

**Community Board 7 Resolution
Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument
February 6, 2007**

WHEREAS, the plaza area south of Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument is heavily used by a variety of active and passive user groups, is in severely deteriorated condition, and is badly in need of restoration; and

WHEREAS, the planning process for the proposed restoration has been very long, and has included substantial and repeated outreach to user groups and preservation advocates; and

WHEREAS, the surrounding conditions with regard to the buildings, traffic and user community on and near Riverside Drive have radically changed in the past century, since the time when the Monument and the adjacent plaza were originally constructed; and

WHEREAS, the proposed design takes into account these changed conditions, and provides continued accessibility of the historic cannons, improved sight lines for the overlook, adequate space for ceremonial use relating to the Monument, accommodation to the needs of diverse active and passive users, and an improvement in the site's horticulture, including the reintroducing green areas; and

WHEREAS, restoration of the plaza area to its 1902 design would be neither practical nor desirable because of the radically changed uses of the site since that date; and

WHEREAS, the proposed design takes into account and pays homage to both the 1902 design and the 1935 redesign of the plaza; and

WHEREAS, the proposed design's use of materials, including grassy areas, paving materials, lighting, benches and other amenities is designed to provide maximum usability consistent with accommodating reasonable maintenance concerns;

Be it Resolved that Community Board 7, Manhattan, approves the final design for the reconstruction the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument plaza.

Committee: 6-0-0-0.

Community Board 7 Resolution
Central Park, East Side Landscapes between East 96th to East 108th Streets
February 6, 2007

Full Board Vote: 28 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the proposed final design for the East Meadow does not differ significantly from the design previously approved by Community Board 7/Manhattan by resolution at its June, 2002 regular meeting; and

WHEREAS, the proposed design addresses long-standing infrastructure and drainage problems, particularly in the East Meadow, which is heavily used for non-permitted ball sports; and

WHEREAS, the proposed design for "The "Mount" section of the east side landscape will rationalize and improve pedestrian circulation, divert pedestrian traffic from the park's composting facility and reopen a gate to the Conservatory Garden, providing access to its comfort station; and

WHEREAS, the proposed design for the northern "forts" section of the east side landscape is largely restorative; and

WHEREAS, the proposed materials, including paving and curbing materials for pedestrian paths, are appropriate to the historical character of Central Park and will constitute an appropriate unified design element throughout these adjacent landscapes; and

WHEREAS, the Central Park Conservancy has stated that it will return to the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan with detailed proposals for certain features within the east side landscape, specifically the redesign of the 102nd Street entrance drive, the landscaping of The Mount and conservation and site amenities at the forts;

Be it Resolved THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan approves the final design for the reconstruction of the east side landscape between the East Meadow and the Harlem Meer in Central Park, but does not take any action with regard to the redesign of the 102nd Street entrance drive, the landscaping of The Mount or the conservation and site amenities at the forts, which design elements it will consider following a future detailed presentation.

Committee: 5-0-0-0.

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