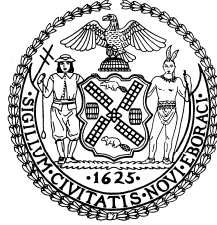


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

May 21, 2015

Hon. Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver
New York City Parks and Recreation
The Arsenal
Central Park
830 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10065

Re: Problems at Ruppert Park—Including Dogs off Leash

Dear Commissioner Silver:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2015, Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the following resolution by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS in the past, Ruppert Park underwent various restorations, many of which proved short-lived and unsuccessful; and

WHEREAS problems, such as rat infestations, inadequate repairs, irrigation problems, and damage by unleashed dogs, persist in this park, and in some cases, are worsening; and

WHEREAS the park's needs would be best addressed through the creation of a broad plan and vision for its use and design; and

WHEREAS such a plan would provide context and direction for Ruppert Park funding, enabling its programs and amenities to be more lasting and desirable to the community; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8, Manhattan (CB8M) urges the Parks Dept. to create a plan that provides an overall vision for the usage and design of Ruppert Park-- and to present this plan to CB8M as soon as possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City should put on hold any major expenditures for Ruppert Park until the requested vision plan is approved by CB8M.

Sincerely,

James G. Clynes
Chairman

Susan Evans and Margaret Price
Co-Chairs, Parks Committee

cc: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York
Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Carolyn Maloney, 12th Congressional District Representative
Hon. Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District
Hon. Dan Quart, 73rd Assembly District
Hon. Rebecca Seawright, 76th District
Hon. Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
Hon. Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District
William Castro, Manhattan Borough Commissioner