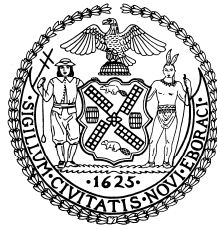


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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

July 21, 2011

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

### **Review of the Central Park Conservancy's Plan to Reconstruct Central Park's East 69<sup>th</sup> St. Entrance and Redesign the Surrounding Landscaping**

Dear Commissioner Benepe:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 2011, Manhattan Community Board 8 voted on the following resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions:

Part A:

**WHEREAS** the East 69<sup>th</sup> St. entrance to Central Park would benefit from an irrigation system to address area drainage problems and prevent soil erosion; and

**WHEREAS** the plan to relocate park benches from the park's East 69<sup>th</sup> St. entrance area to about 20 feet farther into the park would reduce congestion at the park's E. 60<sup>th</sup> St. entrance; and

**WHEREAS** the use of World's Fair-style wood-and-cast iron benches—replacing wood-and-concrete benches--would enable seating near the park's 69<sup>th</sup> St. entrance to conform to current regulations for benches at park entrances; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8, Manhattan, **approves of the Central Park Conservancy's plans to install an irrigation system at Central Park's East 69<sup>th</sup> St. entrance and to relocate area benches some 20 feet farther into the park.** As part of this project, the Board also approves of replacing local wood and concrete benches with regulation World's Fair-style benches and expanding on the plantings around the park's east 69<sup>th</sup> St. entrance.

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 2011, Manhattan Community Board 8 voted on the following resolution by a vote of 28 in favor, 10 opposed and 0 abstentions:

Part B – Path Alignment:

**WHEREAS** the existing shape of the path from Central Park’s E. 69<sup>th</sup> St. entrance into the park helps block street views and noise for those inside the park, thereby enhancing users’ park experience; and

**WHEREAS** somewhat smoothing the path’s existing curve would alter the path’s geometry and dislocate the nearby flagpole as the focal point and center of the area; and

**WHEREAS** a less angular design to the path potentially could spur biking on this pedestrian path; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8, Manhattan, **opposes** the Central Park Conservancy’s plan to change the alignment of the path leading from Central Park’s East 69<sup>th</sup> St. entrance into the park.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Ludorf  
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, 14<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Representative  
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