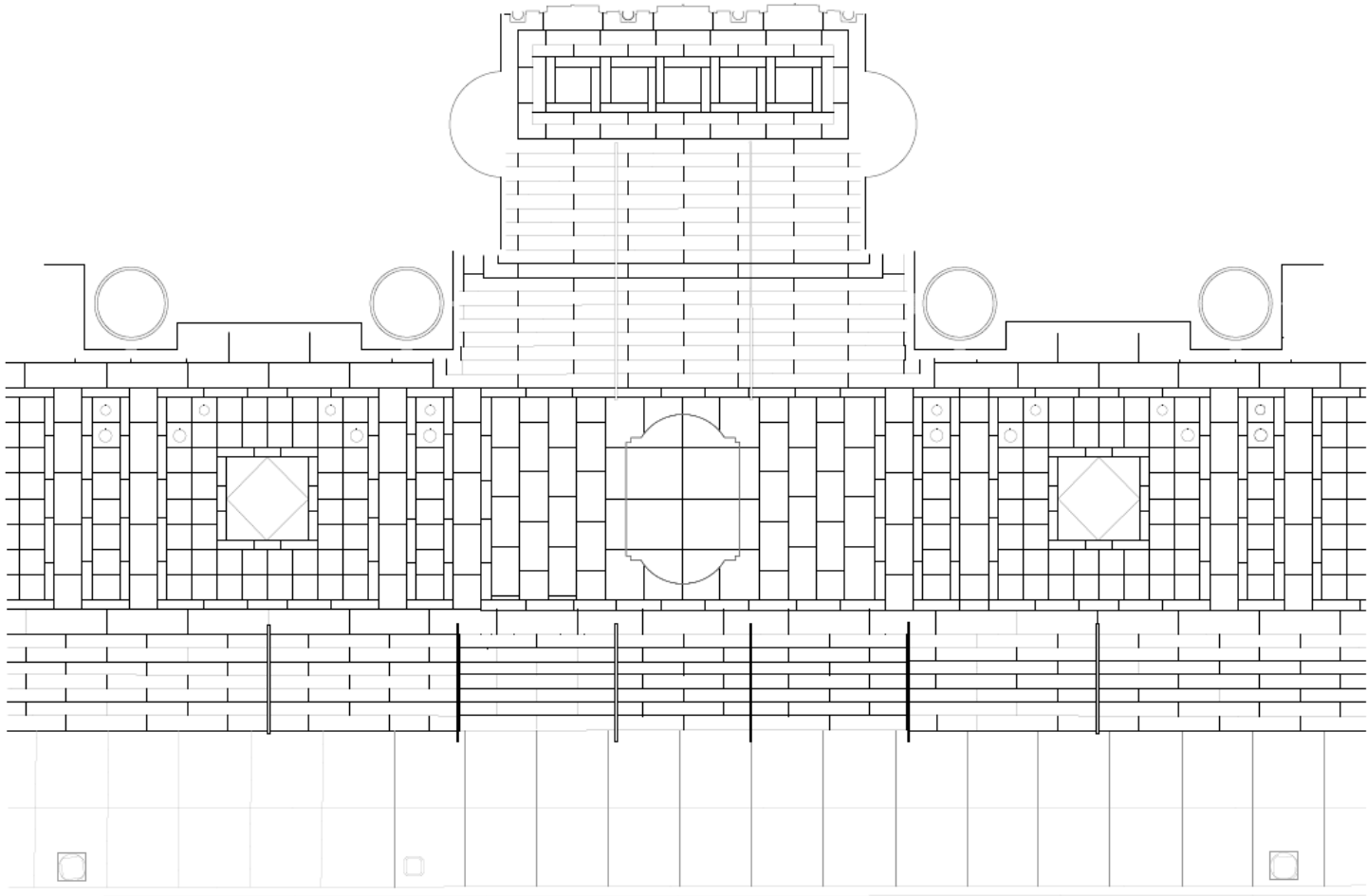


American Museum of Natural History Central Park West entrance, proposed plaza and stair treatment without statue, AMNH

