



City of New York Parks & Recreation



Hearing before the New York City Council Committee on Zonings and Franchises

December 14, 2011

Testimony by Colleen Alderson, Director of Parklands

Good morning, I am Colleen Alderson the Director of Parklands for the City of New York Department of Parks and Recreation. I am here today to testify on behalf of the agency as a co-applicant with the Department of Transportation for the ULURP application and subsequent text amendment to change the City Map for the elimination, discontinuance and closing of portions of Broadway between West 94th Street and West 97th Street within Community District 7, Borough of Manhattan and the establishment of parkland in the areas on the Broadway Malls. The purpose of the application is facilitated by the reconstruction by the New York City Transit Authority (NYCT) of the West 96th Street Subway Station, which serves the numbers 1, 2 and 3 subway lines and is located in Manhattan's Upper West Side and this change to the City Map will officially recognize this reconstruction.

The area we are specifically referring to on Broadway is City-owned, 150 feet wide, improved and open to two-way traffic. Existing landscaped medians divide the north and south bound travel lanes of Broadway from West 59th Street at Columbus Circle to West 122nd Street where the subway tracks emerge from underground and are then elevated above Broadway. While under the jurisdiction of the Parks Department, the Broadway Malls that are located within the bed of the mapped street have not been previously mapped as parkland.

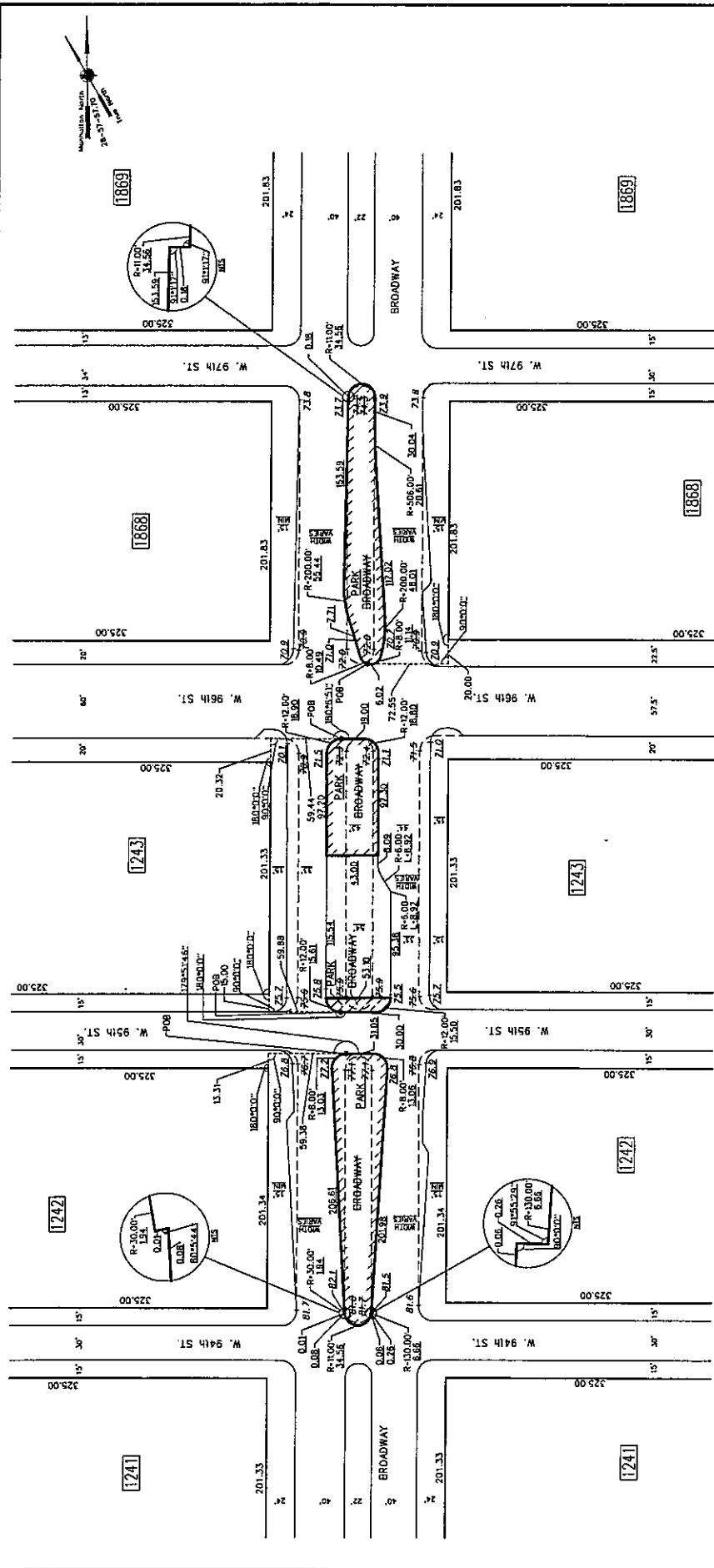
Recently, the New York City Transit Authority completed the construction of a new above-ground, one-story station house on a portion of a median just north of West 95th Street. In order to construct the new ADA compliant station house, the widths or portions of the three medians that this application encompasses have been increased from 22 feet to approximately 54 feet at their widest sections.

