

City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
Third Avenue and 177th Street,

J.A.P.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

September 4th. 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
M a y o r:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 816 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, &c., VYSE STREET from East 180th Street to East 181st Street, I beg to say that as title has vested in this street, I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Conrad R. Hoffmann
Commissioner.



City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
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Third Avenue and 177th Street,

J.A.P.

LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

Sept. 22nd. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
M a y o r :

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 862 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, pave, etc., DAWSON STREET from Westchester Avenue to Leggett's Lane, I beg to say that Dawson Street was legally opened December 29th. 1896.

Dawson street is now being graded and the paving should follow.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen
Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

September 22nd.1897.

Hon. William L Strong,
M a y o r :

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report, resolution No.865 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate,grade,etc., LAFAYETTE AVENUE from Longwood avenue to the Bronx river, I beg to say that Lafayette Avenue was legally opened March 16th.1896.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen

Commissioner.



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J.A.P. Third Avenue and 177th Street,

LOUIS F. HOFFEN,
 COMMISSIONER.

Sept. 22nd. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
 Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report, resolution No. 866 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., EAST 201ST STREET from Webster Avenue to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse, I beg to say that East 201st Street was legally opened July 6th 1895.

East 201st Street has been sewered and should therefore be regulated, etc.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoffen

Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HOFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

Sept. 22nd.1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
M a y o r :

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No.867 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, curb, flag, etc., LONGWOOD AVENUE from Westchester Ave. to the Southern Boulevard, I beg to say that Longwood Avenue was legally opened July 1st.1897.

This is an important thoroughfare connecting two streets and should be improved.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoffen

Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HOFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

Sept. 22nd. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
M a y o r:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No.870 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc.,

BROWN PLACE from the Southern Boulevard to East 135th Street, I beg to say that Brown Place was legally opened April 20th.1896.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoffen
Commissioner.



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COMMISSIONER.

Sept. 22nd.1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
M a y o r:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report,
resolution No.674 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate,grade,etc.,
VALENTINE AVENUE from Burnside Avenue to the Kingsbridge Road, I beg to
~~state~~ say that Valentine Avenue was legally opened September 10th.1897.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoffen

Commissioner.



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J.A.P. *Third Avenue and 177th Street,*

LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
 COMMISSIONER.

September 22nd.1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
 M a y o r :

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No.876 of the Board of Aldermen, to pave Union Avenue from the Southern Boulevard to Westchester Avenue, with asphalt, I beg to say that Union Avenue was legally opened July 15th.1895.

Union Avenue is a main thoroughfare, well built up, sewered and graded, and as the property owners along the line have petitioned for the asphaltting of this avenue, I recommend approval of the resolution.

R e s p e c t f u l l y ,

Louis F. Haffen

Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

September 22nd.1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report, resolution No.910 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., EAST 137th STREET from Brook Avenue to the Southern Boulevard, I beg to say that East 137th Street was legally opened September 12th, 1895.

This street should be regulated and graded, as it is well built up and has been sewerred.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen
Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HOFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

Sept. 22nd. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 911 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, pave, etc., COLLEGE AVENUE from East 146th Street to East 148th Street.

College Avenue is sewered its entire length and paved from 146th Street south.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoffen

Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

September 22nd. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
 Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 912 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, curb, flag, etc., EAST 169TH STREET from Sedgwick Avenue to Boscobel Avenue, I beg to say that East 169th Street was legally opened December 15th. 1896.

This street should be regulated in order to make a direct connection between Highbridgeville and Highbridge Station.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen
 Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HOFFEN,
 COMMISSIONER.

September 22nd. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
 Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 916 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate and pave with asphalt DECATUR AVENUE from the Southern Boulevard to Mosholu Parkway, I beg to say that Decatur Avenue was legally opened December 29th. 1891.

This avenue being sewer^{ed}, and as asphalt pavement has been asked for by most of the property owners, I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoffen
 Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
 COMMISSIONER.