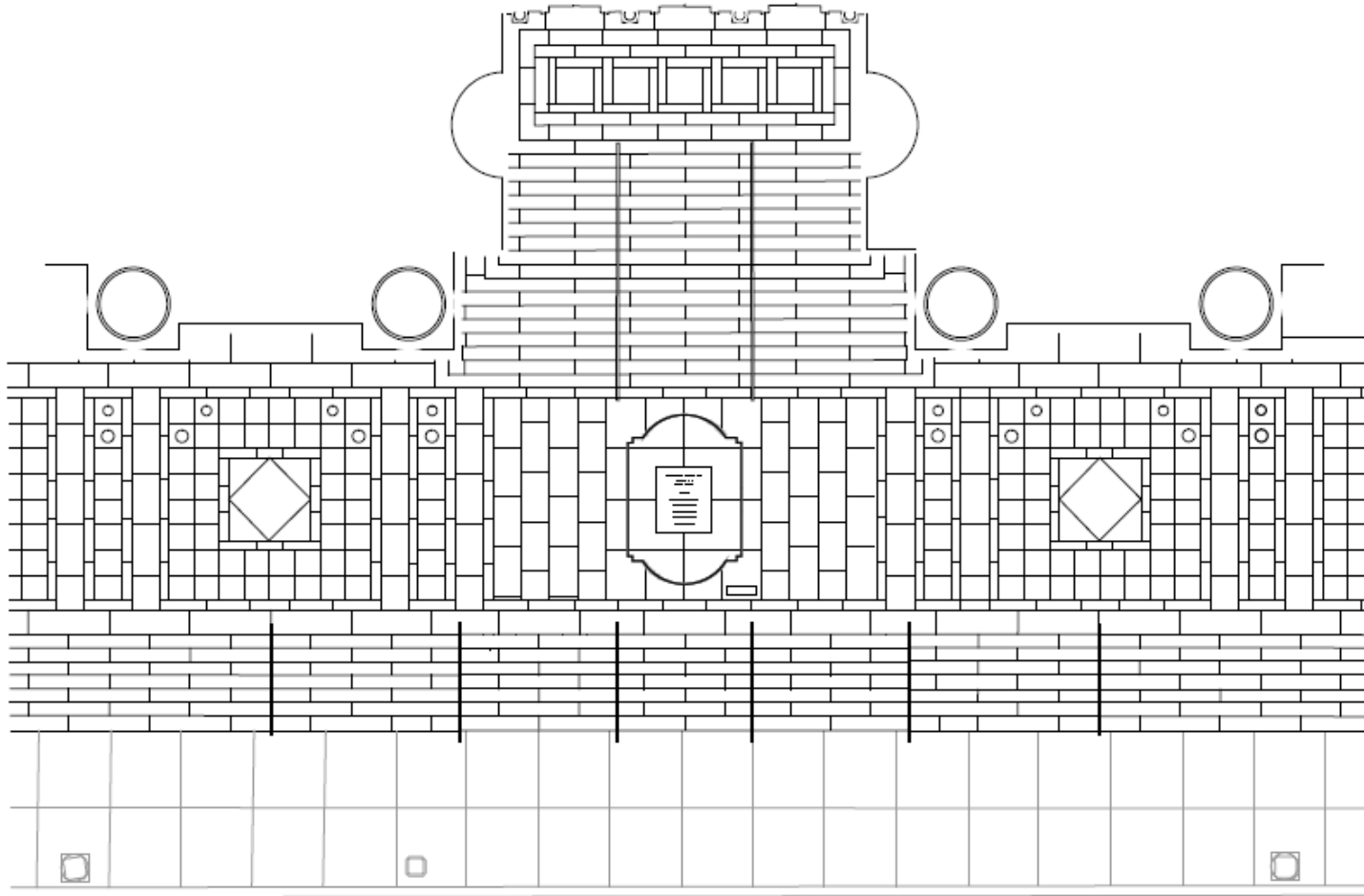
# Plaza and Stair Treatment (Existing)