With the City Map change, Parks would acquire jurisdiction over the portions of streetbed that would be eliminated for the widening of the three medians and would not result in the loss of traffic lanes. DPR's newly acquired land from the widened medians, together with DPR's currently held land on the three existing medians would be established as parkland and eliminated as street on the City Map. State alienation authorization for the discontinued use of the portion of Broadway Malls to facilitate the 96th street Subway Station House Project was authorized July 26, 2006 as per Chapter 284 of the Laws of 2006. The portion of the median being improved with the NYCT's Station House will not be established as parkland, nor would it be eliminated as street. Merely, the roadways of Broadway between West 94th and West 97th

Streets which would be separated by mapped public parkland as a result of the proposed City Map change described and would each still be considered a wide street.

This application went through the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and the City Environmental Quality Review and no negative environmental impacts were found. In addition, Community Board 7 and the Manhattan Borough President have issued favorable recommendations for the project.

I thank you for allowing me to come before you today to present our application and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.



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OFFICE OF THE BOROUGH PRESIDENT OF MANHATTAN
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU
APPLICATION MAP
 SHOWING
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PARKLAND AND THE ELIMINATION,
DISCONTINUANCE AND CLOSING OF PORTIONS OF BROADWAY
BETWEEN
WEST 94TH STREET AND WEST 97TH STREET
ESTABLISHMENT OF PARKLAND MAP

Louis Berger & Associates, PC

NOTES

Elevations refer to the datum of the Borough of Manhattan, which is 2.750 feet (0.838 meters) above the M.S.L. Survey datum at Sandy Hook, New Jersey.

Elevations are taken at top of curb unless otherwise noted.

Sidewalk dimensions shown are theoretically established for grade determination purposes only.

LEGEND

1242 Indicates tax block number.

201.33 Indicates dimension heretofore established and hereby retained.

30' Indicates roadway and sidewalk treatment dimension heretofore established and hereby retained.

15' Indicates roadway and sidewalk treatment dimension hereby established.

53.10 Indicates dimension hereby established.

71.8 Indicates elevation heretofore established and hereby retained.

Z1Z Indicates elevation hereby established and hereby eliminated.

Indicates street line heretofore establishes and hereby retained.

Indicates street line hereby established.

Indicates roadway and sidewalk treatment hereby established or heretofore established and hereby retained.

Indicates roadway and sidewalk treatment heretofore established and hereby eliminated.

Indicates park land hereby established.

Indicates tie-in dimension line.