September 22nd. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
 Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 917 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, curb, flag, etc., TIEBOUT AVENUE from East 180th Street to Fordham Road, I beg to say that Tiebout Avenue was legally opened April 23rd, 1897.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen
 Commissioner.



City of New York
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LOUIS F. HAFEN,
 COMMISSIONER.

October 5th. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
 Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 939 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., Marion Avenue from East 200th Street to East 201st Street, I beg to say that Marion Avenue was legally opened April 28th. 1897.

This avenue is a continuation of an important thoroughfare at Bedford Park and should be improved.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen
 Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
 COMMISSIONER.

October 5th. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
 Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 941 of the Board of Aldermen to regulate, grade, etc., East 159th Street from Walton Avenue to Sheridan Avenue, I beg to say that East 159th Street from Walton Avenue to Sheridan Avenue was legally opened September 14th. 1897.

The regulating and grading of this street will tend to build up the same, and has also been asked for by a number of the property owners.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen
 Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
 COMMISSIONER.

October 5th. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
 Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 943 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., Anthony Avenue from Clay Avenue to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse, I beg to say that Anthony Avenue from Clay Avenue to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse was legally opened July 26th. 1897.

This is one of the main thoroughfares through the Mount Hope District, on which a school house has lately been erected. This improvement has been requested by the Board of Education and a number of property owners along the line.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen
 Commissioner.



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J.A.P. *Third Avenue and 177th Street,*

LOUIS F. HOFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

October 5th. 1897.

Hon. William L Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 947 of the Board of Aldermen, permitting Edward F. Hurd and others, to regulate, grade, etc., the west sidewalk of Anthony Avenue from Mount Hope Place to East 176th Street at their own expense, I beg to say that Anthony Avenue was legally opened July 26th. 1897.

I know of no objection to the approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoffen
Commissioner.

City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
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J.A.P.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

October 11th. 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
M a y o r :

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 971 of the Board of Aldermen, permitting Schmuck and Montag, to lay a cement sidewalk in front of their premises north east corner of St. Ann's Avenue and 137th Street, at their own expense, I beg to say that I know of no objection to the approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis E. Hoffmann
Commissioner.

City of New York.
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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

October 11th. 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
 M a y o r :

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 975 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., EAST 151ST STREET from Mott Avenue to Exterior Street, I beg to say that East 151st Street from Mott Avenue to Exterior Street was legally opened September 14th. 1897.

A number of buildings are to be erected on this street and the grading of the same will afford access to Walton, Gerard and River Avenues on easy grades.

The improvement has been asked for by the owners.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Samuel J. Taft

Commissioner.

City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
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Third Avenue and 177th Street,

J.A.P.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

October 13th. 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
 Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 976 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate and pave with asphalt pavement, Trinity Avenue from East 163rd Street to East 166th Street, I beg to say that Trinity Avenue was legally opened July 10th. 1896. This avenue is built up with private residences and if a majority of the property owners desire asphalt paving, I, of course, have no objection.

Respectfully,

Samuel R. Hoffman

Commissioner.

City of New York
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Third Avenue and 177th Street, J.A.P.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

October 26th.1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No.49 of the Board of Aldermen, to pave Union Avenue from Westchester Avenue to Boston Road, with asphalt on concrete foundation, I beg to say that Union Avenue was legally opened July 15th.1895. This avenue has been regulated and graded and sewered and is well built up with private residences. It is an important thoroughfare with easy grades and by asphaltting the same a good connection will be made between two important avenues.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Conrad R. Hoffman
Commissioner.

City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
Third Avenue and 177th Street, J.A.P.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

October 26th. 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
 Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 50 of the Board of Aldermen, to pave East 137th Street from Lincoln Avenue to Alexander Avenue with asphalt pavement on concrete foundation, I beg to say that East 137th Street from Lincoln Avenue to Alexander Avenue was legally opened August 5th. 1895.

