SOJOURNER TRUTH
SUSAN B. ANTHONY
ELIZABETH CADY STANTON

WOMEN’S RIGHTS PIONEERS MONUMENT

ARTIST: MEREDITH BERGMANN

A Project By Monumental Women’s Statue Fund

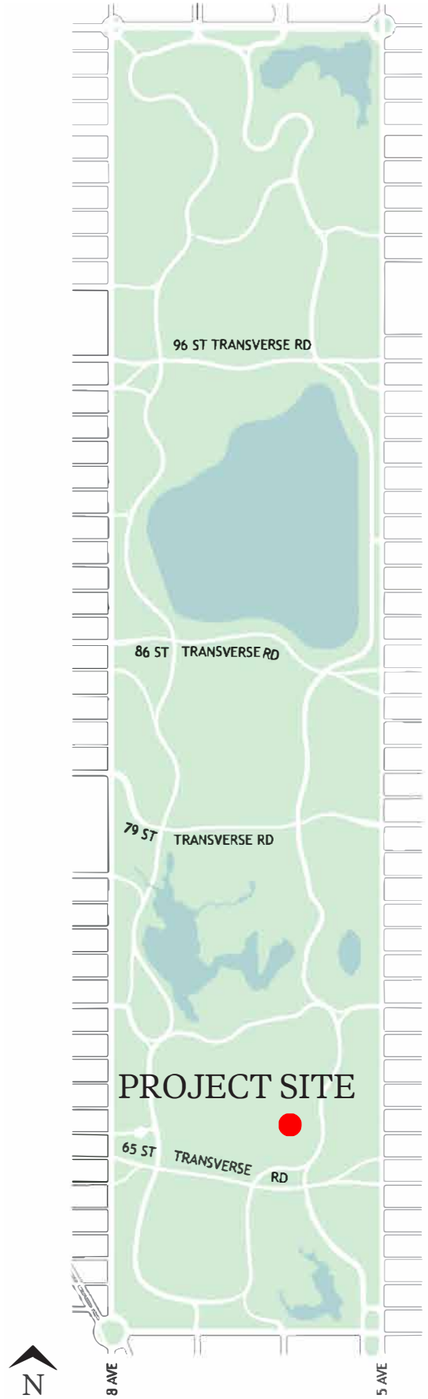
APPLICATION TO NYC LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
3 DECEMBER 2019

EXISTING SCULPTURES IN CENTRAL PARK, BETWEEN 59TH STREET AND 82ND STREET

56. Alice in Wonderland (1959)
57. Hans Christian Andersen (1956)
58. Balto (1925)
59. Ludwig van Beethoven (1884)
60. Bethesda Fountain (1873)
61. Simon Bolivar (1921)
64. Robert Burns (1880)
65. Christoforo Columbo (Russo; 1892)
66. Christopher Columbus (Suñol; 1892)
67. Delacorte Clock (1965)
68. Eagles and Prey (1863)
71. Group of Bears (1990)
72. Fitz-Greene Halleck (1877)
74. Richard Morris Hunt (1898)
75. Imagine (1985)
76. Indian Hunter (1869)
77. King Wladyslaw Jagiello (1945)
78. Sophie Irene Loeb Fountain (1936)
79. U.S.S. Maine National Monument (1913)
80. José Julian Martí (1965)
81. Guiseppe Mazzini (1878)
82. Thomas Moore (1879)
83. Obelisk / Cleopatra's Needle (1881)
84. Olmsted Tablets (1972)
86. Pilgrim (1885)
87. Pulitzer Fountain (1916)
88. General José de San Martín (1951)
89. Johann Christoph Friedrich Von Schiller (1859)
90. Sir Walter Scott (1872)
91. 7th Regiment Memorial (1870)
92. William Shakespeare (1872)
93. William Tecumseh Sherman (1903)
94. Still Hunt (1883)
96. Tigress and Cubs (1867)
98. Daniel Webster (1876)
★ Women's Rights Pioneers Monument (proposed; 2020)

NOT SHOWN (North of 82nd St.)

