



## Community Board 12 - Manhattan Washington Heights & Inwood

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George Fernández Jr. - Chairman  
Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

Apr. 29, 2015

Hon. Mitchell Silver  
Commissioner  
NYC Parks & Recreation  
The Arsenal - 830 5th Avenue  
New York, NY 10065

Dear Commissioner Silver:

Please be advised that at the General Meeting Tuesday, Apr. 28, 2015 Community Board 12 Manhattan passed a resolution by a vote of (29) In Favor, (3) Opposed, (0) Abstain, (1) Not Voting (1) supporting the plan presented by NYRP; and (2) encouraging NYC's Public Design Commission to approve the proposed building; and (3) encouraging NYRP to pursue the installation of solar panels for some of the building's power needs.

Whereas: the New York Restoration Project (NYRP) has completed Phase I of its clean-up of an area of the Harlem River waterfront in the Sherman Creek area funded largely by a \$950k grant from the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, following NYC Department of Parks & Recreation's significant clean-up of the area located at Dyckman Street's eastern terminus, at the Harlem River's edge; and

Whereas: NYRP presented the proposed design for its new environmental administrative facility at the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan's (CB12M) Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee; and

Whereas: The existing structure is no longer safe or practical for general public access, but will be upgraded for continued use for storage and other staff use; and

Whereas: The modular, prefabricated one-story building would be approximately 2100 square feet in size and would include a multipurpose meeting room for public programming and staff training, staff offices and locker rooms, and ADA-compliant public restrooms; and

Whereas: Green infrastructure components will include composting toilets and reuse of grey water from sinks for rain garden irrigation; and

Whereas: This project, which is anticipated to begin construction in the Fall of 2015 and will be implemented through a city funded contract with the NYC Department of Design & Construction is consistent with the goals approved by CB12M in a resolution dated September 27, 2011, approval for which expired in 2013 before the project was completed; now

Therefore, Be It

Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan supports the plan presented by NYRP and encourages NYC's Public Design Commission to approve the proposed building; and be it further

Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan encourages NYRP to pursue the installation of solar panels for some of the building's power needs.

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

Sincerely,

  
for George Fernandez, Jr.  
Chair

cc: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor  
Hon. Gail Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
Hon. Letitia James, Public Advocate  
Hon. Scott Stringer, Comptroller  
Hon. Charles B. Rangel, Congressman

Hon. Adriano Espaillat, NY State Senator  
Hon. Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Assembly Member  
Hon. Guillermo Linares, Assembly Member  
Hon. Ydanis Rodriguez, Council Member  
Hon. Mark Levine, Council Member