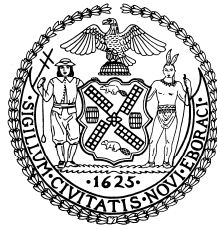


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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

April 23, 2012

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

### **Re: Plan to Allow the Wi-Fi Equipment in Central Park to Become Permanent Fixtures**

Dear Commissioner Benepe:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the following resolution by a vote of 34 in favor, 2 opposed and 3 abstentions:

**WHEREAS** AT&T and the City of New York have arranged a 5-year plan to provide free public wireless Internet access in 2 locations of Central Park (as well as such installations in other City parks); and

**WHEREAS** the size and color of the Wi-Fi equipment do not interfere with the scenic landscape of Central Park; and

**WHEREAS** there has already been substantial use of Central Park's Wi-Fi system, which has been provided through temporary permits for the necessary equipment; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8, Manhattan, approves of the City's request, of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, for permanent approval of Wi-Fi equipment at the Central Park Zoo and at Central Park's Mineral Springs snack bar.

Sincerely,

Nicholas D. Viest  
Chair

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, 14<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Representative  
Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 26<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District  
Micah Kellner, Assemblyman, 65<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
Assembly Member Dan Quart, 73<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District  
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Marie Warsh, Director of Preservation Planning, Central Park Conservancy  
Douglas Blonsky, Administrator, Central Park Conservancy  
Honorable William Castro, Manhattan Borough Commissioner