62. Arthur Brisbane bench (1939)
63. Burnett Memorial Fountain (1936)
69. Duke Ellington Memorial (1997)
70. Andrew Haswell Green bench (1928)
73. Alexander Hamilton (1880)
85. William Church Osborn Gates (1953)
95. Albert Bertel Thorvaldsen (1894)
97. Untermyer Fountain (1947)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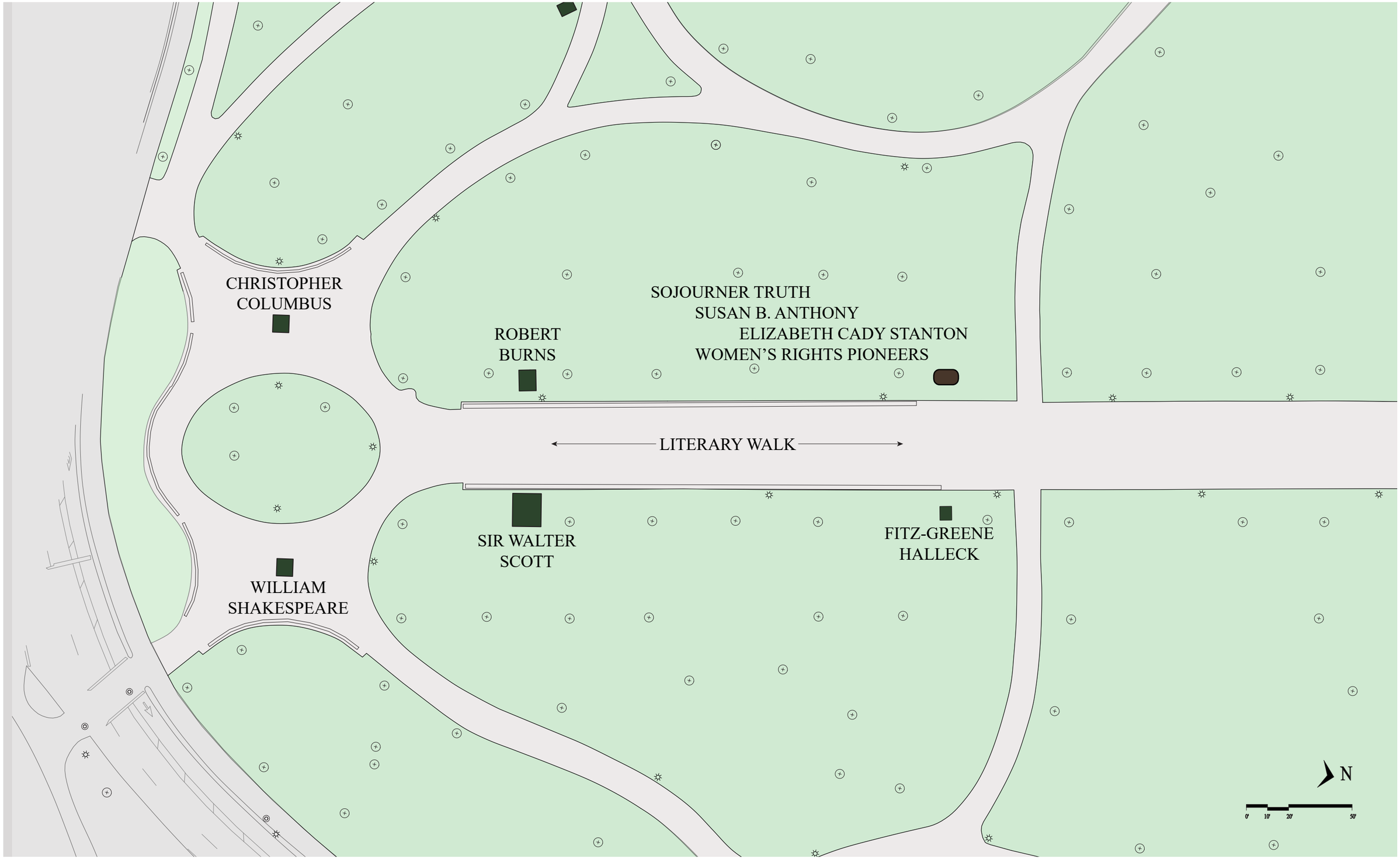
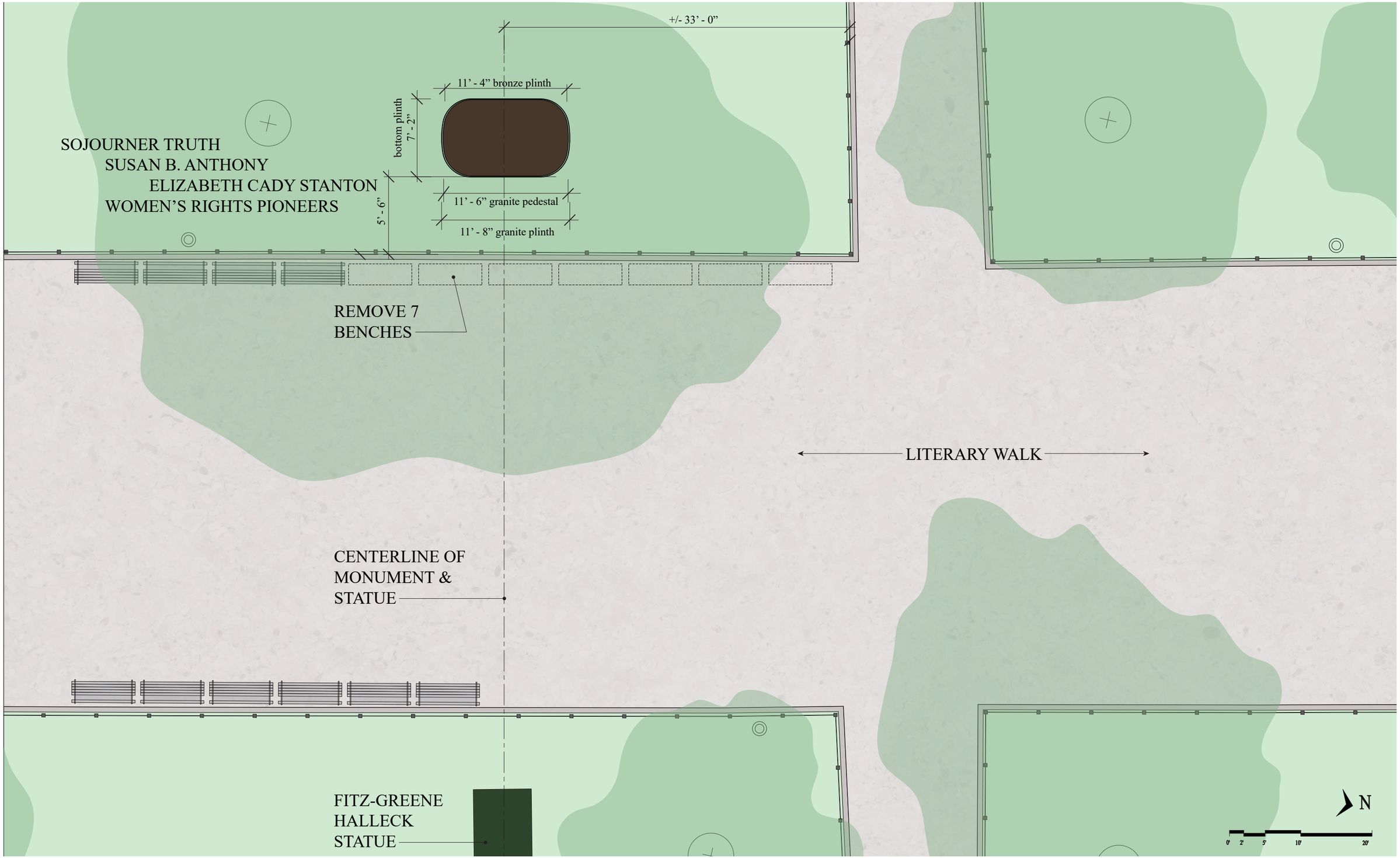
PROJECT SITE
65 ST TRANSVERSE RD
N
8 AVE
5 AVE

