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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

May 23, 2014

Hon. First Deputy Commissioner Liam Kavanagh  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
The Arsenal  
830 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10021

**Re: Proposal by the Parks Dept. to display sculptures by Ewerdt Hilgemann along the Park Avenue Malls between 52nd and 67th streets from early August to November, 2014.**

Dear First Deputy Commissioner Kavanagh:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2014, Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the following resolution by a vote of 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention and 0 not voting for cause.

### RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS** artist Ewerdt Hilgemann will be producing sculptures that reflect the architecture of New York City; and

**WHEREAS** the project has the support of the Parks Dept. and the Fund for Park Avenue; and

**WHEREAS** the Parks Dept. will ensure that the art works will be safely installed and not interfere with plantings in the Park Avenue Malls; and

**WHEREAS** the CB8M Parks Committee is requesting assurances from the Dept. of Transportation that the sculptures will not block the view of drivers in the area; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8, Manhattan, approves of the Parks Dept.'s plans to install seven Ewerdt Hilgemann sculptures along the Park Avenue Malls from late August to early November, 2014, providing that the Dept. of Transportation determines that the sculptures will not block views of drivers using the involved roadways.

Sincerely,

Nicholas D. Viest  
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Margaret Price and Barbara Rudder  
Co-Chairs, Parks Committee

**cc:** Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York  
Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
Carolyn Maloney, 14<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Representative  
Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 26<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District  
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### **Re: Proposal to Rehabilitate Two Central Park Adventure-Style Playgrounds**

Dear First Deputy Commissioner Kavanagh:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2014, Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the following resolution by a vote of 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention and 0 not voting for cause.

#### **RESOLUTION**

##### **1a. Playground at East 72<sup>nd</sup> Street**

**WHEREAS** Central Park's East 72<sup>nd</sup> St. Playground is among the park's 16 playgrounds that have not been comprehensively rebuilt in the last decade; and

**WHEREAS** the Central Park Conservancy is proposing renovations to the E. 72<sup>nd</sup> St. Playground that would maximize access for disabled children, expand users' play experiences and blend the area better into Central Park's overall landscape; and

**WHEREAS** changes to the playground's perimeter--among them, replacing the fence with a low seat wall--would provide for seating, while, broadly, reinforcing the area's angular design and overall connection to the park, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8 Manhattan approves of the Central Park Conservancy's plans for the rehabilitation of the East 72<sup>nd</sup> St. Playground in Central Park.

##### **1b. Playground at West 67<sup>th</sup> St**

**WHEREAS** Central Park's West 67<sup>th</sup> St. Playground is among the park's 16 playgrounds that have not been comprehensively rebuilt in the last decade; and

**WHEREAS** the Central Park Conservancy is proposing a variety of renovations to the West 67<sup>th</sup> St. Playground that would improve the playground's connection to the park's overall landscape and address the needs of disabled users; and

**WHEREAS** various changes, including the reopening of the conical climber, fortress and maze structures, will allow the CPC to recreate or reinforce lost or obscured aspects of the playground; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8 Manhattan approves of the Central Park Conservancy's plans for the rehabilitation of the West 67<sup>th</sup> St. Playground in Central Park.

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Marie Warsh, Director of Preservation Planning, Central Park Conservancy