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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

February 16, 2012

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

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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Margaret Price and Barbara Rudder
Co-Chairs, Parks Committee

cc: Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of the City of New York
Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
Carolyn Maloney, 14th Congressional District Representative
Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 26th Senatorial District
Micah Kellner, Assemblyman, 65th Assembly District
Assembly Member Dan Quart, 73rd Assembly District
Jessica Lappin, NYC Council Speaker, 5th Council District
Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District
Marie Warsh, Director of Preservation Planning, Central Park Conservancy