

SAVE THE YANKEE GATE 2 COMMITTEE

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Recently, there have been multiple newspaper articles published regarding the need to preserve the original Yankee Gate 2 as part of the design for the new Heritage Field to be built on the site of the original Yankee Stadium (House that Ruth Built). Gate 2 is the most architecturally significant element remaining from the original 1920's era ballpark. Today it remains 80% original even after the 1973-76 renovations. Historical photographs, blueprints, historians, and baseball experts confirm this originality. The small modifications made to the upper portion of the Gate are compatible with the original 1920's design. This Gate stands proudly for all the fans, players and individuals who visited, played and worked there. For nearly a century played out on a single square block in The Bronx, Gate 2 has witnessed American history.

Preserving Gate 2 would create a dignified monument to the rich history of The Bronx, the Yankees, and all events held within these majestic confines. Such a celebrated piece of history would serve as an "Arch of Triumph" for the Borough of The Bronx and would be a tourist attraction all year long. It could be another focal point of the community and significantly enhance local business revenues. In a NY Daily News Poll taken in mid-August 78% said, "It's important to have that piece of the old Stadium in place". We have received 99% favorable and supportive comments with more than 15,000 website hits.

Assessments from several architects and structural engineering firms have determined this to be a simple/straightforward project. They have estimated that the expense of its restoration would be a small fraction (less than 2%) of the overall cost to build Heritage Field. Discussions with several contractors indicate their willingness to volunteer services for this effort. Similar to the current Polo Grounds Staircase Project, fundraising through pledges can produce additional financial options. The sale of commemorative paving bricks also has the potential to defray much of this cost. The Gate as a freestanding structure would require minimal on-going maintenance. Made of super-hard Edison Portland cement, Gate 2 is almost indestructible.

The current design for Heritage Field does not retain anything from before the 1973-76 renovations. Nothing of the original Stadium would remain. As of August 2009, however, the final design for Heritage Field is only 50% complete. As the New York City Design Commission has requested that the NYC Parks Department revise the current park plan to better "capture the historical significance of the original Yankee Stadium", a good opportunity is still available to achieve this objective. Gate 2 can provide the needed historical, architectural, and cultural link back to the 1920's. With your support, leadership and vision, the future Heritage Field will include an enduring gateway linked forever with a New York City storied past.

The complete details of our proposal including reference articles, interviews, and documents are located on our website at www.savetheyankeegate2.com.

We welcome the opportunity to provide additional information, to meet in-person, and to discuss our proposal with all interested individuals.

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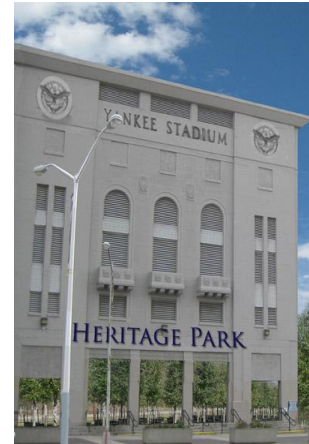
The exciting reality is that more than 80% of the original 1920's Gate structure remains. Of the stadium's three main entrances, Gate 2 was the only one not significantly altered during the renovation, and we believe that Gate 2 is the most architecturally significant element remaining from the pre-renovated structure. Please refer to the three photos/renderings below that clearly illustrate this originality.



Gate 2: 1928-1973



Gate 2: 1976-Current



Gate 2: Proposed

In terms of its construction, the lowest section of the Gate was built in 1923 when the stadium opened. The upper portion (arches & balconies) was added in 1928 with the leftfield grandstand extension. Because the upper deck was reconfigured during the Yankee Stadium renovation in 1973-76, the uppermost section seen in the old photo on the left (contains the two medallions and the Yankee Stadium lettering) was replaced with the concrete strip with the three vent openings and the cornice above as shown in the center post renovation photo. Our proposed Gate 2 restoration (depicted at right) would only involve the removal of the horizontal concrete strip located above the cornice (refer to center photo) and reinstalling the two medallions and the Yankee Stadium lettering.

The two sidewalls would provide stability for Gate 2 as shown in the rendering below. The sidewall on the right (or current outfield side) was built as part of the 1928 grandstand extension. This wall still exists. So new construction would consist of just the one sidewall depicted on the left (or infield side) of this rendering.

