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**Resolution for Hansborough Recreation Center NYC Parks
Renovation Project**

WHEREAS Hansborough Recreation Center is located at 35 West 134th Street on Lenox Terrace Place between Malcolm X Boulevard and 5th Avenue in the Borough of Manhattan in Community Board 10; and

WHEREAS the facility was originally constructed in 1922 and opened to the public on June 1, 1925 as the 134th Street Bathhouse under Manhattan Borough President Julius Miller, to promote public health, hygiene and recreation. A 1927 news article described the Harlem facility as a stunning natatorium (indoor swimming pool) decorated with tiles, mosaics and ceramic panels depicting sea creatures; and

WHEREAS the project will reconstruct the entrance and interior spaces of the Hansborough Recreation Center, including upgrade of the canopy and signs at the building entry, renovation of the lobby, vestibule, 4th floor fitness room and create access to the running track via spiral staircase and infill with glass removal; and

WHEREAS the schematic design for the project has been approved internally by the NYC Parks Department and is now undergoing review by external regulatory agencies; and

WHEREAS the upgrades will promote greater safety and more optimal utilization of the Hansborough Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS the 6,000 SF site is not landmarked; and

WHEREAS the renovations will make the facility fully code compliant and eligible for New York City Department of Buildings Certificate of Occupancy; and

WHEREAS the NYC Parks Department presented preliminary design plans for the Hansborough Recreation Center detailing proposed renovations at the November 9th, 2016 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting; and

WHEREAS the average time for procurement is 9 months. The procurement timeline for the project will be established at the end of the design phase; and

WHEREAS the average time for construction is 12-18 months and the Hansborough Recreation Center will continue to operate during the construction; and

WHEREAS renovations of the Hansborough Recreation Center, one of 5 centers selected out of a total of 35 NYC Parks Department Recreation Centers citywide, will total between \$1 million and \$3 million and will be funded by the Mayor’s Community Parks Initiative; and

WHEREAS the proposed renovations will upgrade the fitness and recreational amenities, enhance the environmental qualities of the site and facilitate increased recreational use of the site; and

WHEREAS studies by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention substantiate that creating, improving and promoting places to be physically active can improve individual and community health and result in a 25 percent increase of residents who exercise at least three times per week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Manhattan Community Board 10 supports the City’s efforts to upgrade, through renovations and new designs the Hansborough Recreation Center.

YES ___ NO ___ ABSTAIN ___

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