



June 3, 2015

Resolution for Martin Luther King, Jr. Playground - NYC Parks Renovation Project

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr. Playground is located on Lenox Avenue/Malcolm X Boulevard between West 113th and West 114th Streets in the Borough of Manhattan in Community Board 10; and

WHEREAS, a public scoping session was held on February 26, 2015, which included the collaboration of New York City Parks Department architects, consultants, and the local community and stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2015 the Parks Department presented to the Manhattan CB 10 Parks and Recreation Committee the proposed concept design for the renovation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Playground and solicited our comments; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2015 the Parks Department presented to the Manhattan CB 10 Parks and Recreation Committee the proposed final design incorporating community input for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Playground; and

WHEREAS, the proposed renovation will upgrade the active play amenities, enhance the environmental qualities of the site, facilitate increased passive recreational use of the site, clarify user circulation and improve the experience of arriving at and entering the park; and

WHEREAS, the existing comfort station will undergo renovation as a separate project; and

WHEREAS, construction is expected to begin in the Fall of 2016 and be ongoing for one year, ending in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the NYC Parks Community Parks Initiative program will include funding for ongoing maintenance post-renovation; and

WHEREAS, improving public parks and open space is integral to livable communities and has a direct impact on the everyday quality of life for our residents, from fighting blight to facilitating physical activity and better health in our neighborhoods;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on June 3, 2015 the Manhattan Community Board 10 supports the City's efforts to upgrade through renovation and a new design Martin Luther King, Jr. Playground with a vote of 34 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.