

PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – COMMUNITY BOARD 12-MANHATTAN

APRIL 3, 2012

**RESOLUTION:** To support the reconstruction of the path and stairs and miscellaneous site work behind the Cottage and leading down to the Henry Hudson Parkway within the southwest portion of Fort Tryon Park (Contract No. M029-210M), as proposed by the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation.

Whereas: Fort Tryon Park was constructed between 1927 and 1935. The land was purchased and developed by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and the park was designed by the prominent landscape architecture firm, the Olmsted Brothers. Upon completion, the park was given as a gift to the city and has since been a vibrant and highly valued part of the northern Manhattan community; and

Whereas: In 1938 The Cloisters Museum opened, making Fort Tryon Park an important regional destination; and

Whereas: Fort Tryon Park is also the home of the incomparable Heather Garden, the largest public garden with unrestricted access in New York City, also notable for its striking views of the Hudson River, the Palisades and the George Washington Bridge; and

Whereas: In 1983 Fort Tryon Park was designated an official City scenic landmark; and

Whereas: Certain parts of the park have deteriorated over the past several decades. One such section is the southwest portion below the Cottage and down to the Henry Hudson Parkway; and

Whereas: Council Member Robert Jackson has allocated \$784,000 for the project to reconstruct and renovate the paths, stairs and other elements in this section of the park, which will not only result in increased utilization and an improved experience for visitors to Fort Tryon but also will enhance security by providing increased access for New York Police Department and New York City Parks Enforcement Patrol vehicles; and

Whereas: Asphalt pavements, stairs, landings, water fountains and drainage systems need to be refurbished or rebuilt and modernized, and new benches with armrests need to be installed, to create a safe and inviting environment for the public; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: Community Board 12-Manhattan supports the design for the reconstruction of the path and stairs and miscellaneous site work behind the Cottage and leading to the Henry Hudson Parkway within the southwest portion of Fort Tryon Park (Contract No. M029-210M), as proposed by the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation.

**The resolution passed based on the following votes:**

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>
Committee Members	5	0	0
Public Member	0	0	0
Board Members	0	0	0
Members of the Public	21	0	0