EXPLANATORY NOTES:

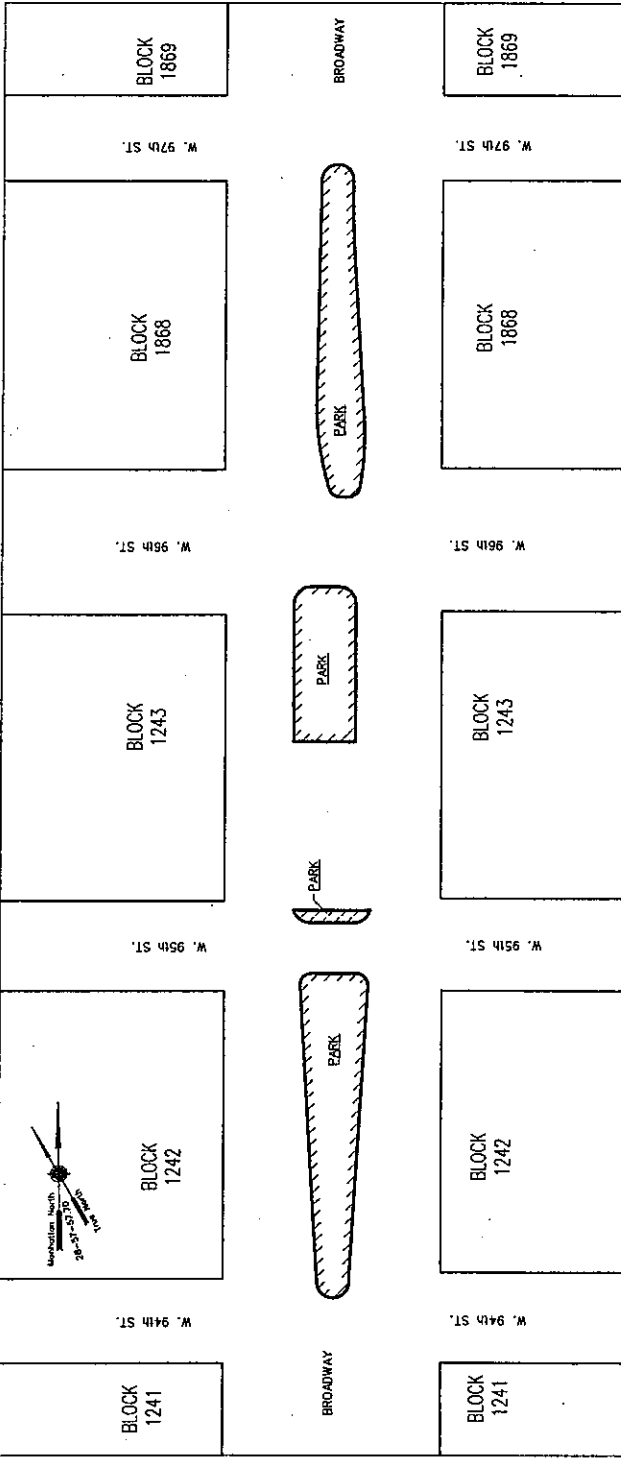
- 1242 Indicates Manhattan tax block number.
- 325.00 Indicates dimension heretofore established and hereby retained.
- 20' Indicates roadway and sidewalk dimension heretofore established and hereby retained.
- 20L52 Indicates roadway and sidewalk treatment dimension hereby established.
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- Indicates tie-in dimension hereby established.

Elevations shown on the map refer to the datum of the Borough of Manhattan, which is 2,750 feet (0.835 meters) above the U.S.C.&G. Survey datum at Sandy Hook, New Jersey.

Elevations are taken at top of curb unless otherwise noted. Top of curb is considered to be 7 inches above the adjoining roadway surface, regardless of the height of the actual built curb.

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All dimensions and elevations shown on the map are in feet unless otherwise noted.



KEY PLAN
NOT TO SCALE

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ACC NO. 03638
ACC NO. 30240

I, _____ SECRETARY OF THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS MAP IS ONE OF _____ SIMILAR MAPS APPROVED BY THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION ON THE _____ DAY OF _____ 20____ (CALENDAR NO. _____) WHICH ACTION COMPRISED FINAL APPROVAL AND THAT THESE MAPS WERE FILED ON THE DATE OF THIS CERTIFICATION AND WILL TAKE EFFECT ON THE FOLLOWING DAY.

