



**Community Board 12 - Manhattan  
Washington Heights & Inwood**

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September 25, 2012

Hon. Veronica M. White  
Commissioner  
NYC Parks & Recreation  
The Arsenal – Central Park  
830 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
New York, NY 10065

Dear Commissioner White:

At the General Meeting on Monday, September 24, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (29) In Favor, (1) Opposed, (0) Abstain, (1) Not Voting supporting the City of New York's Department of Parks and Recreation's proposed layout plan and project design of water service for Isham Park.

- Whereas: Isham Park, a 20.1 acre park located between Broadway and Seaman Avenue from Isham Street to 215<sup>th</sup> Street, was donated by Julia Isham Taylor in remembrance of her father in 1912 and another family member who later donated an additional parcel to the City to form today's Isham Park. Julia wanted the estate's views of the Hudson and Harlem Rivers, the Harlem River Ship Canal and Spuyten Duyvil to be preserved for future generations to enjoy; and
- Whereas: Isham Park is one of the most valued cultural and recreational gathering spaces for the Inwood community and also serves as an important link for foot traffic for many Inwood residents to the commercial and transportation hubs located on Broadway; and
- Whereas: Council Member Robert Jackson allocated \$750,000 for construction of water service at Isham Park to improve the park experience for residents and visitors and to support work of park gardeners and volunteers; and
- Whereas: At its September meeting the Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee was presented with a layout plan and project design for Laura Drawbaugh, a Landscape Architect with City of New York Parks and Recreation, and Yelena Lyubarskaya, an engineer with City of New York Parks and Recreation; and
- Whereas: The project includes two drinking fountains, with a dog drinking bowls, one on the upper lawn where the three paths intersect and one at the western terminus of Isham Alley (Liriope Triangle); and
- Whereas: The project also includes seven (7) irrigation connections where hoses can receive water for nearby horticulture; and

Whereas: The locations are: Seaman Avenue at Isham Street, Seaman Avenue immediately south of the 214<sup>th</sup> street stairs, the southeast corner of Bruce's Garden, the eastern and western ends of the Isham Alley, the Memorial Circle and the center of the lawn by the new drinking fountain; and

Whereas: In addition a required Buckner Box, which contains a reverse backflow preventer valve, will be installed in the alley to improve drainage and some repairs will be made at the Memorial Circle; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: Community Board 12-Manhattan supports the City of New York's Department of Parks and Recreation's proposed layout plan and project design of water service for Isham Park.

Thank you for your interest in this matter. We look forward to a favorable response to our request.

Sincerely,



Pamela Palanque - North  
Chair

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President  
Hon. Charles Rangel, Congressman  
Hon. Bill Perkins, State Senator  
Hon. Adriano Espaillat, State Senator  
Hon. Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Assembly Member  
Hon. Guillermo Linares, Assembly Member  
Hon. Robert Jackson, Council Member  
Hon. Ydanis Rodriguez, Council Member  
Hon. William T. Castro, Borough Commissioner, DPR  
Jennifer Hoppa, Northern Manhattan Parks Administrator  
Yelena Lyubarskaya, Engineer - NYC Parks & Rec. Olmsted Center Flushing  
Laura Drawbaugh, Landscape Architect - NYC Parks & Rec. Olmsted Center Flushing