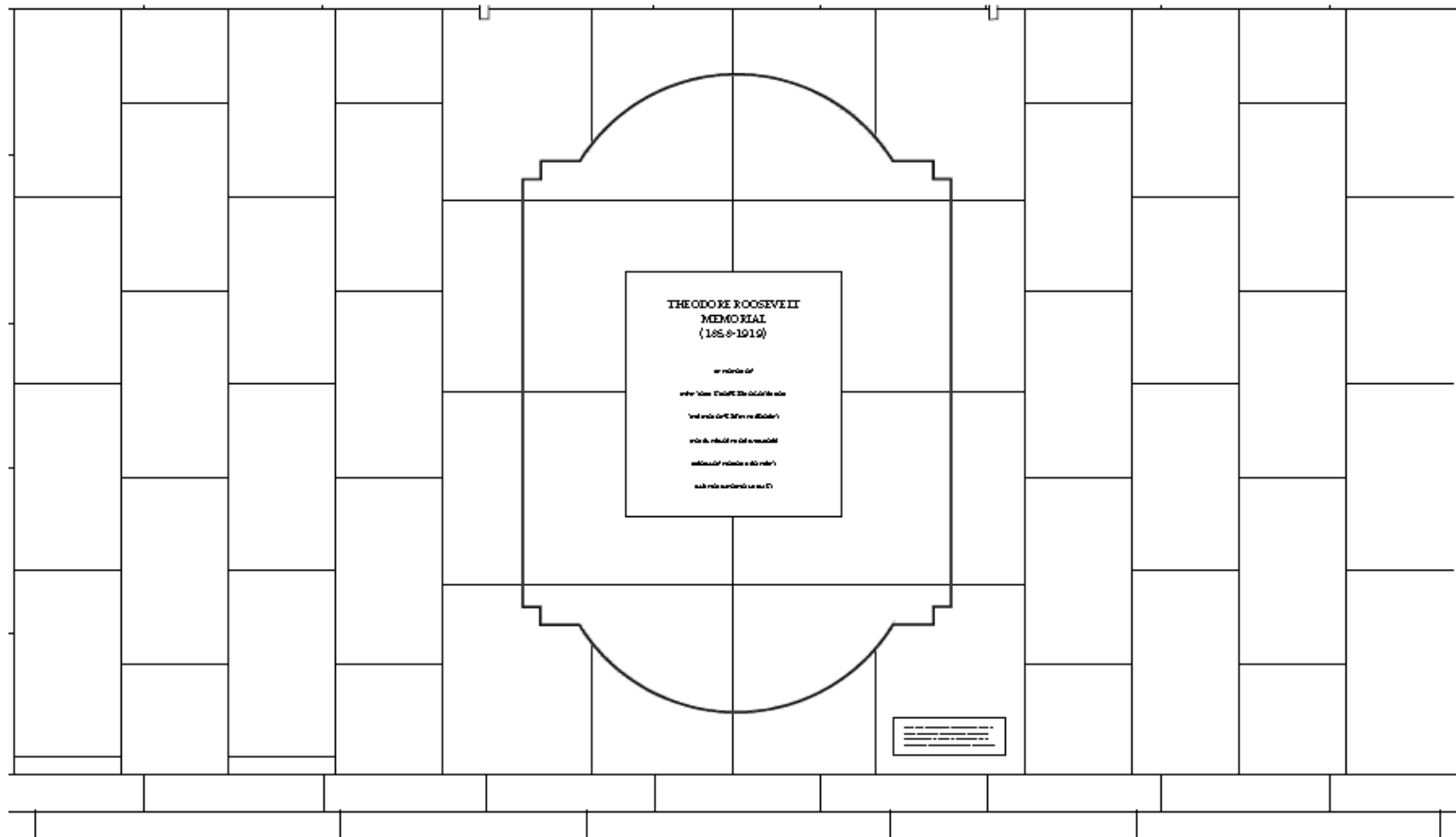
# Plaza and Stair Treatment (Proposed)



# Proposed Interpretation



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Bronze plaque:  
5'-10.75' x 5'-2"  
and  
2'-7.75" x 11"

Letters:  
AMNH Serif custom typeface  
Etched and filled

## THEODORE ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL (1858-1919)

IN HONOR OF

NEW YORK STATE'S 33RD GOVERNOR

THE NATION'S 26TH PRESIDENT

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE AWARDEE

MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT

AUTHOR AND NATURALIST

The Equestrian Statue of Theodore Roosevelt erected on this site by New York State following Roosevelt's death was removed in 2021 by agreement among the Museum, the Roosevelt family, and the City of New York because its composition suggested a racial hierarchy.

.75"

11"

2'-7.75"

5'-10.75"

5'-2"

3"

1.5"