DATE: NEW YORK _____

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Adel Rango
COMMISSIONER OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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PRESIDENT, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN
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CONSULTING ENGINEER, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

DATE: NEW YORK 10/29/10

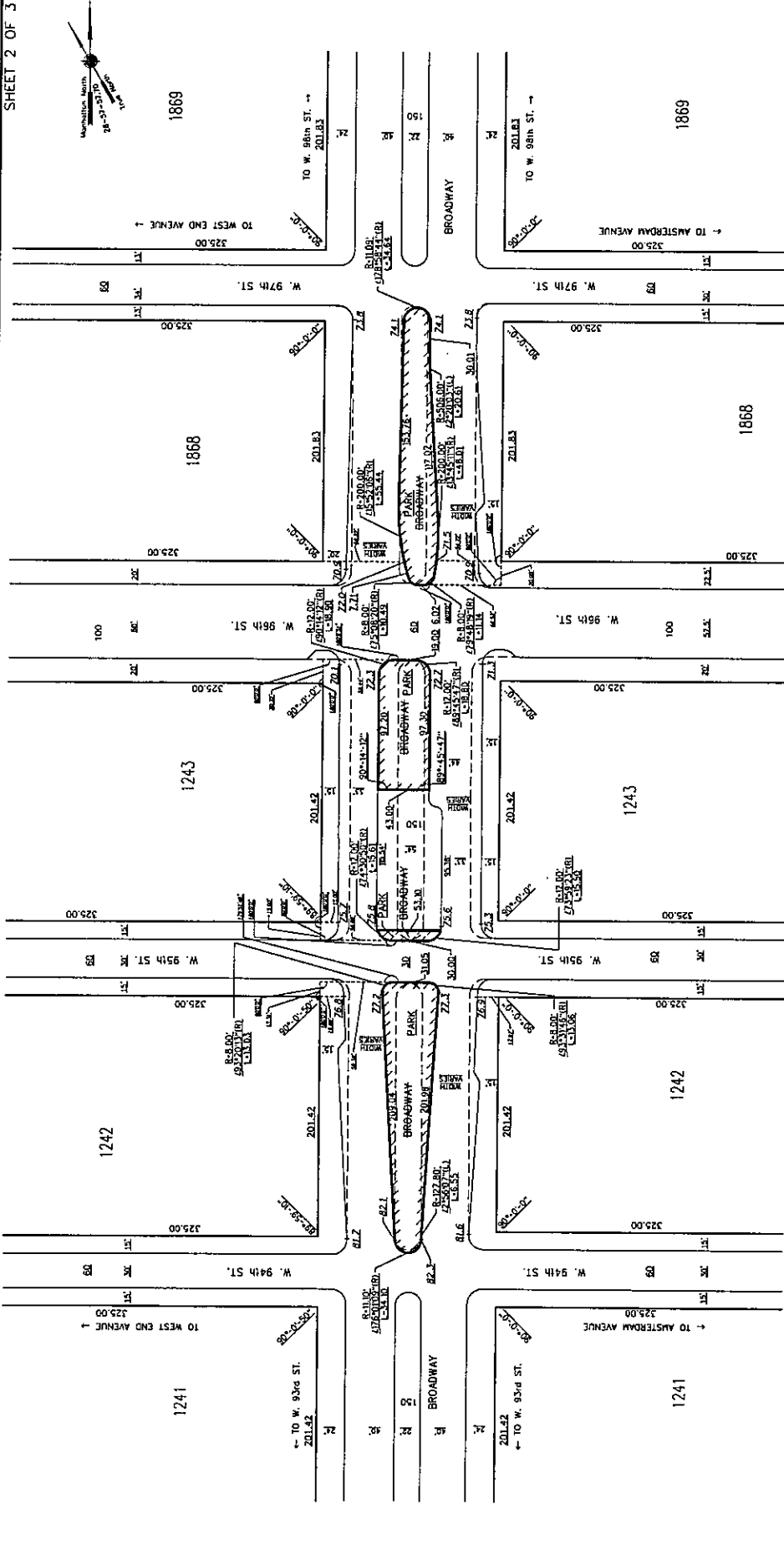
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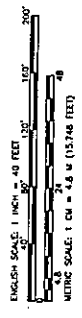
