



HISTORIC REVIEW COMMISSION OF PITTSBURGH

GUIDELINES FOR REVIEW **ALLEGHENY COMMONS PARKS** *City Designated Historic Site*

Introduction

The goal of the Historic Review Commission's review of the Allegheny Commons Parks is to maintain and, when possible, to restore the historic character of the historic elements of the parks and the historic character of the parks as a whole. To that end, the Commission will be guided in its review by the Allegheny Commons Park Master Plan, prepared by Pressley Associates with the participation from the surrounding neighborhood organizations and received and acknowledged by the Historic Review Commission in 2002.

The Historic Review Commission, CitiParks, and the Allegheny Commons Park Steering Committee – a group of stakeholders formed to oversee the execution of the Master Plan – will work together to ensure that this goal will be met, while at the same time not restricting CitiParks' ability to maintain the parks on a regular or emergency basis. To that end, the following guidelines indicate the extent to which the Historic Review Commission will review proposals for work in the Allegheny Commons Parks.

Application will be made to the Historic Review Commission for review and approval of proposals to:

- a. change the overall landscaping plan of the parks (including changes to Lake Elizabeth, changes to the fences, construction of new walks and removal of healthy trees over twelve (12) inches in caliper);
- b. change the appearance or location of historic elements of the parks;
- c. make major changes to the non-historic elements of the parks; or
- d. add new features to the parks, including new walks, fences, etc.

Application need not be made to the HRC for approval of proposals to:

- a. maintain historic features and elements of the parks, and maintain landscape features in the parks, so long as the maintenance methods are sympathetic to the parks' character;
- b. make alterations to the interiors of park buildings, including the Aviary; or
- c. maintain or make minor alterations to non-historic elements of the parks.

Local Review Committee

All applications requiring a public hearing before the Historic Review Commission will first be reviewed by a subcommittee of the Allegheny Commons Park Steering Committee, which shall act as a Local Review Committee, making advisory recommendations to the Historic Review Commission.

Historic Elements of the Parks

The overall planting scheme;
The Hampton Battery Monument and the World War Memorial (East Park);
The George Washington Statue (North Park);
The Spanish-American War Memorial, the Soldiers' Monument, Lake Elizabeth and the Iron Deer Statue (West Park); and
The wrought iron fences in the parks.

Non-Historic Elements of the Park

Playgrounds;
Swimming Pool and Bathhouse;
Tennis Courts;
Basketball Courts;
Shelter Buildings;
Footbridges;
Abstract sculpture;
Existing Lighting Fixtures;
The Park Maintenance Buildings;
The Aviary and its Support Buildings; and
The Chain-link fences.

Definition of "Major Changes"

Major changes to non-historic elements of the parks, which will require the review and approval of the Historic Review Commission include:

- a. Additions to structures;
- b. Demolition of all or parts of structures;
- c. Changes to exterior materials;
- d. Alterations to the location and size of openings on the principal facades of building; and
- e. Changes to new types of lighting fixtures.

Adopted by the Historic Review Commission [date]

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