# Appropriateness

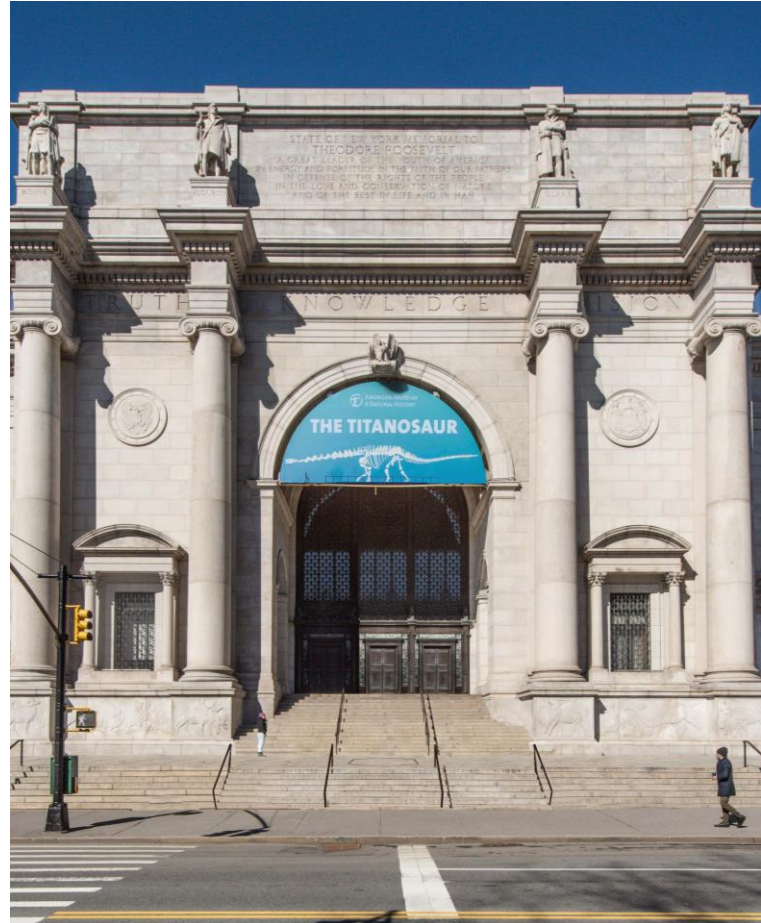


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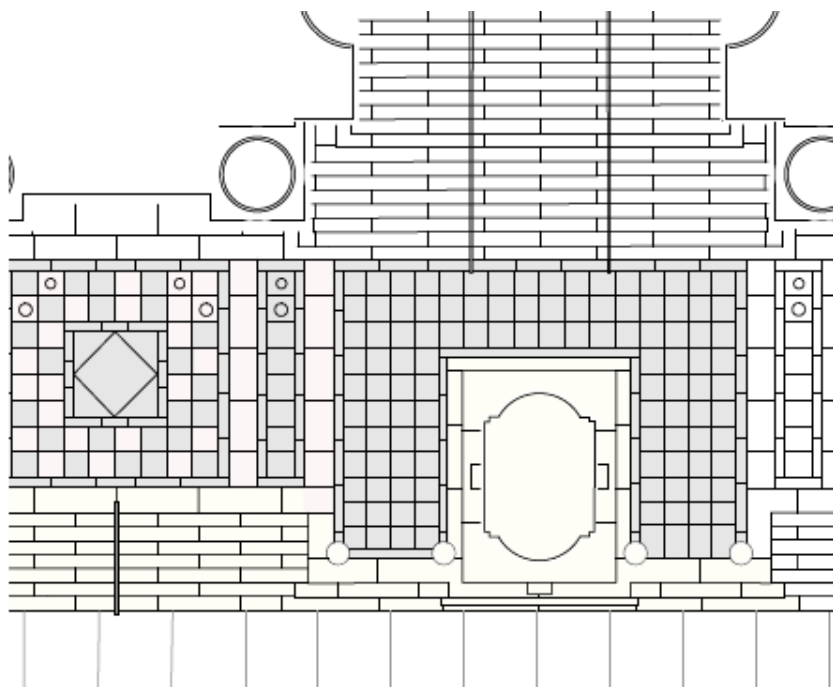


Central Park West entrance with statue

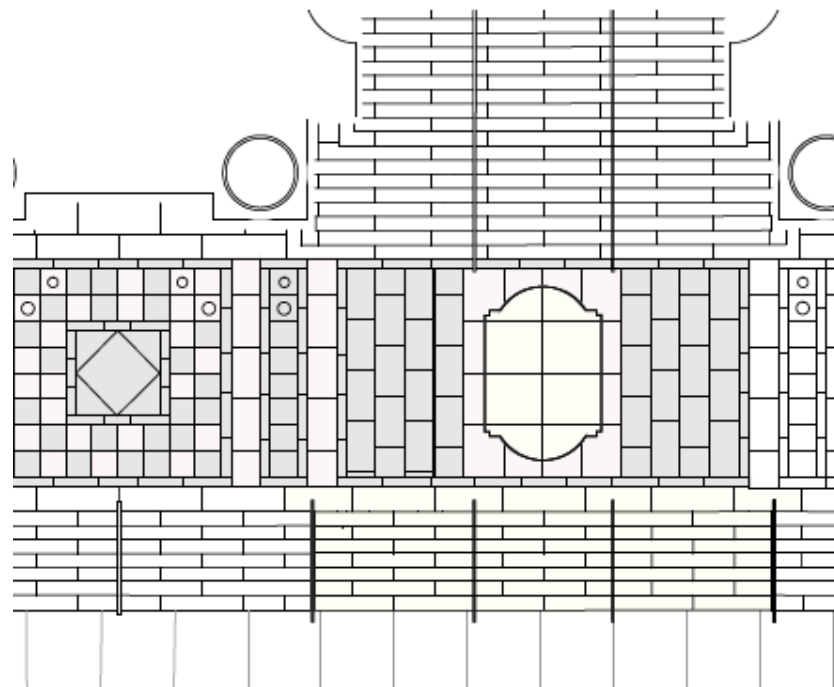


Central Park West entrance without statue

# 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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**QUESTIONS?**