This is a residential street, well built up, and by asphaltting the same it will make a good connection with Alexander Avenue, which is paved with asphalt.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Conroy
 Commissioner.

City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
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Third Avenue and 177th Street,

J.A.P.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

October 26th. 1897.

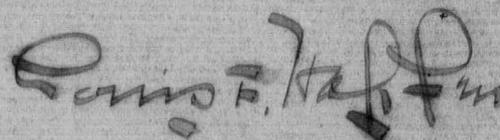
Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
 Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 51 of the Board of Aldermen, for regulating and paving East 136th Street from Third Avenue to Alexander Avenue, I beg to say that East 136th Street was legally opened August 5th. 1895. The paving of this block is necessary for the reason that it connects Third Avenue, near the approach to the new Third Avenue bridge.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
Third Avenue and 177th Street, J.A.P.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

October 26th. 1897.

Hon. Wm. L Strong,
 M a y o r:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 52 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., East 168th Street from River Avenue to the Concourse, I beg to say that East 168th Street was legally opened May 3rd 1897. The regulating and grading of this street will open up new property for building purposes and will form an important connection between the Concourse and River Avenue at Jerome Avenue. The improvement has been asked for by adjacent property owners.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Carrie E. Hoffman
 Commissioner.

City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
Third Avenue and 177th Street,

J.A.P.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

October 26th. 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
 Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 53 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., Sheridan Avenue from East 153rd Street to East 161st Street, I beg to say that Sheridan Avenue was legally opened January 6th. 1897.

A sewer was constructed in said Avenue leaving the manholes high above grade, thereby making the avenue dangerous for travel. The avenue is well built up and should be further improved.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
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Third Avenue and 177th Street, J.A.P.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

October 30th. 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
 Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 73 of the Board of Aldermen, permitting George F. Johnson to regulate, grade, etc., LEGGETT AVENUE from Dawson Street to Southern Boulevard, I beg to say that title has vested in this avenue and I therefore know of no objection to the approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Samuel T. Hoff
 Commissioner.

Office of the Board of
Street Opening and Improvement,
Room 10, Stewart Building,

New York, November 8th 1897

Hon. William L. Strong.

Mayor.

Sir:

special

You are respectfully requested to attend a ~~regular~~ meeting of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement of the City of New York, to be held in the Mayor's Office, at the City Hall, on ~~Friday~~ next, Wednesday, November 10th, at 11 o'clock, A. M.; at which meeting it is proposed to consider unfinished business, and such other matters as may be brought before the Board.

I am, very respectfully,

V. B. Livingston.

Secretary.

C. R. 2664.

N. B. This meeting is called for the special consideration of the maps or plans for the Riverside Drive Extension.



City of New York.
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Third Avenue and 177th Street.

LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
 COMMISSIONER.

Nov. 16th, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
 Mayor.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 118 of the Board of Aldermen to regulate, grade and pave East 137th Street, from Third Avenue to Rider Avenue, I beg to say that East 137th Street was legally opened September 17th, 1895.

This street is solidly built up on both sides, principally with factories, etc., necessitating heavy trucking through the same.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen

Commissioner.



City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
Third Avenue and 177th Street,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
 COMMISSIONER.

November 16th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
 Mayor.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 119 of the Board of Aldermen to regulate, grade, etc., PARK AVENUE WEST (Vanderbilt Avenue West), from East 173rd Street to Pelham Avenue, I beg to say that title vested in Park Avenue West (Vanderbilt Avenue West) June 28th, 1897.

This avenue runs along the westerly side of the New York and Harlem Railroad crossing three main east and west thoroughfares on which are erected depots of the Harlem Railroad. The avenue is partly built up, especially near the stations, and should be improved.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen
 Commissioner.



