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The City of New York
Manhattan Community Board 8

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Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver
New York City Parks and Recreation
The Arsenal
Central Park
830 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10065

Re: Review of plans for the remodeling of the comfort station at 24 Sycamores Playground

Dear Commissioner Silver:

At its June 15, 2016 Full Board meeting, the full CB8M board voted to adopt the following resolution by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the heavily used comfort station at 24 Sycamores Playground is an aging facility in need of restoration and remodeling to make it compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS the Parks Dept. has proposed an array of needed improvements to the park's comfort station and area immediately around it; and

WHEREAS specific upgrades to the comfort station include: larger cubicles for toilets (expanded from 75 square feet to 86 square feet); hollow metal doors; windows with perforated steel security screens; an aluminum roof; and removing paint from, and repointing, the building's masonry; and

WHEREAS improvements to the area around the comfort station include: installing new asphalt pavers to replace the present concrete surfacing; replacing the fence near the swings; replacing the nozzle on the water spray; repairing the base of the flag pole; updating the protective surfacing under the swings; and regrading the landscape to create a barrier-free design; and,

WHEREAS these proposed upgrades aim to make the park more accessible to all interested users; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that CB8M approves of the Parks Dept.'s proposed renovations at 24 Sycamores Playground, including the remodeling of its comfort station and the improvements to the park's surrounding landscape, pavement, fencing and flag pole base.

Sincerely,

James G. Clynes
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Susan Evans and Margaret Price
Co-Chairs, Parks Committee

cc: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York
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 Assembly District
Hon. Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District
Hon. Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
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