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BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

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**Memorandum Outlining Manhattan Borough President's Office's  
Proposed Modifications to  
Draft of Randall's Island Sports Fields Improvement Project Agreement**

1. Article 1. Certain Definitions.
  - Add definitions for "Community Groups" and "Other Schools" to designate entities that will be given preference over members of the School Group but below public schools in the allocation of permits beyond the 66.7% usage by the School Group. "Community Groups" may be defined as "community-based organizations, not-for-profit organizations, and other groups or associations formed with a purpose of serving or improving the communities in the nearby vicinity of Randall's Island." "Other Schools" may be defined as "public, private, or independent schools other than member schools of the Schools Group."
2. §2.01. Grant of Concession.
  - Revise the five year review requirement to make it a condition of renewing the contract rather than a basis of possible termination.
  - Specify a method for determining the level of demand for the fields that includes (1) a complete statistical review of permit requests combined with (2) systematic input from community members and elected officials.
  - Include demand by community groups and other schools in the regular review.
3. §2.02(a). Term.
  - Change the term to five years with the possibility of a five year renewal conditioned upon consistent level of demand for the fields.
4. §2.02(b). Term.
  - Revise the provision regarding the Schools' ability to re-apply for permits to read: "provided, however, that the Schools shall be allowed to re-apply to Parks for permits, in a manner consistent with then-existing Parks policy applicable to the issuance and renewal of permits but without regard to whether any of the Schools or any applicant held permits in any prior year."
  - Include demand by community groups and other schools in determination of increased level of demand.
5. §2.03. Payments and Permit Continuation Upon Termination At Will.
  - Delete final sentence of this section regarding permit continuation.
6. §3.01(b). General Usage.
  - Delete all of 3.01(b) giving RISF sole discretion to allocate usage of Playing Slots.



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February 8, 2007

Deputy Mayor Edward Skyler  
Office of the Mayor of the City of New York  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Deputy Mayor Skyler:

I am writing to reiterate my concerns regarding the proposed Randall's Island Sports Field Improvement Project which will be coming before the Franchise and Concession Review Committee (FCRC) for a hearing and final vote on February 13 and 14, 2007, respectively. As I have previously expressed, the Sports Field Project, as currently proposed, unnecessarily limits public access to public fields and lacks a meaningful plan for improving transportation to Randall's Island. I appreciate your willingness to hear our concerns and work with us on improving this project. Unfortunately, I do not believe the proposed changes achieve enough to adequately serve the public interest in this matter.

In addition to these issues, I am enclosing a memorandum outlining important concerns we have with certain provisions in the draft agreement for the Sports Field Project. I would welcome any response you can provide regarding these concerns.

Sincerely,

Scott M. Stringer  
Manhattan Borough President

cc: Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg  
Comptroller William Thompson  
Councilmember Melissa Mark-Viverito  
Commissioner Adrian Benepe  
Marla Simpson, Director, Mayor's Office of Contract Services  
Robert Rodriguez, Chair, Manhattan Community Board 11  
Richard Davis, Chairperson, Randall's Island Sports Foundation

7. §3.02(b). Permits to Schools Group.

- Revise “(i) New York City public schools will have priority” to “(i) New York City public schools shall have priority”.
- Insert new (ii): “(ii) Community groups and other schools shall have priority over the Schools Group and Schools with respect to the issuance of any such additional permits that are not taken up by New York City public schools without regard to whether any applicant held such permit in any prior year;”
- Insert new (iii): “(iii) the Schools Group and the Schools may apply for additional permits that are not taken up by the New York City public schools, community groups or other schools;”
- After “no permits shall be issued to the Schools Group or any of the Schools for additional School Playing Slots in such School Year if any other Person has applied for and otherwise meets the conditions to receive a permit to use the Sports Fields during such time periods” add “and unless the Parks Department provides thirty (30) days notice to Manhattan Community Board 11, the Councilmember of District 8, and the Manhattan Borough President for the purpose of identifying potential permit applicants and no applicants have been identified through such a notification process.”
- Need clarification of definition of “Applicable Percentage” as “applicable in each season to the fields primarily in use during that season, as well as all other fields”. Why is “Applicable Percentage” not applicable simply to Available School Playing Slots?

8. §4.02(a). Schools Group Obligation; RISF Obligation.

- Delete last sentence of this section referring to an “equivalent concession” following the expiration of the proposed concession.