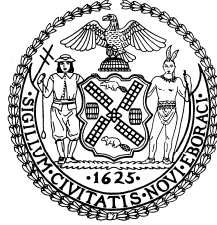


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

April 18, 2013

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

Re: Central Park Conservancy Restoration of Grand Army Plaza

Dear Commissioner White:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the following resolution by a vote of 30 in favor, 1 opposed and 0 abstentions:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Central Park's Grand Army Plaza has become deteriorated, necessitating major renovations to keep the area attractive and safe; and

WHEREAS the Central Park Conservancy is proposing a two-phased project—beginning with renovations to the north plaza—to restore this well-known plaza, including its statue of William Tecumseh Sherman; and

WHEREAS the Central Park Conservancy is proposing an extensive restoration of the site that will include: leveling the ground to make it ADA-accessible; resetting bluestone pavement and replacing deteriorated pavers; planting London plane trees and creating a sizable area beneath the pavement for tree root growth; planting evergreen shrubs; replacing deteriorated benches; and re-gilding the Sherman monument; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8, Manhattan approves of the Central Park Conservancy's plans for restoring the north section of the Grand Army Plaza in Central Park at Fifth Avenue between 58th and 60th Streets.

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, 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
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