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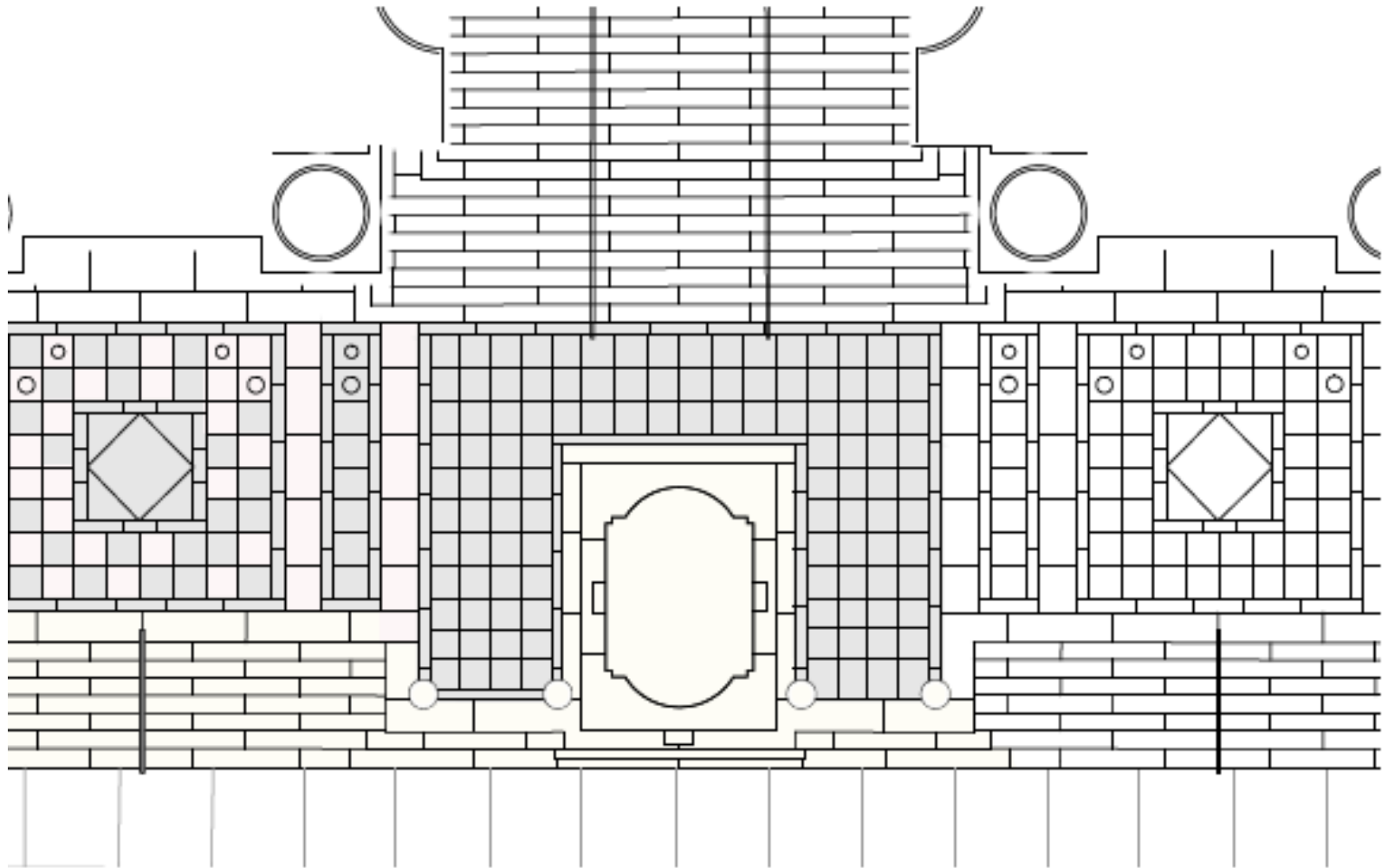
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