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Resolution - Swedish Cottage Roof Restoration

WHEREAS, The Swedish Cottage is located in Central Park at West 79th Street & The West Drive in Manhattan; and

WHEREAS The Swedish Cottage is part of the Central Park Scenic Landmark; and

WHEREAS The scope of work is restorative and includes a roof replacement and repairs to the existing ramp; and

WHEREAS This is a City Capital Project managed by the Historic House Trust and NYC Parks. (Central Parks Conservancy is aware of the work); and

WHEREAS The work presented to Manhattan Community Board 10 is only the portion that requires review by the Landmarks Commission at a public hearing. This proposed work is being done in conjunction with a full exterior building restoration and roof replacement; and

WHEREAS The NYC Parks Architectural Conservator Historic Houses presented before the Manhattan CB 10 Parks and Recreation Committee on September 11th, 2024; and

WHEREAS The scope of work presented to Manhattan Community Board 10 includes:

- Replacement of the existing wood railings and balustrades with new bronze metal railings throughout all exterior stairs and ramp.
 - The bronze metal railings will be installed at the repaired and restored existing wood posts. Metal has been selected for its strength, longevity, and easy of maintenance. It will allow for a more minimal profile of railing than wood that will be less visually impactful than the existing. The existing wood railing and balustrades are not historic and date to the 1980s restoration.
- Installation of two ground-set flag poles adjacent to the ramp at the North Façade.
 - One aim of this project was to fly the Swedish flag. To meet the requirements for flying a foreign country flag two poles are needed for every installation, one for the US and one for the other country. The flag poles are a standard size (25'), will be bronze finished, and will sit below the height of the roof ridge to lessen their visibility and impact on the historic building. A visibility study is included in the presentation. The flag poles will be installed following the NYC Parks standards and will require DOB and PDC review; and

WHEREAS NYC Parks anticipate that construction is expected to be completed in _____. The Conservancy is working with NYC Parks to develop a plan to minimize inconvenience and to identify interim locations for existing programs during the construction period; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that during the October 2, 2024 General Board Meeting, Manhattan Community Board 10 voted unanimously to support the effort of New York City Parks to upgrade the landmarked Swedish Cottage, located in Central Park, through restoration which will include roof replacement and repairs to the existing ramp.