City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements
23rd and 24th Wards.
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LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

Nov. 16th, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Mayor.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 120 of the Board of Aldermen to regulate, grade, curb, flag, etc., East 171st Street, from Brook avenue to Crotona Park, I beg to say that title to East 171st Street vested May 18th, 1897.

East 171st Street is an important street connecting Claremont Park with Crotona Park. The regulating and grading of this street is necessary and I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.



City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements
23rd and 24th Wards
~~233rd St.~~ Third Ave. Cor. ~~177th St.~~

LOUIS F. HOFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

Nov. 16th, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
M a y o r :

Dear Sir:

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 122 of the Board of Aldermen to regulate, grade, etc., the following streets and avenues:

KEPLER AVENUE, from 233rd Street (Eastchester Ave.) to Mt. Vernon Avenue;
ONEIDA AVENUE, from 233rd St. (Eastchester Ave) to Mt. Vernon Ave;
VERIO AVENUE, from 233rd St. (Eastchester Ave.) to City Line;
KATONAH AVENUE, from 233rd St. (Eastchester Ave) to Mt. Vernon Ave.;
NAPIER AVENUE, from 233rd St. (Eastchester Ave.) to Mt. Vernon Ave.;
MARTHA AVENUE, from 235th St. (Willard St.) to City Line;
234th STREET, (Clifford St.) from 233rd St. (Eastchester Ave.) to Bronx River;
235th STREET, (Willard St.) from Mt. Vernon Ave. to Bronx River;
236th STREET (Opdyke St.) from Mt. Vernon Ave. to Bronx River;
237th STREET (Oakley St.) from Napier Ave. to Verio Ave.;
238th STREET (Kemble St.) from Mt. Vernon Ave. to Verio Ave.;
239th STREET (Knox St.) from Mt. Vernon Ave. to Verio Ave.;
240th STREET (Holly Place) from Mt. Vernon Ave. to City Line;
241st STREET (Hyatt Place) from Mt. Vernon Ave. to City Line,

I beg to say that, Kepler Avenue, from 233rd Street (Eastchester Avenue) to Mount Vernon Avenue was legally opened March 29th, 1897; Oneida Avenue, from 233rd Street (Eastchester Avenue) to Mt. Vernon Avenue was legally opened March 29th, 1897; Verio Avenue, from 233rd Street (Eastchester Avenue) to City Line was legally opened April 19th, 1897; Katonah Avenue, from 233rd Street (Eastchester Avenue) to Mount Vernon Avenue, title vested July 1st, 1897; Napier Avenue, from 233rd Street (Eastchester Avenue) to Mount Vernon Avenue was legally opened May 26th, 1897; Martha Avenue from 235th Street (Willard Street) to City Line, title vested May 18th, 1897; 234th Street (Clifford Street) from 233rd Street (Eastchester Avenue) to Bronx River was legally opened April 7th, 1897; 235th Street (Willard Street) from Mt. Vernon Avenue to Bronx River was legally opened April 28th, 1897; 236th Street, (Opdyke Street) from Mt. Vernon Avenue to Bronx River was legally opened April 19th, 1897; 237th Street (Oakley St.) from Napier Avenue to Verio Avenue was legally opened July 9, 1897; 238th Street (Kemble Street) from Mt. Vernon Avenue to Verio Avenue was legally opened July 1st, 1897; 239th Street (Knox Street) from Mt. Vernon Avenue to Verio Avenue was legally opened July 1st, 1897; 240th Street (Holly Place) from Mt. Vernon Avenue to City Line was legally opened October 13th, 1897; 241st Street (Hyatt Place) from Mt. Vernon Avenue to City Line was legally opened Oct. 13, 1897.

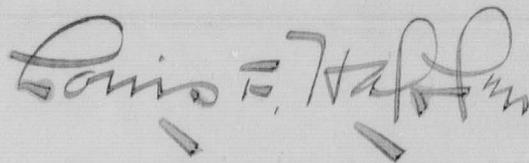
All of these streets and avenues are located in Woodlawn Heights and are connected with each other.

