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William T. Castro
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
Arsenal West
24 West 61st Street, 5th Floor
New York, NY 10023

Dear Commissioner Castro:

At its Full Board Committee meeting on February 16, Community Board #2, Manhattan adopted the following resolution:

Resolution in Support of Interim Park in Duarte Square

Whereas

1. Representatives of Trinity Church Real Estate and NYC Parks & Department came before our committee discuss plans and present designs for an interim renovation of the brick-paved, 13,200 sq ft triangle on the north side of Canal at 6th Ave.
2. This Parks Dept. space must be renovated by June 30th of 2017 and this post-renovation version will be the interim park while Trinity Church Real Estate develops 2 Hudson Square in the adjacent lot.
3. The permanent version of this park has to be in place by June 30, 2021.
4. The cost of this renovation and the ongoing cost of maintenance of it has not been finalized, but it will be completely paid for by Trinity Church Real Estate.
5. The space currently contains a Citibike station and the plan is for this station to remain. Though CB2 is not in favor of Citibike racks being installed in park spaces, we accept this decision to continue to house this station in this interim park.
6. Representatives agreed to look at ways to improve pedestrian safety on the Canal St. side of the renovated park (open space).
7. Representatives agreed to review if the current number of lighting fixtures (6) will be sufficient for the new design.
8. Parks Department agreed to that programming ideas will be proposed to this committee for review and approval and our committee encouraged those responsible for programming to consider ideas that will appeal more to local residents rather than to tourists.

Therefore be it resolved that Community Board 2, Manhattan supports this proposed renovation design and plan for this interim park in Duarte Square.

VOTE: Unanimous, with 38 Board Members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,



Terri Cude, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Richard Caccappolo, Chair
Parks & Waterfront Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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- c: Hon. Jerrold Nadler, Congressman
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 Hon. Deborah J. Glick, Assembly Speaker
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