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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

January 19, 2012

Hon. Adrian Benepe
Commissioner
Department of Parks and Recreation
The Arsenal
830 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10021

Re: Plans for an Older Adults Recreation Area in John Jay Park

Dear Commissioner Benepe:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the following resolution by a vote of 40 in favor, 3 opposed and 0 abstentions:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the creation of an Older Adults Recreation Area in John Jay Park will expand the free outdoor activities available to older adults, which is a growing segment of the community; and
WHEREAS plans for the recreation area include adding game tables, picnic benches, adult exercise equipment safety surfacing underneath, an exercise mat and new plantings; and
WHEREAS these new facilities should increase the usage of this area of John Jay Park; therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8, Manhattan approves of the Parks Department's plans for an Older Adults Area in John Jay Park.

Sincerely,

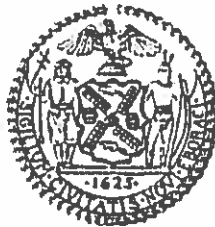
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January 26, 2012

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Re: Proposed Exhibition of Sculptures by Rafael Barrios in the Park Avenue Malls

Dear Commissioner Benepe:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the following resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 2 opposed and 2 abstentions:

WHEREAS the Art Nouveau gallery in conjunction with the NYC Parks Dept. has proposed a four-month exhibit of sculptures by prominent artist, Rafael Barrios, in the Park Avenue Mall; and

WHEREAS the project has the support of the NYC Parks Dept., the Fund for Park Avenue and the Dept. of Transportation; and

WHEREAS the Parks Dept. ensures that the structure will not interfere with plantings in the Park Avenue Mall; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8, Manhattan, approves of plans to install 10 sculptures—4 of which would be located in the Community Board 8M district—by Rafael Barrios in the Park Avenue Mall from March 1 to June 30, 2012.

Sincerely,

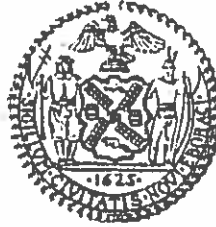
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February 16, 2012

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Re: Presentation of final plans for the reconstruction of Central Park's North Harlem Meer Landscape, Shoreline and Playground

Dear Commissioner Benepe:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the following resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention:

WHEREAS The Central Park Conservancy has presented final plans for restoring the Harlem Meer landscape, shoreline and playground that calls for enhancing the safety, accessibility and overall usability of the area; and

WHEREAS these plans call for reconstructing area paths to make them safer; upgrading the scenic quality of the area through additional and improved planting; making open space more usable; and replacing deteriorated equipment in the East 110th St. Playground with new and more diverse forms of play equipment; and

WHEREAS the project's final plans add two new elements: steps leading down to the water's edge at the Meer to make the area more accessible; and, the use of stainless steel mesh materials for play area's fence to make it more transparent; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan approves of the Central Park Conservancy's final plans for the reconstruction of the North Harlem Meer landscape, shoreline and playground.

Sincerely,

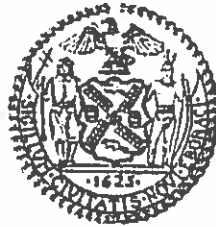
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Re: Preliminary Proposal to Reconstruct the Tots' Playground in Central Park

Dear Commissioner Benepe:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the following resolution by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions:

WHEREAS the Central Park Conservancy has presented preliminary plans for renovating Central Park's Tots' Playground, which would improve the area's accessibility, attractiveness and usefulness to parents and children; and,

WHEREAS specific changes include: reconfiguring the area to a more circular design; reducing the steep grade on area paths; creating a low seat wall to bound the playground; adding to the plantings surrounding the playground; and installing play equipment appropriate for young children in suitable colors and textures; and

WHEREAS the existing play equipment is worn, outdated and in need of replacement; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8, Manhattan, approves of the Central Park Conservancy's preliminary plans for the renovation of the Tots' Playground in Central Park.

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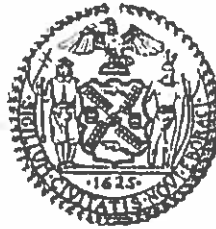
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Re: Presentation by the NYC Dept. of Design and Construction of plans for the redesign of the exterior of Central Park's Tavern on the Green

Dear Commissioner Benepe:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the following resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention:

WHEREAS The City of New York is proposing to restore Central Park's Tavern on the Green to its 1934 design, when it was converted to a restaurant; and
WHEREAS proposed renovations include reducing the overall size of the building; restoring original features, such as dormers, an arch at the western end of the building and 1934-style windows and doors; adding an ADA-compliant entranceway; adding a glass structure that extends into the terrace; and restoring the circular driveway in the rear of the building; and
WHEREAS the proposed changes aim to better blend Tavern on the Green into its overall park environment; therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan approves of the City's plans for renovating Central Park's Tavern on the Green.

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