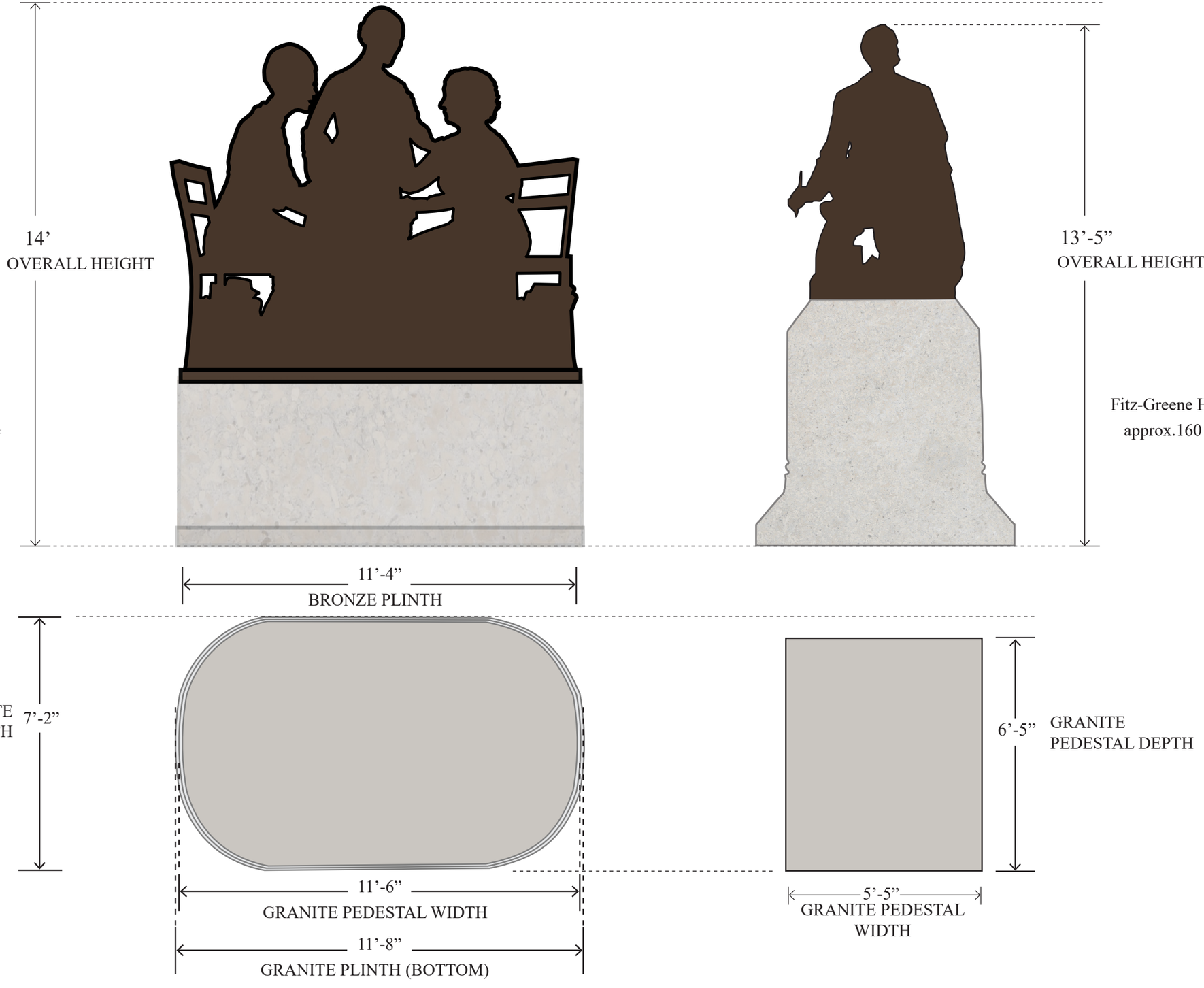
PROJECT SITE
ROBERT BURNS
SIR WALTER SCOTT
CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS
WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE
N
0' 10' 20' 50'

AREA SITE PLAN

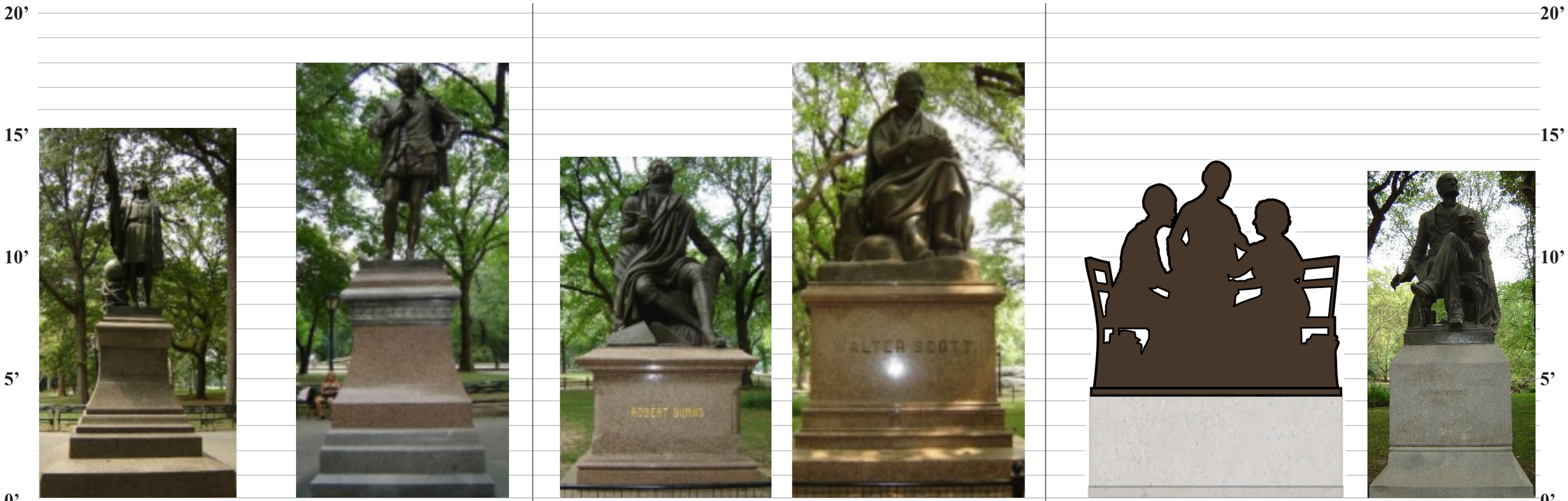


SITE PLAN


+/- 33' - 0"
11' - 4" bronze plinth
bottom plinth
7' - 2"
5' - 6"
11' - 6" granite pedestal
11' - 8" granite plinth
SOJOURNER TRUTH
SUSAN B. ANTHONY
ELIZABETH CADY STANTON
WOMEN'S RIGHTS PIONEERS
REMOVE 7
BENCHES
LITERARY WALK
CENTERLINE OF
MONUMENT &
STATUE
FITZ-GREENE
HALLECK
STATUE
N
0'
2'
5'
10'
20'


