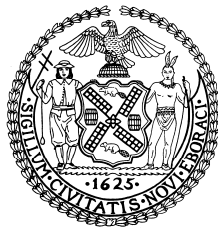


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

April 25, 2012

Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
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Re: A request by DOT for a letter from the Community Board recommending that a relic from the Queensboro Bridge, the pedestal for the torchiere that at one time flanked the entrance to the bridge, that is no longer of use in connection with the bridge, be donated to the Roosevelt Island Historical Society. (*joint item with the 197-a committee*)

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

At the April 18, 2012 Full Board meeting, Community Board 8M **APPROVED** the following resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS a pair of torchieres once flanked the Second Avenue entrances to the Queensboro Bridge, and
WHEREAS the 60th Street torchiere was removed for Roosevelt Island Tramway construction, and was until recently believed lost, and
WHEREAS the base of the torchiere has been rediscovered, but the lamppost still cannot be located, and
WHEREAS there is apparently no appropriate location in Manhattan to install the remnants of the torchiere base in proximity to the Queensboro Bridge, and
WHEREAS the Roosevelt Island Historical Society has previously restored one of the trolley kiosks that was located at the 59th Street & Second Avenue entrance to the Queensboro Bridge, and
WHEREAS the Roosevelt Island Historical Society has identified an appropriate location to display the torchiere base, in close proximity to the Queensboro Bridge and the restored kiosk now in use as the RIHS Visitor Center, and
WHEREAS the Roosevelt Island Historical Society intends to raise the funds to preserve, restore, and install the torchiere base, and
WHEREAS information will be displayed near the restored torchiere base explaining its history,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8M approves of giving the remnants of the torchiere base to the Roosevelt Island Historical Society to preserve, restore, and install on Roosevelt Island near the Tramway Station exit and will send a letter to that effect to NYCDOT.

Please advise this office of any action taken regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Viest
Chair

A. Scott Falk and Charles Warren
Co-Chairs, Transportation Committee

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of the City of New York
Hon. Scott M. Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
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Hon. Dan Quart, New York State Assembly Member
Hon. Micah Kellner, New York State Assembly Member
Hon. Daniel Garodnick, New York City Council Member
Hon. Jessica Lappin, New York City Council Member
Judith Berdy, President, Roosevelt Island Historical Society