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May 23, 2016

William T. Castro
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
Arsenal West, 24 West 61st Street, 5th Floor
New York, NY 10023

Dear Commissioner Castro:

At its Full Board Committee meeting on May 19, 2016, Community Board #2, Manhattan adopted the following resolution:

Resolution in support of agreement and plan from NYC Department of Parks and Recreation and the National Park Service on Christopher Park Operations

Whereas

1. This committee passed a resolution in July, 2015, in support of the proposed creation of the Stonewall National Historic Monument.
2. The plan for maintenance and operation of Christopher Park, if it were to be transferred to the federal government for the establishment of this new national park unit, has been an unanswered question.
3. The NYC Department of Parks and Recreation and the National Park Service have been meeting to plan to this end.
4. An outline of a proposed agreement between the two agencies describing how they are jointly agreeing to develop a long-term partnership to efficiently and effectively manage Christopher Park and ensure a seamless continuation of services and access to the park, again, assuming Christopher Park is transferred and the national park unit is established, has been presented to our committee.
5. The National Park Service has assured Community Board 2 that it will work to construct a formal agreement with the Christopher Park Alliance for the maintenance and operation of the park, if the national park is established.

Therefore be it resolved that Community Board 2, Manhattan:

1. Supports this plan and appreciates of the efforts to strike this agreement.
2. Asks that a documented role for the Christopher Park Alliance be formalized by the National Park Service as soon as possible after approval of the establishment of the national park.

VOTE: Unanimous, with 34 Board Members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,



Tobi Bergman, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Richard Caccappolo, Chair
Parks & Waterfront Committee
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Dear Commissioner Castro:

At its Full Board Committee meeting on May 19, 2016, Community Board #2, Manhattan adopted the following resolution:

Resolution in support of the design for the renovation of the comfort station at Seravalli Playground

Whereas

1. Corporal John A. Seravalli Playground, located at Horatio and Hudson Streets, was renovated and re-opened in 2011, and reconstruction of the comfort station located within it was planned to follow.
2. The NYC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has completed a schematic design for this project to renovate and reconstruct this building, has approved it internally, is in the process of submitting it for comment and approval by external regulatory agencies.
3. The budget for this renovation project is \$1.2M.
4. The comfort station is a landmarked building, so the outline of the structure must remain as is.
5. The new design makes the building ADA compliant.
6. All finishes, windows, doors, toilet compartments, and mechanical/electrical/plumbing systems will be replaced and the weather vane will be refurbished.
7. The mechanical space will be reduced so that the bathrooms can be larger, and there is potential for storage of playground equipment within the building.
8. Changing tables in each bathroom will be included in the design.
9. The DPR assured the committee that the comfort station will be maintained daily during the busy season by a DPR staff person specifically assigned to this task.

Therefore be it resolved that Community Board 2, Manhattan:

Supports this proposed renovation, the design of which was presented to our community and community by the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation.

VOTE: Unanimous, with 34 Board Members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

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At its Full Board Committee meeting on May 19, 2016, Community Board #2, Manhattan adopted the following resolution:

Resolution in support of the project to clear Gansevoort Peninsula

Whereas

1. Gansevoort Peninsula, the land of which is owned by the State, the buildings that currently exist on it are owned by the City, and the operations currently performed there are performed by the NYC Sanitation Department, is in the process of being cleared after which this large area will be turned over to the Hudson River Park Trust.
2. The NYC Department of Design and Construction (DDC) is running the project for the Sanitation Department, with involvement of Department of Buildings, DOT, and the Fire Department, and came in front of our committee to discuss the plans and status
3. The effort involves demolition of all buildings, removal of all buildings and foundations, and removal and replacement of five feet of soil.
4. When the project is completed, the team will leave a clean gravel surface with surrounding fencing and solar-powered night time lighting in order to make it secure location.
5. The current schedule is anticipating completion by winter 2017 (March, 2017, i.e., 10 months from now).
6. The DDC representative said that toxic materials are not expected to be found during this project and the replacement of the five feet of soil should ensure safe conditions, but if any such materials are found during the demolition process, whether in the buildings and/or in the soil, such issues will be addressed safely, which could extend the schedule.

Therefore be it resolved that Community Board 2, Manhattan:

Supports this project, the plan for and status of which was presented was presented to our committee and community by the New York City Department of Design and Construction.

VOTE: Unanimous, with 34 Board Members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

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