14'
OVERALL HEIGHT
Proposed monument figures are approx.175 % of life size
13'-5"
OVERALL HEIGHT
Fitz-Greene Halleck figure is approx.160 % of life size
11'-4"
BRONZE PLINTH
GRANITE PEDESTAL DEPTH
7'-2"
11'-6"
GRANITE PEDESTAL WIDTH
11'-8"
GRANITE PLINTH (BOTTOM)
6'-5"
GRANITE PEDESTAL DEPTH
5'-5"
GRANITE PEDESTAL WIDTH

RELATIVE OVERALL STATUE HEIGHTS
PAIRED POSITIONS ALONG LITERARY WALK



Christopher Columbus

H: 15' (figure 7' + pedestal 8')
W: 8'
D: 8'

William Shakespeare

H: 17'-11"
W: 8'
D: 8'

Robert Burns

H: 14'-10"
W: 10'
D: 10'

Sir Walter Scott

H: 18'
W: 13'-6"
D: 5'-6"

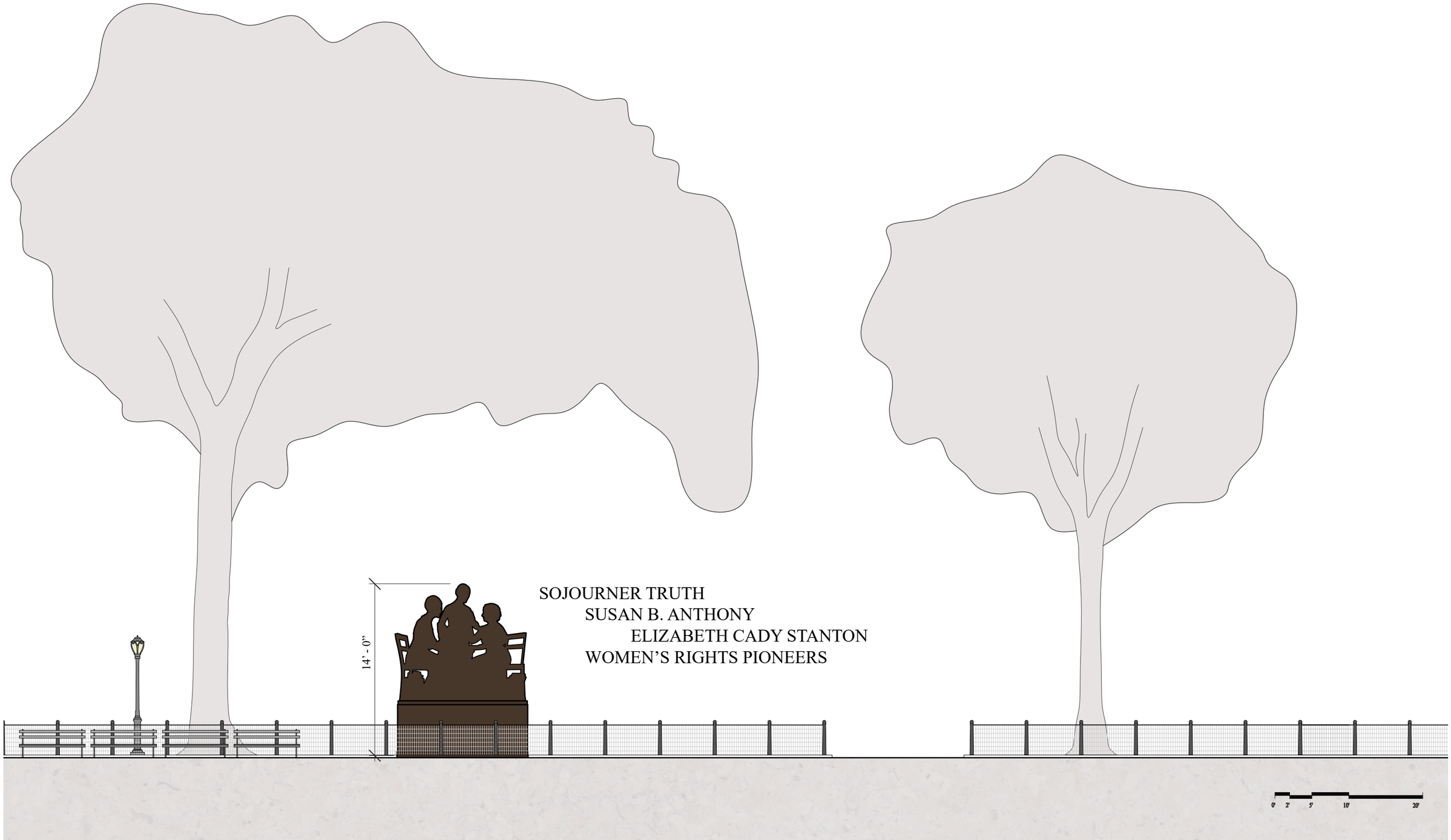
Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony Woman Suffrage Movement Monument

H 14'-0" (standing figure 9', base 5'-6")
W 11'-8" at granite plinth
(11'-6" at granite pedestal)
D: 7'-2" at granite plinth
(7' at granite pedestal)

Fitz-Greene Halleck

H: 13'-5"
W: 5'-5"
D: 6'-5"

ELEVATION


14' - 0"
SOJOURNER TRUTH
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0' 2' 5' 10' 20'

TEXT FOR INSCRIPTIONS

FRONT OF MONUMENT

SOJOURNER TRUTH

SUSAN B. ANTHONY

ELIZABETH CADY STANTON

WOMEN'S RIGHTS PIONEERS

REAR OF MONUMENT

THIS MONUMENT HAS BEEN DONATED TO
THE CITY OF NEW YORK BY THE
MONUMENTAL WOMEN'S STATUE FUND,
AN ALL-VOLUNTEER, NON-PROFIT GROUP
DEDICATED TO INCREASING KNOWLEDGE
OF THE IMPORTANCE OF WOMEN'S HISTORY.
THE MONUMENT BY MEREDITH GANG BERGMANN
WAS DEDICATED ON AUGUST 26, 2020, THE
100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RATIFICATION OF
THE 19TH "VOTES FOR WOMEN" AMENDMENT
TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

Notes:

- The content of the text is as shown above. The exact layout of the text may be revised.
- On the front of the monument lettering will be approximately 15" height per letter, hand-cut into the granite, with an incised V-angle.
- Incised letters will be painted dark grey lithichrome by the carver.