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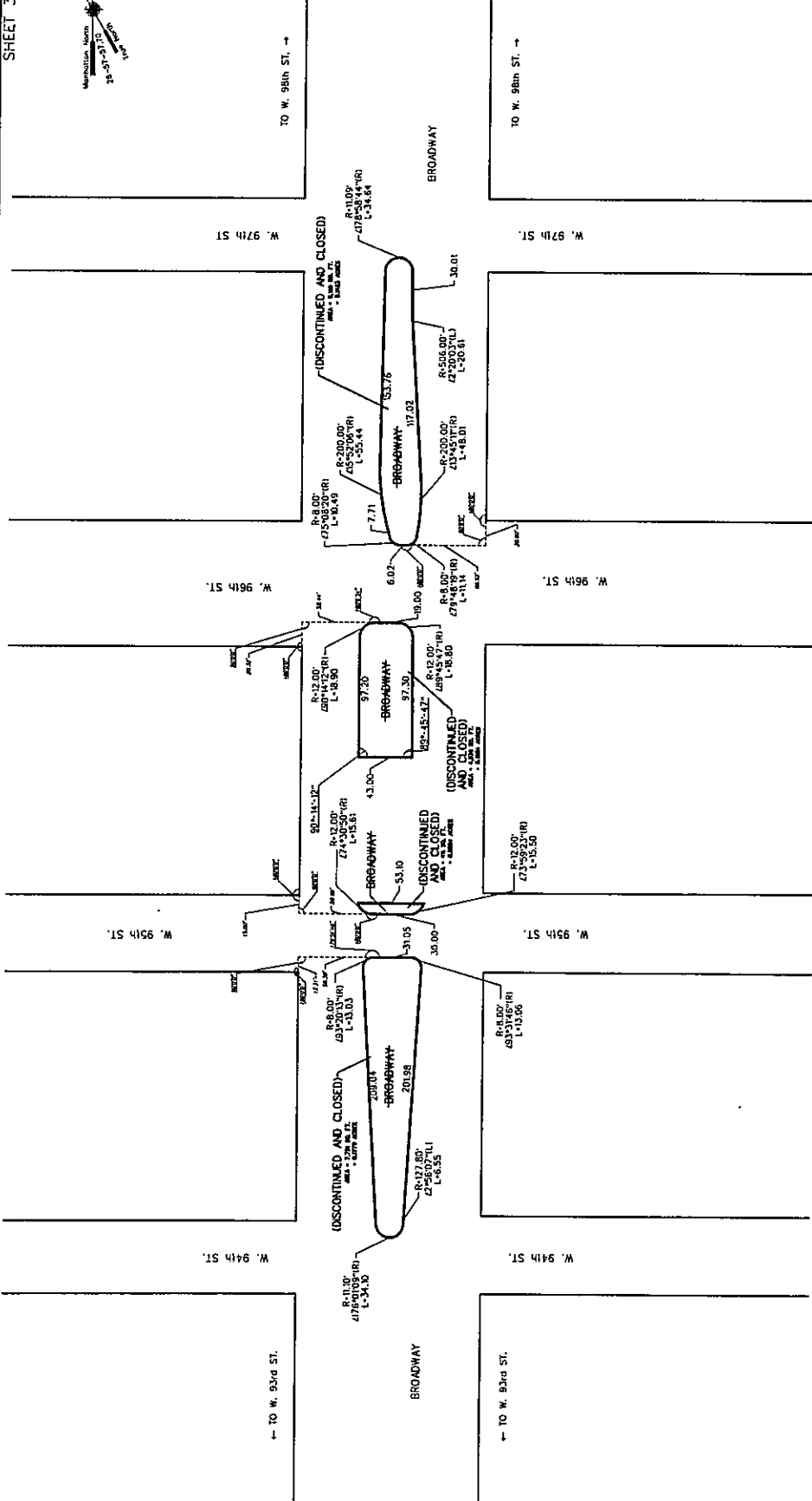
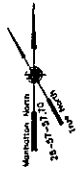
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SHOWING
THE ELIMINATION, DISCONTINUANCE AND CLOSING
OF PORTIONS OF
BROADWAY BETWEEN WEST 94TH STREET
AND WEST 97TH STREET;
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PARKS
WITHIN
BROADWAY BETWEEN WEST 94TH STREET
AND WEST 97TH STREET;
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF VARIOUS BLOCK
DIMENSIONS AND STREET WIDTHS;
AND
THE ADJUSTMENT OF GRADES NECESSITATED THEREBY



