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Cindy Mitchell, Trustee
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Dear Ms. Mitchell:

Thank you for your letter of June 3. The Chicago Park District has reviewed your proposal to install a replacement plaque on the existing stone tablet at the southwest corner of Washington Square Park. We agree in concept to the proposal. It is our understanding that the plaque will be cast in bronze and sealed to the stone with quickset hydraulic cement.

Regarding the text of the plaque, we suggest minor modification. First, since Washington Square Park is one of our oldest parks, we feel that it is important to include the date of the original dedication, 1842. Also, the Chicago Park District would like to be listed as a participant in the re-dedication. Regarding the designation "Bughouse Square," we believe that the term is merely an informal appellation for Washington Square Park. That is, there is no section within the park that is known as Bughouse Square. Therefore, we suggest that the words "also known as" replace "site of." We have attached a facsimile of a plaque which reflects our suggested changes.

With these changes, you may consider that your request has been approved. We thank you for your interest in Washington Square Park and look forward to the re-dedication.

Sincerely,

Forrest Claypool
General Superintendent

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