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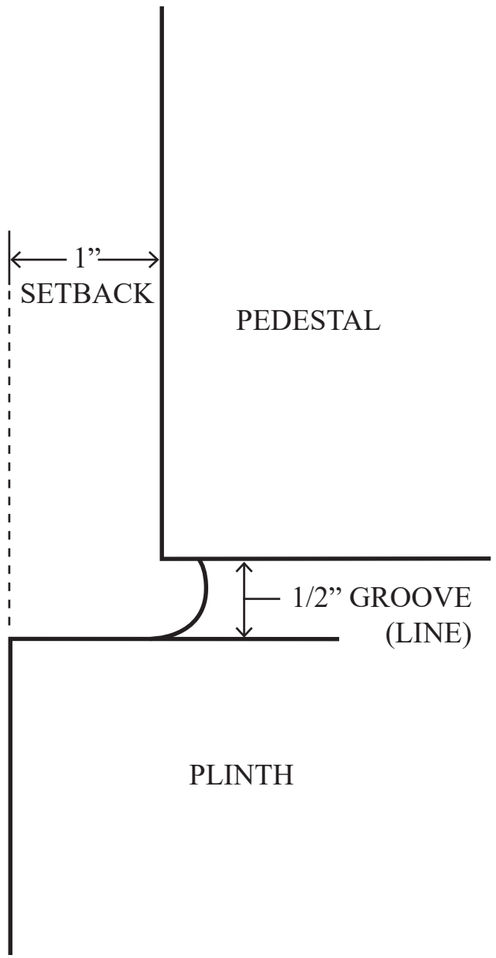
DETAIL OF GRANITE ASSEMBLY



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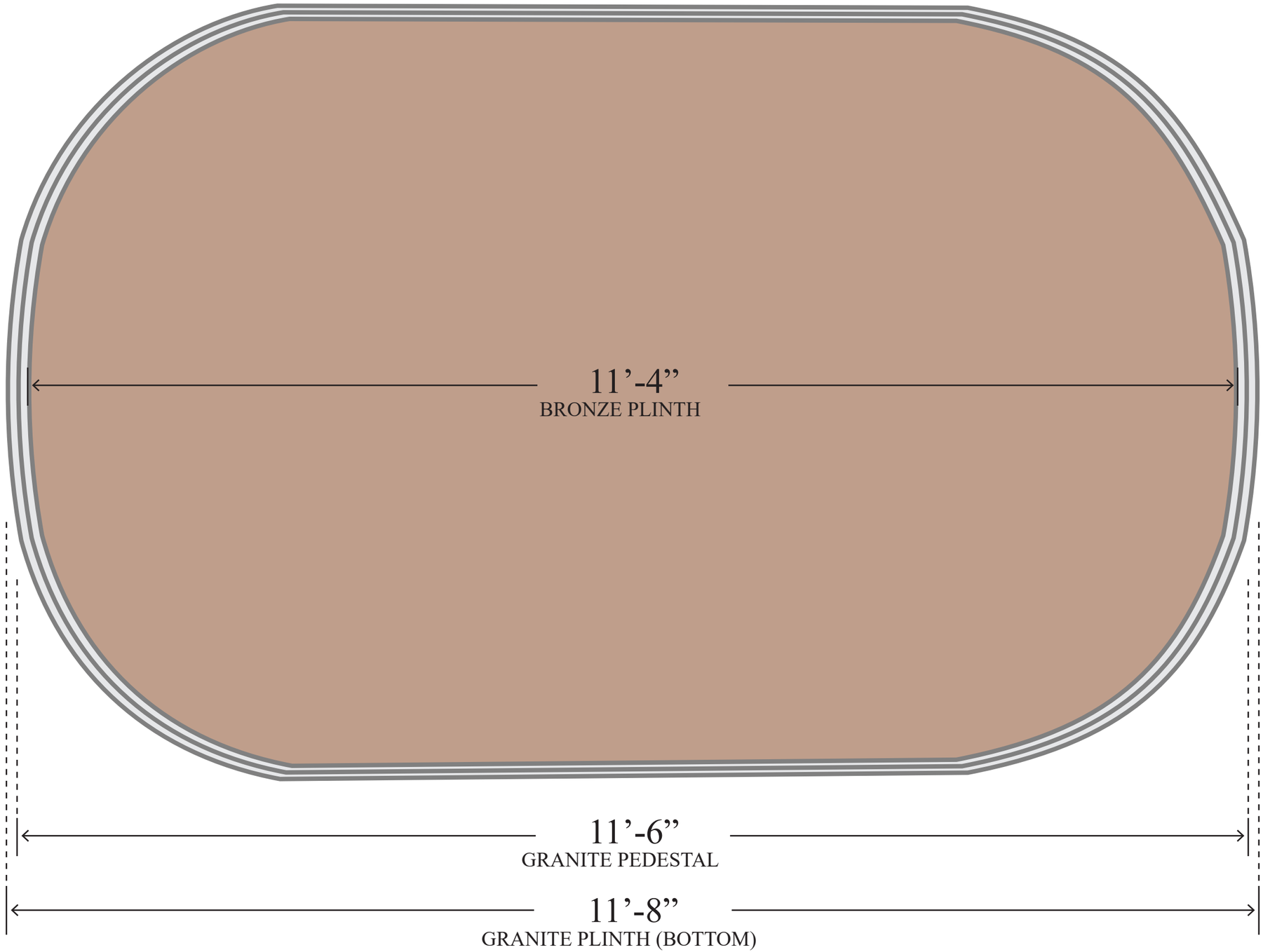
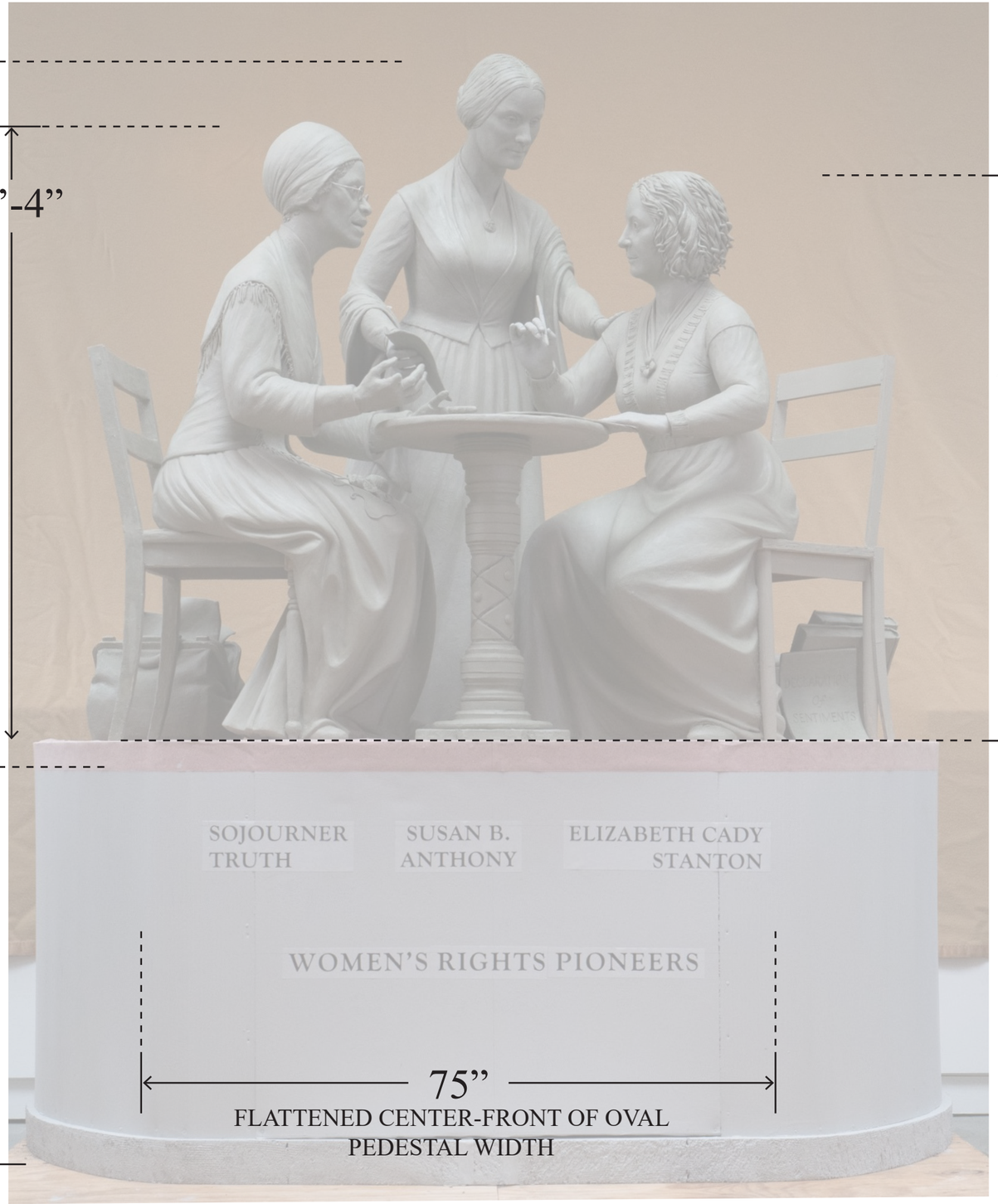




