

**Alida Camp**  
**Chair**

**Will Brightbill**  
**District Manager**



**The City of New York**  
**Community Board 8 Manhattan**

**505 Park Avenue**  
**Suite 620**  
**New York, N.Y. 10022**  
**(212) 758-4340**  
**(212) 758-4616 (Fax)**  
**www.cb8m.com Website**  
**info@cb8m.com - E-Mail**

April 27, 2020

Mitchell J. Silver  
Commissioner, NYC Department of Parks and Recreation  
The Arsenal, Central Park  
830 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Room 203  
New York, New York 10065

**RE: Central Park Conservancy Presentation on various parks projects, including: Conservancy Conservatory Garden (East 104-106 Streets), Dairy Access Path (65 Street, mid-park), Bendheim Playground (East 100 Street) and Park Perimeter (East 85 to 90 Streets) by Bob Rumsey and Grey Elam-Landscape Architects**

Dear Commissioner Silver,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on April 22, 2020, the board **unanimously** **APPROVED** the following resolution by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

**A. Conservancy Conservatory Garden**

- This has not had a major restoration since 1936 when constructed. Project will not focus on horticulture, which is in good condition.
- The focus of the restoration is on paving and accessibility and will require minor design changes. The “in-kind” work will include paving, retaining walls, curbs, re-piping, electricity, drainage repair and the pergola.
- The concrete paving will be replaced with the original bluestone.
- The French Garden has four sets of stairs, all four of which will be replaced with ADA ramps and handrails.
- Project cost is about 10 million dollars and is expected to start in the fall and be completed in 2 years.

**B. Dairy Access Path**

- Restore and realign crosswalk with a 5-foot wide ADA accessible ramp next to footpath.
- The loggia paving will be restored to its original brick herringbone pattern, retaining and restoring the bluestone banding.
- Project cost is about one million dollars and is expected to start summer/early fall.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** Community Board 8 **APPROVES** the presentation by the Central Park Conservancy on The Conservancy Conservatory Garden and Dairy Access Path.

Sincerely,

*Alida Camp*

Alida Camp  
Chair

*Tricia Shimamura and Barry Schneider*

Tricia Shimamura and M. Barry Schneider  
Co-Chairs, Parks and Waterfront Committee

cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York  
Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Representative  
Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District  
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District  
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member 76<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5<sup>th</sup> Council District  
Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4<sup>th</sup> Council District