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Parks and Landmarks Committee
583 Riverside Drive

- I. 1/04/2017
- II. Attendance: Joel Mentor, Anthony Carrion, Antonio D'souza, Wendy Li, Jonathan Thomas, Dan Cohen
Excused: Michael Palma, Michael Wells
- III. Guests: See attendance sheet
- IV. Meeting Called to Attention: 6:40pm (No quorum)
- V. Meeting Called to Order: 7:20pm (Quorum reached)
- VI. Agenda adopted without amendments
- VII. Minutes adopted
- VIII. **Presentation:** *NYC Department of Parks and Recreation – Riverside Park Conservancy RFP for Food Service at arcade and rotunda at W151st Street @ Riverside Park*
John Herrold, Administrator of Riverside Park, introduced the team in charge of this RFP process: Alexander Han (Director of Concessions), Danielle Seely (Project Manager). With the impending construction and opening of the pedestrian bridge, the Department is looking to issue an RFP for a developer/operator/manager to come up with an offering for the spaces. The rotunda and arcade were originally built as part of the Riverside Park Development in the 1900s, in the Beaux-arts style. The structures have been shuttered for an undetermined amount of time, and plans don't currently exist (approximate measurements for each structure: rotunda 900 – arcade 1900sf). The location and proximity to the pedestrian bridge present an excellent opportunity to create a valuable destination for the community at large, offering access to beautiful views, public amenities and event space. The plan is to host similar concessions currently in place near the 79th Street Boat Basin and 105th Street.
The initial goal is to introduce this project to the community and board for feedback. The Parks Department will work with stakeholders to develop a comprehensive RFP, with definite terms for operations and contract duration. An internal walkthrough is being scheduled for board members to assess existing conditions of the space.
Suggestions were made to develop concession services at other spaces in the district (Morningside and 112th Street). DPR to continue their evaluation of that location. Concerns

were raised about possible restrictions to a space operator with regards to noise/alcohol consumption/dancing. Operation will need to abide by state and city rules. Usage for the space is not limited to food service. Offerings can include activities that will attract a high and wide range of foot traffic.

IX. Committee Reports and Updates/Discussion/Presentation

a. Proposed scenic landmarks submitted to LPC

- b. Board and public members reported fencing along Riverside Drive at 149th-152nd that present a hazard to drivers that park in the area. The fencing was put up to protect newly planted grass seeds. DPR is looking for a workaround**

X. Old Business

XI. New Business

- a. Hon. Wendi Li to reach out to representatives of Hamilton Theater, in hopes to host a forum to discuss preservation of the theater's interior as well as upkeep of the exterior. Save Harlem Now to participate in this discussion.**

XII. Action Item(s)

- a. Board members to provide feedback on the proposed concession at W151 for RFP development.**

XIII. Adjourn: 8:45pm

Committee Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Joel Mentor