14'
OVERALL HEIGHT

SEATED FIGURE HEIGHT (SOJOURNER TRUTH) 8'-4"

STANDING FIGURE HEIGHT (SUSAN B. ANTHONY) 9'

7' SEATED FIGURE HEIGHT (ELIZABETH CADY STANTON)

BRONZE PLINTH HEIGHT 4"

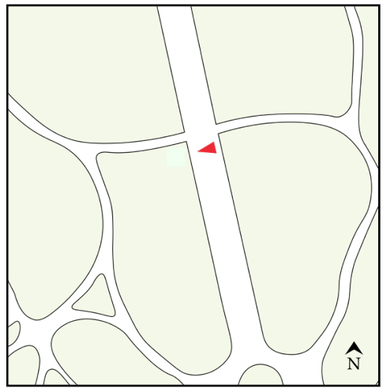
GRANITE PEDESTAL HEIGHT 4'-2"

PLINTH HEIGHT 6"

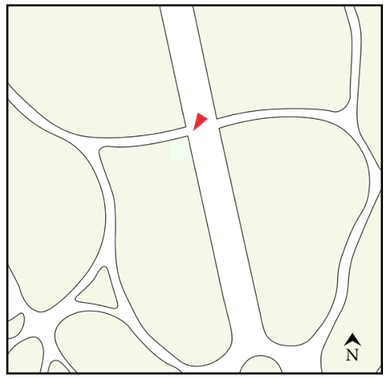
75"
FLATTENED CENTER-FRONT OF OVAL PEDESTAL WIDTH

