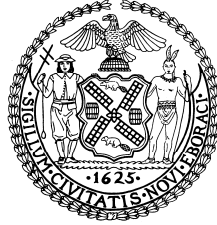


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

October 17, 2013

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

Re: Review of Plans to Reconstruct the Fort Clinton and Nutter's Battery Overlooks in Central Park

Dear Commissioner White:

At the Wednesday, October 16, 2013 meeting, Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the following resolution by a vote of 31 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstentions.

WHEREAS the Central Park Conservancy plans to restore the former rustic character to the Fort Clinton and Nutter's Battery areas of Central Park, which contain impressive views overlooking the Harlem Meer; and

WHEREAS restoration work will take into account the role Ft. Clinton and Nutter's Battery played in the American Revolution and War of 1812 by such moves as restoring the stone monument base at Ft. Clinton, replacing its missing plaque and reinstalling two restored cannons on the base; and

WHEREAS Community Board 8 wishes to emphasize the attractiveness and importance of Ft. Clinton and Nutter's Battery areas of Central Park by including bronze plaques at the sites that describe their history and by ensuring that the paths leading to the sites have adequate lighting; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8, Manhattan approves of the Central Park Conservancy's plans to restore the Fort Clinton and Nutter's Battery areas of Central Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Board 8, Manhattan urges the Conservancy to include bronze plaques at Central Park's Fort Clinton and Nutter's Battery areas that describe their historical importance and asks the Conservancy to examine whether paths leading to these sites have adequate lighting.

Sincerely,

Nicholas D. Viest
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, 14th Congressional District Representative
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Micah Kellner, Assemblyman, 65th Assembly District
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