

PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – COMMUNITY BOARD 12-MANHATTAN

SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

RESOLUTION: 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 215th Street, was donated by Julia Isham Taylor to the City in remembrance of her father in 1912. 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 Jason 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 garden and volunteers; and

Whereas: At its September committee meeting the Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee were 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, one on the upper lawn where the three path 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 adjunct horticulture; and

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

Whereas: In addition, required Buckner Box (PRZ’s) will be installed, a scale will be installed in the alley to improve drainage, some repairs will be make at the Memorial Circle

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.

The resolution passed based on the following votes:

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>
Committee Members	4	0	0
Board Members	0	0	0
Members of the Public	5	0	2