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This place is being rapidly built up and the regulating and grading and improving of all these streets and avenues in one contract will materially lessen the expense of construction and the necessary reduction of the assessment.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Louis E. Haffner". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the commissioner.

Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
 COMMISSIONER.

Nov. 16th, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
 Mayor.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 123 of the Board of Aldermen to regulate, grade, etc., East 180th Street, from Third Avenue to the Bronx River, I beg to say that East 180th Street is an important east and west connection through a district which is rapidly improving.

This street when regulated and graded will be an important thoroughfare to the new district east of the Bronx River.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen

Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HOFFEN,
 COMMISSIONER.

Nov. 16th, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
 Mayor.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 139 of the Board of Aldermen to regulate, grade, etc., RITTER PLACE, from Union Avenue to Prospect Avenue, I beg to say that a hearing was held in this office September 8th 1897, under chapter 576 of the Laws of 1895 which authorizes improvements on streets to which title has not vested in the city.

The improvement of this street has been asked for by the property owners in the enclosed petition.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respect fully,

Louis F. Hoffen
 Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
 COMMISSIONER.

Nov. 16th, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
 Mayor.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 158 of the Board of Aldermen to regulate, grade, etc., Ryer Avenue, from Burnside Avenue to East 187th Street, I beg to say that title to this avenue vested November 1st, 1897.

The improvement of this avenue will benefit a district which is being rapidly built up with private residences.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respect fully,

Louis F. Haffen

Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
 COMMISSIONER.

Nov. 16th, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
 Mayor.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 162 of the Board of Aldermen to regulate, grade, etc., SUMMIT AVENUE, from East 161st Street to East 166th Street, I beg to say that SUMMIT AVENUE was legally opened Dec. 15th, 1896. This avenue runs north and south between Ogden and Sedgwick Avenues and when improved will open up a new section for development on the eastern slope of the Harlem Railroad.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen

Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
 COMMISSIONER.

Nov. 16th, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
 Mayor.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 167 of the Board of Aldermen to pave, from curb to curb, with macadam on Telford foundation the carriageway of Prospect Avenue, from the Southern Boulevard to Westchester Avenue, I beg to say that Prospect Avenue was legally opened December 31st, 1887.

This avenue is one of the main roads of the eastern section of the 23rd Ward and connects two important thoroughfares north, south and east.

This avenue is 100 feet in width; is built up with handsome residences and has been sewered, regulated and graded and by macadamizing the same it will form a continuous cycle road from the Harlem Bridge to the new district east of the Bronx River.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Petition of property owners returned.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen
 Commissioner.

Office of the Board of
Street Opening and Improvement,
Room 10, Stewart Building,

New York, November 30th 1897

Hon: William L. Strong.
Mayor.

Sir:

You are respectfully requested to attend a regular meeting of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement of the City of New York, to be held in the Mayor's Office, at the City Hall, on Friday next, December 3^d at 11 o'clock, A. M.; at which meeting it is proposed to consider unfinished business, and such other matters as may be brought before the Board

I am, very respectfully,

V. B. Livingston

Secretary.

City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
Third Avenue and 177th Street,

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

Dec. 8th, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
 Mayor:

Dear Sir:

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 230 of the Board of Aldermen granting permission to Henry Morgenthau to regulate, grade, etc., **East 139th Street and East 140th Street**, from St. Ann's Avenue to the easterly line of his property, I beg to say that the work of regulating, grading, etc., is to be done wholly within the property owned by Mr. Morgenthau and at his own expense, under the direction of this department.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoff

Commissioner.

City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
Third Avenue and 177th Street,

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

December 8th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting resolution No. 247 of the Board of Aldermen to regulate and pave with asphalt on concrete foundation, JACKSON AVENUE, from the south side of E.164th Street to the south side of E.166th Street, I beg to say that I recommend approval of the resolution.

