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FRANCHISE and CONCESSION REVIEW MEETING  
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22 Reade Street  
Spector Hall  
New York, New York

Monday, December 7, 2015  
2:36 p.m.

Reported by:

Jennifer Cassella

APPEARANCES:

Mayor: Peter Hatch

Clerk: Stephanie Ruiz

Department of Parks and Recreation: Alexander Han

Office of Management and Budget: Yvonne Quintian

Office of the Mayor: Benjamin Furnas

Corporation Counsel: Sharon Cantor

Comptroller: Richard Friedman

Borough President of Brooklyn: Andrew Gounardes

Borough President of Manhattan: James Caras

Borough President of Queens: Jasmine Narang

Borough President of Staten Island: James Shipp

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THE CHAIRPERSON: Good afternoon.

The Public Hearing will now come to order.

Will the Clerk please call the roll?

THE CLERK: Mayor?

THE CHAIRPERSON: Here.

THE CLERK: Office of the Mayor?

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR: Here.

THE CLERK: Comptroller?

THE COMPTROLLER: Here.

THE CLERK: Corporation Counsel?

CORPORATION COUNSEL: Here.

THE CLERK: Office of Management and  
Budget?

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET:  
Here.

THE CLERK: President, Borough of  
the Bronx?

(No response.)

THE CLERK: President, Borough of  
Brooklyn?

BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT:  
Present.

THE CLERK: President, Borough of  
Manhattan?

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MANHATTAN BOROUGH PRESIDENT: Here.

THE CLERK: President, Borough of  
Queens.

QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT: Here.

THE CLERK: And President, Borough  
of Staten Island?

STATEN ISLAND BOROUGH PRESIDENT:  
Here.

THE CHAIRPERSON: Welcome to this  
Public Hearing of the Franchise &  
Concession Review Committee. The hearing  
being conducted today has been publicly  
advertised in accordance with the New York  
City Charter and Concession Rules of the  
City of New York.

We want to be sure anyone desiring  
to be heard has the opportunity to do so.  
All persons wishing to speak must fill out  
a request slip, which may be obtained from  
the Clerk. Each speaker will be allotted  
approximately three minutes. When you  
testify, please state your name and  
affiliation, if any. You may also submit  
written testimony to the Clerk which will

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be made part of the record. Any written submission must be given to the Clerk before the close of the public hearing.

Will the Clerk please call the first calendar item?

THE CLERK: New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, Calendar No. 1: In the matter of the intent to seek Franchise and Concession Review Committee approval to utilize a different procedure, pursuant to Section 1-16 of the Concession Rules of the City of New York, to authorize the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into a Sole Source License Agreement with Cirque du Soleil America, Inc. for the operation of a Circus at the Harlem River Event Site at Randall's Island Park, Manhattan.

THE CHAIRPERSON: Does anyone wish to testify?

(No response.)

THE CHAIRPERSON: If no one wishes to speak, that concludes today's hearing. We ask that the Reporter make the entire

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Public Hearing Agenda, which was made  
publicly available and distributed at this  
hearing, part of the final record of the  
proceeding. The hearing is now closed.

Thank you.

(Time noted: 2:38 p.m.)



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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**FRANCHISE AND CONCESSION REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015 @ 2:30 P.M.**

**22 READE STREET, NEW YORK, NY**

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*Franchise and Concession Review Committee Joint Public Hearing  
Monday, December 7, 2015 @ 2:30 P.M.*

**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

**No. 1:** IN THE MATTER of the intent to seek Franchise and Concession Review Committee approval to utilize a different procedure, pursuant to Section 1-16 of the Concession Rules of the City of New York, to authorize the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation ("Parks") to enter into a Sole Source License Agreement ("License Agreement") with Cirque du Soleil America, Inc. ("Cirque" or "Licensee") for the operation of a Circus at the Harlem River Event Site at Randall's Island Park, Manhattan. The License Agreement will commence upon Cirque's receipt of a written Notice to Proceed and will expire on December 9, 2016. Licensee shall pay to the Randall's Island Park Alliance ("RIPA") a lump sum license fee of three hundred and thirty thousand United States dollars (US \$330,000.00) for the occupation of the Licensed Premises and the presentation of no more than seventy-five (75) performances of its Circus show entitled Kurios. Licensee shall also pay to RIPA a license fee of four thousand and four hundred United States dollars (US \$4,400.00) for every optional performance above seventy-five (75) performances of its Circus show entitled Kurios.