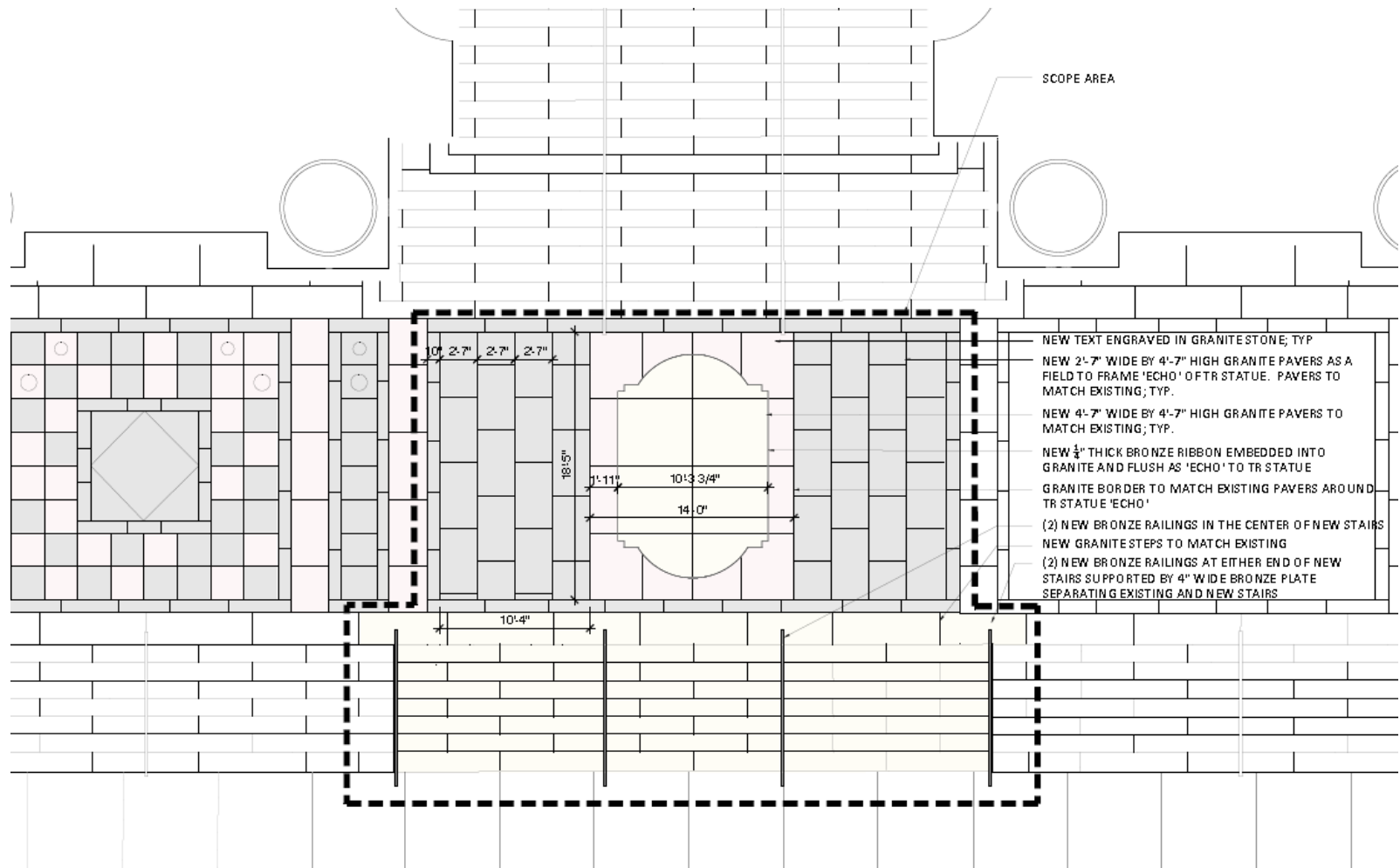
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## Plaza and Stair Detail (Existing)