** AN AREA IS FLATTENED ON THE CENTER-FRONT PORTION OF THE OVAL PEDESTAL FOR TEXT.

West

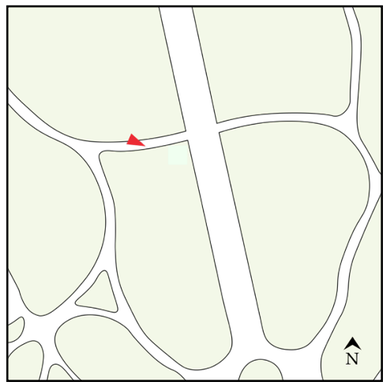


Southwest

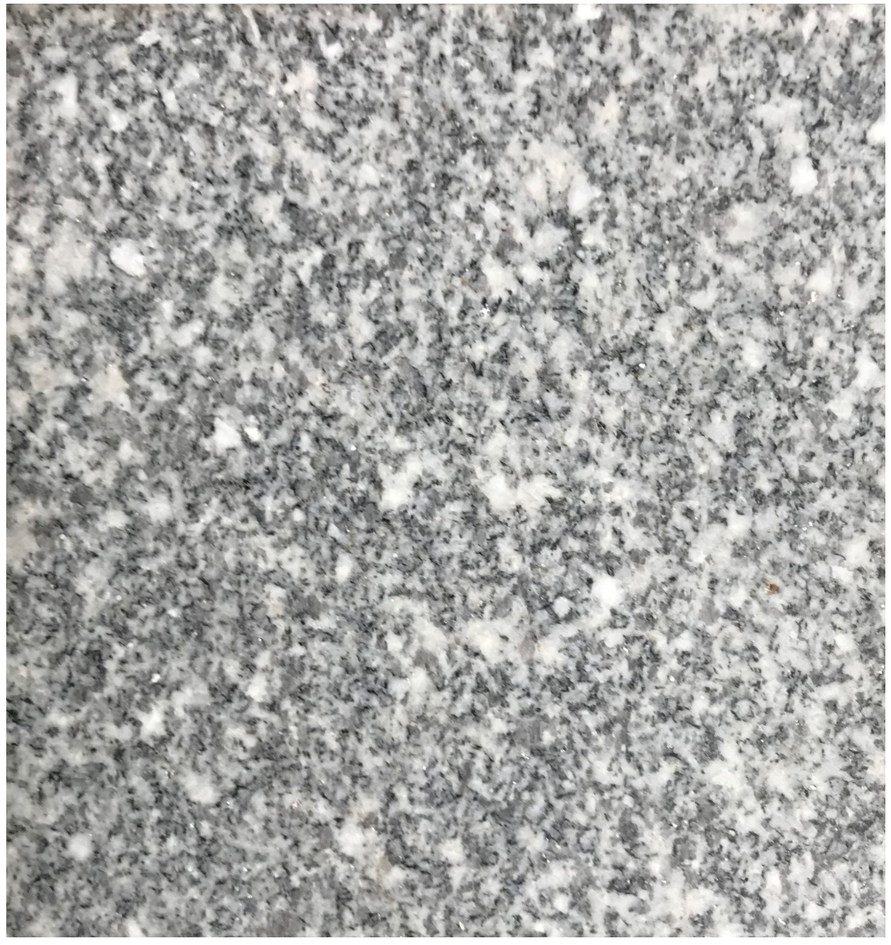


South

Southeast



BARRE GRAY GRANITE, HONED FINISH:



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Wally Rubin, District Manager

October 11, 2019

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Landmarks Preservation Commission
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Mitchell J. Silver
Commissioner
Department of Parks and Recreation
The Arsenal, Central Park
New York, NY 10021

Anthony Sama
Director of Citywide Special Events
The Arsenal, Central Park
New York, NY 10021

Re: Proposed Monumental Women statue in Central Park featuring New Yorker's Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and Sojourner Truth

Dear Chair Carroll, Commissioner Silver and Director Sama:

At the regularly scheduled monthly Community Board Five meeting on Thursday, October 10, 2019, the following resolution passed with a vote of 33 in favor; 0 opposed; 1 abstaining:

WHEREAS, There are twenty three statues of historical figures in Central Park, but not one honors a woman; and

WHEREAS, The Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony Statue Fund has proposed to install a monumental statue in The Mall in Central Park on Literary Walk, located Mid-Park from 66th to 72nd Streets; and

WHEREAS, The monument will feature Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Sojourner Truth, three New York women who fought for Women's Rights and abolition of slavery; and

WHEREAS, Sojourner Truth is speaking, Susan B. Anthony is organizing, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton is writing, three essential elements of activism.

WHEREAS, The monument will be the first figurative piece depicting real women in Central Park, and the park's first commemorative sculpture installation since 1965, and

WHEREAS, The monument sits on a granite pedestal, while the statue of the three women is cast in bronze; and

WHEREAS, The monument will be unveiled on The Mall in Central Park on August 26, 2020, the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment, when women constitutionally won the right to vote, and

WHEREAS, The monument embodies values that Community Board Five cherishes, and it will sit harmoniously with the other statues along the Literary Walk, therefore be it

RESOLVED, Community Board Five **recommends approval** of the proposed statue Monumental Women in Central Park.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Sincerely,

Vikki Barbero
Chair
Cmte

Layla Law-Gisiko
Chair, Landmarks Cmte

Clayton Smith
Chair, Parks & Public Spaces

COMMUNITY BOARD 7 Manhattan

RESOLUTION

Date: October 2, 2019
Committees of Origin: Parks & Environment
Re: Monumental Women proposal for a new Central Park statue honoring women.
Full Board Vote: 36 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present
Committee: 6-0-0-1. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0.

The following facts and concerns were taken into account in arriving at our conclusion:

Monumental Women, a corporate alias of the Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony Statue Fund, Inc., which is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, is dedicated to women's equality. Monumental Women has won approval by the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation to build a statue in Central Park along the Literary Walk promenade featuring New Yorkers Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and Sojourner Truth. The design is currently pending approval by New York City's Public Design Commission.

The Women's Rights Pioneers statue will be the first statue depicting real women in the 165-year history of New York City's Central Park. Currently, the park includes statues of allegorical figures, nymphs and angels, including Mother Goose and Alice in Wonderland, but no real women.

As of September 16, 2019, the composition of the statue depicts Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Sojourner Truth atop a base. All three women were well-documented women's rights pioneers, New Yorkers, and contemporaries. In the current design, nationally-recognized sculptor Meredith Bergmann shows the three women working together in Elizabeth Cady Stanton's home, where it is historically documented they met and spent time together.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the specific design of the Women's Rights Pioneer statue in the form, appearance and materials as presented at Community Board 7 on September 16, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan encourages additional statues depicting the contributions of women be considered for display in the future.

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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan

October 25, 2019

Signe Nielsen
President, Public Design Commission of the City of New York
City Hall, Third Floor
New York, NY 10007

RE: Proposal to Create a Statue in Central Park Honoring Three Women's Rights Pioneers

Dear President Nielsen,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on October 23, 2019, the board unanimously **approved** the following resolution by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

WHEREAS the group, Monumental Women, is seeking to create a statute that would honor three pioneers in the struggle for women's rights; and

WHEREAS this statue would become the first in Central Park to depict historical figures who are women; and

WHEREAS the proposed statue, to be unveiled August 26, 2020, would commemorate the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which gave women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS the $1.5 million, 14-foot statue has been approved by the NYC Parks Department and Central Park Conservancy; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8-Manhattan approves the proposal by Monumental Women to create a statue in Central Park depicting three women's rights pioneers, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Sojourner Truth. The board further urges the City's public Design Commission to approve the project at the earliest possible date.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.
Sincerely,

Alida Camp	P. Gayle Baron and Margaret Price	Barry Schneider and Tricia Shimamura
Chair	Co-Chairs, Women's & Families Committee	Co-Chairs, Parks & Waterfront Committee

cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 12th Congressional District Representative
Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member 76th Assembly District
Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
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Eutha Prince
District Manager

October 18, 2019

Hon. Mitchell J. Silver, FAICP
Commissioner
NYC Department of Parks and Recreation
830 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10065

Resolution: The Women's Rights Pioneers Monument to be Located on the Mall in Central Park

Dear Commissioner Silver,

At its regularly scheduled General Board meeting held on Thursday, October 17, 2019, Manhattan Community Board No. 9 approved the following **Reso re: The Women's Rights Pioneers Monument to be Located on the Mall in Central Park** by a vote of 32 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