Petition returned herewith.

Respectfully,

George T. Haffner

Commissioner.

City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
Third Avenue and 177th Street,

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

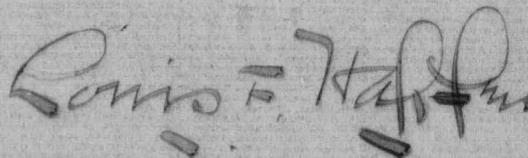
December 8th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
 Mayor:

Dear Sir:

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting resolution No. 248 of the Board of Aldermen to regulate, grade and pave with asphalt Barretto Street (Fox street) from the north side of 165th street to intersection at Intervale avenue, I beg to say that there is now pending before the Board of Aldermen a resolution for regulating and grading Barretto street from **Westchester** avenue to Intervale avenue, and that it is my opinion that the work under that resolution should be done before the contract for asphaltting should be made. The above resolution might, however, be approved by your Honor.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
Third Avenue and 177th Street,

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

Dec. 9th, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
M a y o r :

Dear Sir:

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 258 of the Board of Aldermen to regulate, pave, etc., with granite block pavement on concrete foundation, EAST ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHTH STREET, from Third Avenue to the approach of the Madison avenue bridge, I beg to say that East 138th Street was legally opened October 7th, 1895.

This is one of the principal thoroughfares in the 23rd Ward on which there is very heavy traffic.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoffmann

Commissioner.

City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
Third Avenue and 177th Street.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

Dec. 9th, 1897.

Hon. Wm. D. Strong,
Mayor.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 261 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., East 175th Street, from Third Avenue to Boston Road, I beg to say that E. 175th Street was legally opened Nov. 29th 1897. This is an important crosstown street running partly through Crotona Park and is well built up.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffner

Commissioner.

City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
Third Avenue and 177th Street,

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

Dec. 9th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
M a y o r :

Dear Sir:

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 262 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., East 181st Street, from the Southern Boulevard to Bronx Park, I beg to say that East 181st Street between the points mentioned, was legally opened Oct. 19th, 1896.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoffman

Commissioner.

City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
Third Avenue and 177th Street,

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

Dec. 9th, 1897.

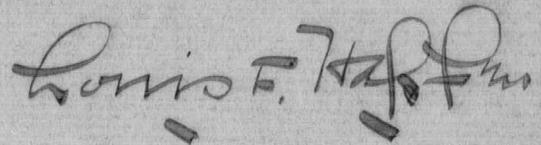
Hon. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 266 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., GUN HILL ROAD, from Jerome Avenue to the Bronx River, I beg to say that this is an important thoroughfare connecting Van Cortlandt Park with the station of the New York and Harlem Railroad at Williamsbridge.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
Third Avenue and 177th Street,

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

Dec. 14th, 1897. *l*

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
MAYOR.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your Honor's letter of the 6th instant,
enclosing communication from Mr. F. C. Turney, in reference to
sidewalk at 159th Street, between Melrose and Elton avenue, I beg
to transmit herewith copy of reply forwarded to Mr. Turney.

Respectfully,

Louis E. Haffner

Commissioner.

City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
Third Avenue and 177th Street.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

Dec. 14th, 1897.

Mr. F. C. Turney,
574 E. 159th St.

Dear Sir:

Your complaint to his Honor the Mayor in reference to sidewalk of 159th Street, between Melrose and Elton avenues, was referred to this Department. Commissioner Haffen directs me to say that the inspector reports that the sidewalk in question is in good condition as can be expected; that the belt from the engine is covered with steps, and that there is no obstruction on the sidewalk other than said steps.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Joseph P. Hennessy.

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Secretary.

City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
Third Avenue and 177th Street, J.A.P.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

December 28th.1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

M a y o r:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No.358 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., EAST 174TH STREET from Park Avenue to Third Avenue, I beg to say that East 174th Street from Park Avenue to Third Avenue was legally opened August 8th.1895. This is an important thoroughfare, has been sewered and should be regulated and graded.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Carrie E. Hoff

Commissioner.

