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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

November 17, 2011

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

Re: Plans for an Older Adults Recreation Area in John Jay Park

Dear Commissioner Benepe:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the following resolution by a vote of 34 in favor, 6 opposed and 5 abstentions:

WHEREAS the growing population of older residents in the area of John Jay Park wish to have a targeted space in which to relax, read, socialize and exercise; and

WHEREAS these residents of Community Board 8 wish to convert the rear area of the park for adults (not in the company of children) who use the park -- with amenities including new plantings, safety surfacing, picnic and checkers tables, retrofit benches and outdoor exercise equipment designed for adults;

WHEREAS Jessica Lappin's office has indicated that they support the three pieces of equipment as proposed by the community;

THEREFORE be it resolved that Manhattan's Community Board 8 requests that the Parks Department implement the scope of work assessment and a plan/design be shown to the community, immediately.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Ludorf
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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
Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 26th Senatorial District
Micah Kellner, Assemblyman, 65th Assembly District
Assembly Member Dan Quart, 73rd Assembly District
Jessica Lappin, NYC Council Speaker, 5th Council District
Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District