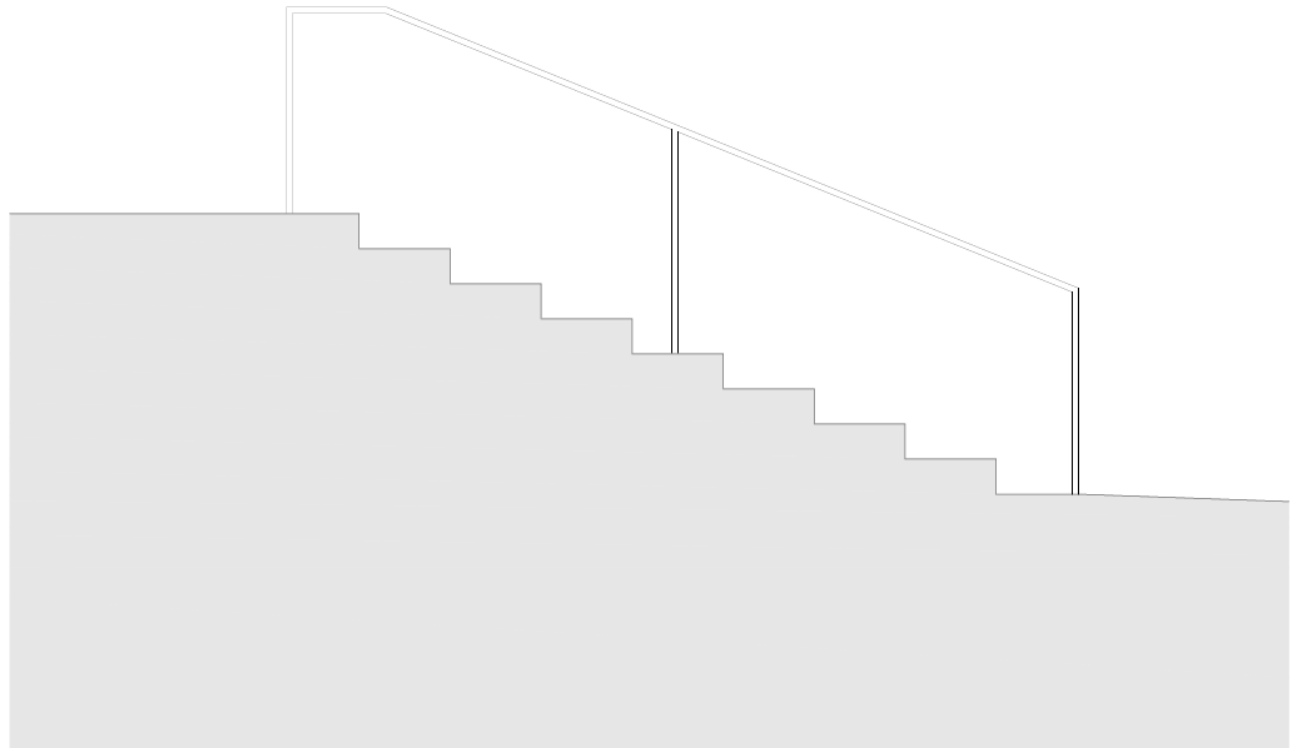


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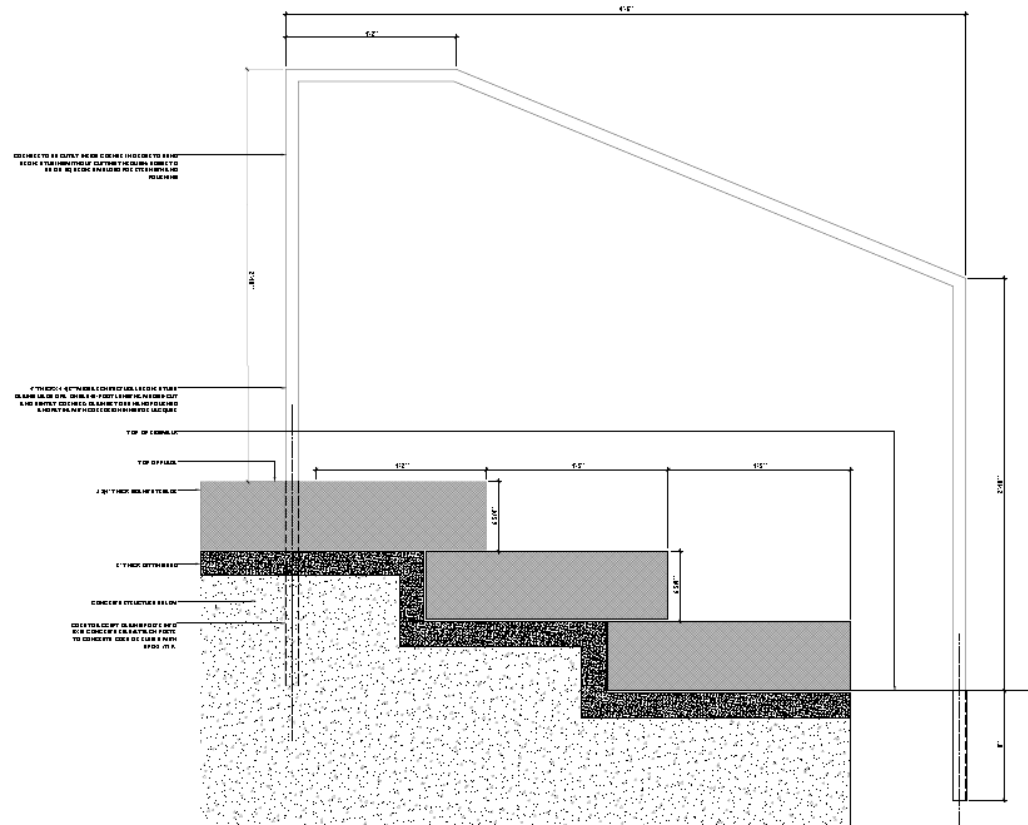