PLAN





DISCONTINUANCE AND CLOSING MAP
SCALE 1" = 40'



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BAR & GRILL

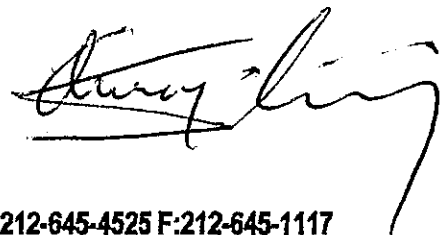
December 12, 2011

Re:
Scarpina Bar & Grill
88 University Place
New York, NY 10003
T: 212-645-4525
F: 212-645-1117

To Councilman Weprin & Mendez
To Whom it May Concern;

This is to inform you that as per city Council request the proposed unenclosed sidewalk cafe at 88 University Place is hereby amended by reducing the distance to the curb by three (3) feet and reducing the seating by one (1) table and two (2) chairs, the amended plan enclosed. Shows six (6) tables and twelve (12) chairs and a distance of 11'-2" to the street curb.

Very truly yours,
Scarpina Bar & Grill
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Schatzi Corp.
d/b/a Wallse
342-344 West 11 Street
New York, NY 10014
DCA#: 1257073

December 13, 2011

Councilmember Christine C. Quinn
224 West 30 Street – Suite 1206
New York, NY 10001

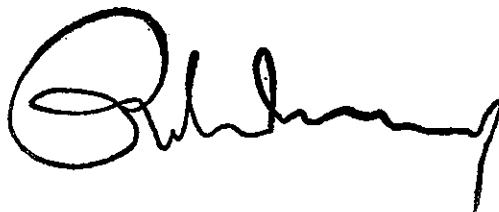
Dear Councilmember Quinn:

This letter serves as our agreement with the Chair, Councilmember Mark Weprin, and the encompassing members of the Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises that we will commit to the following:

1. The existing lamppost located on the southeast corner of West 11 Street and Washington Street and the exterior fire escape of 344 West 11 Street will be indicated on the sidewalk café plans.
2. The size of the sidewalk café will be reduced from 8 tables and 16 seats to 7 tables and 14 seats, specifically removing the one table and two chairs that currently impede the safe deployment of the exterior fire escape at 344 West 11 Street. This will be done in accordance with the New York City Fire Department regulations.
3. All tables will be no larger than the approved 24" wide.
4. The seven planters, two umbrellas, and menu table currently in the sidewalk café zone will be removed as they have not been indicated on the approved plans.
5. All of the aforementioned changes will be reflected in revised plans submitted to the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs. If there are any questions please call my office. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kurt Guttenbrunner
President
(212.240.9557 x 12)



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Appearance Card

I intend to appear and speak on Int. No. LU 544 Res. No. LU 545
 in favor in opposition

Date: 12/14/11

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Colleen Ackerson

Address: 830 5th Avenue

I represent: Parks Department

Address:

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 in favor in opposition

Date: 12/15/11

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Name: Robert Bookman

Address: 325 Bway

I represent: Will Se Restaurant

Address: 342 West 11th St

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 in favor in opposition

Date: 12.14.11

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Name: George Schwarz, RA

Address: 381 Park Ave S

I represent: Scarpina bar + Grill

Address: 82 University pl.

Please complete this card and return to the Sergeant-at-Arms