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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

July 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: Plans for the Renovation of the West 84th St. (Mariners') Playground in Central Park

Dear Commissioner Silver:

At its July meeting, the full CB8M board voted to accept the following resolution passed by the Parks Committee at its July 9, 2015 meeting.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS the West 84th St. (Mariners') Playground in Central Park is among the park's 16 playgrounds not comprehensively rebuilt in the last decade; and

WHEREAS the Central Park Conservancy (CPC) has a multi-year project underway to restore and renovate the park's playgrounds; and

WHEREAS the CPC is proposing renovations that would maximize access for disabled children, expand and enhance pre-school-age children's play experiences and better blend the area into Central Park's overall landscape design; and

WHEREAS the proposed design maintains its open footprint and some of its original features; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8, Manhattan (CB8M) approves of the Central Park Conservancy's plans for the reconstruction of the West 84th Street (Mariners') Playground, provided that the CPC places at the playground a plaque detailing the history of Seneca Village.

Sincerely,

James G. Clynes Chairman

Susan Evans and Margaret Price Co-Chairs, Parks Committee

Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York cc:

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

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William Castro, Manhattan Borough Commissioner

Douglas Blonsky, Central Park Conservancy, President & Central Park Administrator

Sandra Huber, Central Park Conservancy, Director of Program Administration