# Railing Section



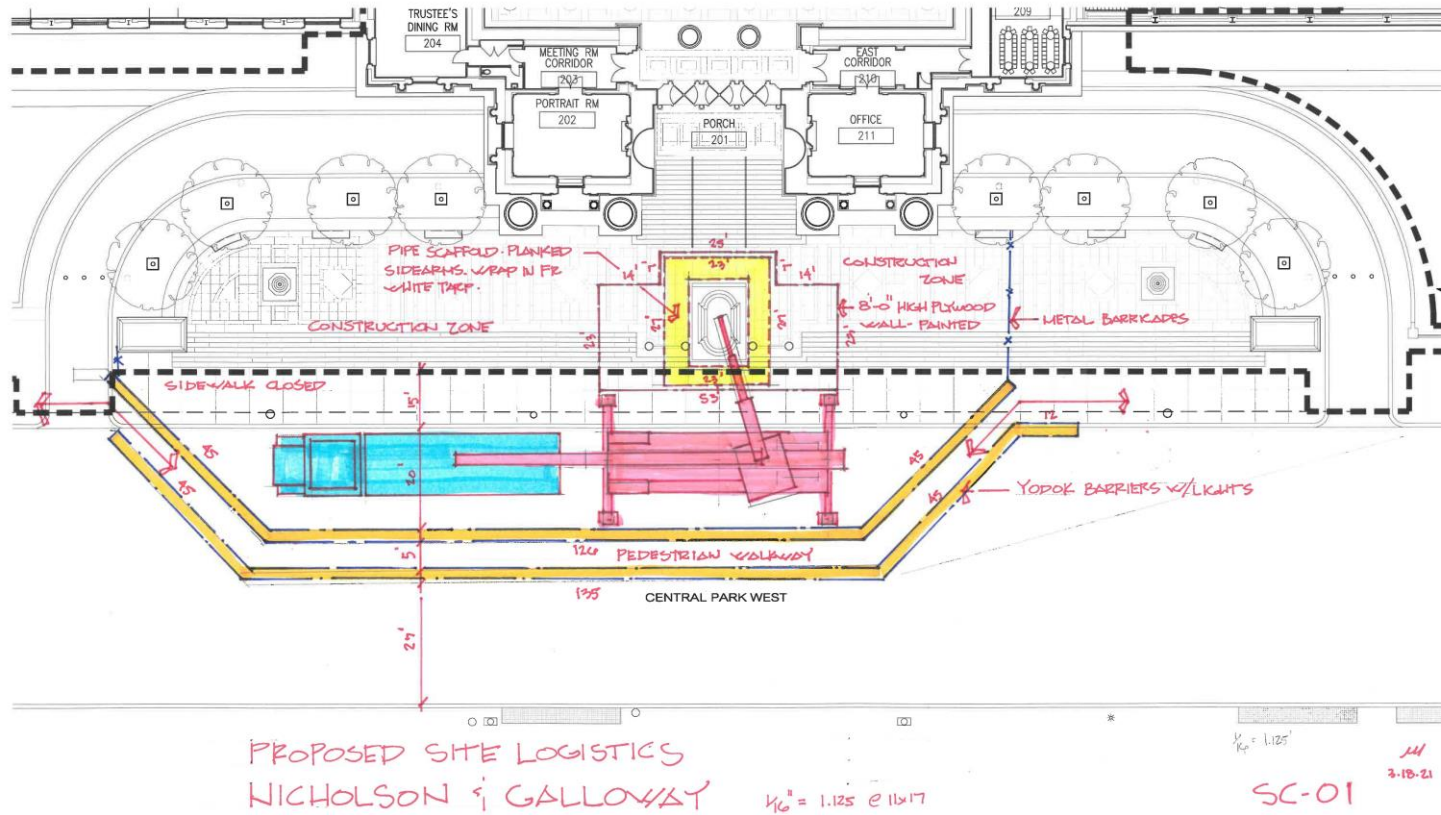
American Museum of Natural History Central Park West entrance, railing section, AMNH

# Railing Detail



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

# Relocation Logistics



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