City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
Third Avenue and 177th Street, J.A.P.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

December 28th. 1917.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

M a y o r:

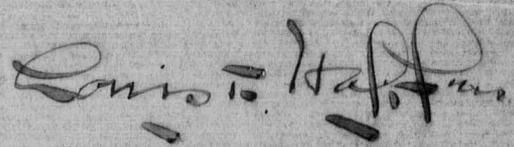
Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 359 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., PARK AVENUE EAST, from Tremont Avenue to Pelham Avenue, I beg to say that Park Avenue East from Tremont Avenue to Pelham Avenue is an important thoroughfare, has been sewered and should be regulated and graded.

Title to the same vested in the city June 15th last.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

Office of the Board of
Street Opening and Improvement,
Room 10, Stewart Building,

New York, December 29th 1897

Hon. William L. Strong.

Mayor.

Sir:

You are respectfully requested to attend a ^{special} ~~regular~~ meeting
of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement of the City of
New York, to be held in the Mayor's Office, at the City Hall, on
Friday next, December 31st at 11
o'clock, A. M.; at which meeting it is proposed to consider un-
finished business, and such other matters as may be brought before
the Board.

I am, very respectfully,

V. B. Livingston.

Secretary.

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N. B. Your presence at this last meeting of the Board,
is earnestly desired by the Mayor.

V. B. L.

MEMORANDUM IN FAVOR OF AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF ROSE HILL PLACE, IN THE TWENTY-FOURTH
WARD OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Statement of Facts.

This act provides that the triangular piece of land bounded by the depressed tracks of the New York and Harlem Railroad at Fordham, Pelham Avenue and Webster Avenue, shall be used as a public place, and gives the Commissioner of Street Improvements discretion to set apart a portion of it as an approach to the bridge and depot at Fordham station. This triangle was originally laid out as part of Vanderbilt Avenue West on the official maps of the City of New York and commissioners of estimate and assessment were appointed to acquire it as a public street. Subsequently it was laid out by the Commissioner of Street Improvements as a public place and is now so laid out. It consists of two narrow strips of land lying on either side of old Berrian avenue, which has been discontinued and closed and for which the commissioners have only made an award of one dollar. The whole cost of this triangle has been finally estimated by the commissioners at \$55,000. It now lies from 12 to 14 feet below the grade of Pelham avenue and the grade of Webster avenue.

P O I N T I.

Legislation was necessary in order to provide that that which was being acquired as a public street should be used as a public place and to save the report and the jurisdiction of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment.

To obviate the objection that, the use having been changed the commissioners no longer had jurisdiction it became necessary to apply to the Legislature for authority to change the use of this triangle from that of a public street to that of a public place.

Old Berrian avenue, which constitutes the greater portion of this triangle has been discontinued and closed, and a nominal award of one dollar has been made for this parcel on the assumption that the public right of way still continued over it.

To preserve this public right of way, it was necessary that it should be legally laid out again for some public use and that the Legislature should so authorize it. Otherwise a substantial award should have been made as on the closing it would have reverted to the abutting owners as private property.

P O I N T II.

Special reasons exist for this legislation.

First. This is a public place ^{at} ~~and~~ one of the most important depots of the north side. There are only two other similar public places in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, both at the stations of the Harlem Railroad, one at Melrose and the other at Mott Haven. They were intended to be used as cab stands and for the benefit of ^{the} ~~each~~ community having occasion to use these depots.

Second. It is bounded on one side by the depressed ^{road} ~~tracks~~ of the Harlem Railroad which cannot be assessed for benefit, and on the other two sides by avenues

one hundred feet in width, the property bordering which has been so cut up by intersecting and parallel streets as to leave little area to assess for benefit (see accompanying diagram)

Third. The terminus of North Third Avenue at the Fordham College grounds turns all the traffic on North Third Avenue westerly to Webster avenue at this point, and vice versa.

