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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 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 72nd Street

WHEREAS Central Park's East 72nd 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. 72nd 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 72nd St. Playground in Central Park.

1b. Playground at West 67th St

WHEREAS Central Park's West 67th 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 67th 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 67th St. Playground in Central Park.

Sincerely,

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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, 14th Congressional District Representative
Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 26th Senatorial District
Micah Kellner, Assemblyman, 65th Assembly District
Assembly Member Dan Quart, 73rd Assembly District
Ben Kallos, NYC Council Speaker, 5th Council District
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