WHEREAS, Monumental Women's Statue Fund (The Statue Fund) is commissioning and endowing a monument in Central Park honoring Sojourner Truth, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, pioneers in the battle for Women's Suffrage and the movement for women's rights; and

WHEREAS, the former statue "Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony Woman Suffrage Movement Monument" will now include abolitionist and women's rights activist Sojourner Truth, in addition to Stanton and Anthony, according to the sculptor and nonprofit funding the monument; and

WHEREAS, the original design of the monument included a scroll with the names and quotes of 22 women other than Stanton and Anthony who played important roles in the women's suffrage movement, including Truth. But that design received criticism from the Public Design Commission for not giving enough recognition to the other women; and

WHEREAS, Truth, Anthony and Stanton often attended the same meetings and conventions, and historical records show they wrote to each other and supported each other's work. The design of the monument will feature Truth speaking, Anthony "bringing documentation of injustice" and Stanton poised to write, as described by Meredith Bergmann, the sculptor selected to make the statue; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that Manhattan Community Board No. 9 wholeheartedly supports the revised monument through the new design to more appropriately represent this historic movement.

If any further information is needed please do not hesitate contacting me, or District Manager Eutha Prince at the board office (212) 864-6200.

Sincerely,

Barry Weinberg
Chair

cc: Hon. Bill DeBlasio, Mayor
Hon. Carolyn Maloney, Congresswoman, 12th D-NY
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Hon. Bill Perkins, City Councilmember, 9th C.D.
Pam Elam, President, Monumental Women & The Statue Fund
Coline Jenkins, Vice President, Monumental Women & The Statue Fund
Heather Nesle, President, The New York Life Foundation
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WHEREAS the three figures each represent an essential aspect of activism, so girls and boys who encounter this monument will see a positive image of diverse women working together to change the world; and

WHEREAS the new monument design will also incorporate an interactive digital application which will allow visitors to access and acknowledge the contributions of the many diverse women who worked diligently for seven decades to win women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, the creation of this monument representing real women will mark the first time in the 164-year history of Central Park that women's contributions to this city, state and nation will be commemorated; and

WHEREAS, the NYC Parks Department and the Central Park Conservancy have approved the monument site on the Mall of Central Park; and

WHEREAS, the location will ensure that many of the 42 million people who visit the site annually will have the opportunity to become more aware of the history that fully and fairly includes the important roles women have played; and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2017, the centennial of women's suffrage in New York State, NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchel J. Silver, FAICP, joined Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul, Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer, The Statue Fund President Pam Elam, Vice President Coline Jenkins (also the great-great-granddaughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton), Council Member Helen Rosenthal, New York Life Foundation President Heather Nesle, President and CEO ot he Central Park Conservancy and Central Park Administrator Doug Blonsky, Assembly Member Danny O'Donnell, Girl Scout Troops 3484 and 3482, members of the NYC Council Women's Caucus and community members, to dedicate the future Central Park site for the Women's Rights Pioneer; and

WHEREAS the new design was reviewed by the Public Design Commission on September 16th, 2019; and

WHEREAS the Statue Fund has met with the Parks and Recreation Committee on September 11th, 2019 to present the revisions to the proposed monument design per the Public Design Commission advisement ; and

WHEREAS this project has a budget of $1.5 million with monies raised from one thousand individual donations, the Ford Foundation, NY Life, AMEX and the proceeds of cookie sales by Girl Scout Troops 3484 and 3482 of the Girl Scouts Club of America; and

WHEREAS The statue is scheduled to be unveiled on Central Park's Mall -Literary Walk on Aug. 26th, 2020, the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment; and

THEREFORE NOW BE IT RESOLVED that Manhattan Community Board 10 voted to wholeheartedly support the revised monument through the new design to more appropriately represent this historic movement with a vote of 32 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

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Angel D. Mescain
District Manager

RESOLUTION

Date: October 15, 2019
Committee: Economic Development & Culture
Board Vote: 24 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstaining
RE: The Women's Rights Pioneers Monument to be located on the Mall in Central Park

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WHEREAS, Monumental Women's Statue Fund (The Statue Fund) is commissioning and endowing a monument in Central Park honoring Sojourner Truth, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, pioneers in the battle for Women's Suffrage and the movement for women's rights; and

WHEREAS, the creation of this monument representing real women will mark the first time in the 164-year history of Central Park that women's contributions to this city, state and nation will be commemorated; and

WHEREAS, CB11 acknowledges the fundamental role of monuments as an educative function used to reflect an accurate depiction of the past; and

WHEREAS, the NYC Parks Department and the Central Park Conservancy have approved the monument site on the Mall of Central Park; and

WHEREAS, the location will ensure that visitors to the site will have the opportunity to become more aware of the history that fully and fairly includes the important roles women have played; and

WHEREAS the site of the statue of the Women's Rights Pioneers Monument is located on the northwest corner of Literary Walk, which forms the southern end of the Mall; and

WHEREAS the site has been selected in accordance with the dictates of the original designers, who identified two locations where commemorative sculptures will be sited in the park; entrances along the perimeter and the Mall; and

WHEREAS the monument will reflect the scale, footprint, and siting of the existing statues along the Mall; and

WHEREAS the proposed sculpture shall have no impact on the adjacent elm trees and shall not change the adjacent fence, paths, site furnishings or vegetation; and

WHEREAS public gatherings may be accommodated on the adjoin paths to the east and, as is consistent with access to other monuments along the Mall, access to the lawn in which the monument is sited will not be permitted; and

WHEREAS the Women's Rights Pioneers Monument was proposed by and is commissioned and endowed by the Monumental Women's Statue Fund. The Statue Fund is supported by a $500,000 New York Life Insurance Company Challenge Grant, $100,000 from Borough President Gale A. Brewer, and $35,000 from Council Member Helen Rosenthal; and

WHEREAS the monument is slated for a 2020 unveiling on the centennial of the ratification of the 19th amendment Women's Equality Day August 26th, 2020; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Manhattan Community Board 11 supports the installation of this monument

Nilsa Orama
Chair

cc: Hon. Gale A. Brewer, Manhattan Borough President (via email)
Hon. Diana Ayala, New York City Council (via email)
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Hon. Keith Powers, New York City Council (via email)
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Hon, Inez Dickens, New York State Assembly
Hon. Brian Benjamin, New York State Senate
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