On account of the sharp rise to the westward in the topography of this portion of the city there is practically only one avenue running north and south between Tremont and Woodlawn, to wit, Webster avenue, and at this point occurs the greatest amount of crossing in the 24th Ward. Further, at this point occurs the greatest amount of traffic east and west. Pelham avenue is the main route to the ~~Mount~~ Morris Park, to the Country Club, to Pelham and City Island, and most of the pleasure driving comes from ~~Sherman~~ ^{Albany} and Sedgwick avenues down Fordham Hill and across the Harlem Railroad at this point. There is no such crossing for a mile north or south.

Fourth: The trolley cars cross from north Third Avenue to Webster avenue at this point and make a very ugly and dangerous turn (see accompanying diagram). There is only twenty feet of roadway now for the passage of carriages between the southerly sides of the tracks of the electric road and the southerly curb line of Pelham avenue. This act will enable the straightening of that ~~portion~~ ^{roadway} so that a greater width and a less dangerous condition of affairs will exist at this point.

P O I N T III.

As a matter of justice to the property owners this act should become a law.

When Pelham avenue was widened between the Harlem Railroad and Webster avenue and straightened, the law in existence at that time required that the cost of the land should be assessed on the property abutting. Consequently, under a resolution of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement the total expense of this improvement was assessed immediately upon the abutting property, resulting in an assessment of one thousand dollars a lot for the mere condemnation of the land. This injustice, owing to an arbitrary enactment of the legislature, has been so burdensome, that most of this assessment cannot be paid at present and the property owners were in some instances obliged to mortgage their property in order to pay the assessment and save the seven per cent penalty, whereas others are now paying the seven per cent penalty for non-payment of assessment.

P O I N T IV.

As a matter of expediency this act should become a law.

The Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the acquiring of this triangle have stretched their area of assessment half way to Williams Bridge and half way to Tremont in order to raise the cost of this improvement. This area of assessment is so obviously unjust, and the circumstances attending the widening of Pelham avenue were likewise so obviously unjust that the commissioners have resolved to recommend to the Board of Street Opening and Improvement that it should assume the

cost of this improvement.

It is inexpedient that such a course should be taken.

First. Because it sets a precedent for ^{Recommendations} ~~applications~~ of a similar kind in the future where no such special reasons occur.

Second. It sets a precedent for similar applications to the Board of Street Opening and Improvement.

As the Board meets once a week, and as the legislature only meets once a year, it is obvious that the best course to pursue is to confine these applications to the legislature and prevent them as much as possible from going before the Board of Street Opening and Improvement. Therefore a legislative enactment is much more desirable, as far as the City's interests are concerned, than an application directed to the Board of Street Opening and Improvement.

P O I N T V.

This public place can be regulated and graded at no ^{expense} ~~cost~~ to the City.

The Commissioner of street Improvements is about to let the contracts for the paving of Webster avenue from 184th street on the south to the Southern Boulevard on the north. The engineer of construction has informed me that the sub-grading of this avenue for the purpose of laying this pavement will furnish more than enough filling to complete the regulating and grading of this public place. It follows, therefore, that it will cost the City nothing to regulate and grade this public place.

Respectfully submitted

J. J. Brad
John D. Mann

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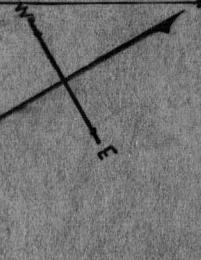
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IN THE MATTER OF ~~THE APPLICATION OF~~

Not entitled
"Act. to establish
Rose Hill Place
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~~WILLIAM H. CLARK,~~

Counsel to the Corporation,

N. Y. CITY.

To

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Esq.,

Attorney for Petitioner,

No.

N. Y. CITY.