



## Community Board 12 - Manhattan Washington Heights & Inwood

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March 1, 2019

Hon. Mitchell J. Silver  
Commissioner of NYC Department of Parks & Recreation  
830 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10065

### **Re: Resolution supporting New York Road Runners Installation of Mile Markers in Inwood Hill Park.**

Dear Commissioner Silver:

Please be advised that Community Board 12, Manhattan, passed a resolution with 36 votes in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstentions, 1 not voting, at its Tuesday, February 26, 2019 General Meeting, supporting the proposed installation by the New York Road Runners of mile markers in Inwood Hill Park; and encouraging the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation and the Public Design Commission to approve the New York Road Runners proposal for the installation of mile Markers in Inwood Hill Park.

**Whereas:** The New York Road Runners (NYRR) mission is to help inspire people through running, and operates many community running programs in parks in addition to the NYC Marathon and other better-known events; and

**Whereas:** NYRR presented to the Community Board 12, Manhattan Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee on February 12, 2019 a proposal to install seventeen 30" tall x 8" wide graffiti-resistant mile markers in Inwood Hill Park beginning at the Seaman/Isham Avenues entrance and looping around the baseball field, Gaelic Field, and 218<sup>th</sup> Street peninsula for a total of 1.8 miles, with a 1-mile inner loop that turns at 215<sup>th</sup> St.; and

**Whereas:** The markers would be marked on both sides so that runners and walkers would know how far they'd gone and had to go regardless of direction, and would have a map on top to show relative location within the trail; and

**Whereas:** The markers would not bear any branding or advertising, are unobtrusive, and will be sited to avoid trees canopies, tree roots, and other vegetation; and

**Whereas:** Installation and perpetual maintenance of the markers would be at NYRR's sole expense; and

**Whereas:** Similar markers have been installed with general success in Astoria and Cunningham Parks in Queens and are planned for parks in Brooklyn and the Bronx and on Staten Island in addition to Inwood Hill Park, and the Parks Department has requested that NYRR consider future installations in Central, Prospect, and Van Cortlandt Parks; and

**Whereas:** Wayfinding markers and other navigational aids increase the use of public parks for recreation and exercise, which in turn has a positive impact on public enjoyment, public safety, and public health; and

**Whereas:** The markers, if approved, will be installed later this year or in the spring of 2020; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved:** Community Board 12, Manhattan supports the proposed installation by the New York Road Runners of mile markers in Inwood Hill Park; and be it further

**Resolved:** Community Board 12, Manhattan encourages the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation and the Public Design Commission to approve the New York Road Runners proposal for the installation of mile Markers in Inwood Hill Park.

Sincerely,



Richard R. Lewis  
Chairperson

cc: Hon. William Castro, Borough Commissioner NYC Parks  
Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor  
Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
Hon. Jumaane Williams, Public Advocate  
Hon. Scott M. Stringer, Comptroller  
Hon. Adriano Espaillat, Congressman  
Hon. Signe Nielsen, Commissioner NYC PDC  
Ms. Jennifer Hoppa, Northern Manhattan Parks Administrator

Hon. Robert Jackson, State Senator  
Hon. Brian Benjamin, State Senator  
Hon. Carmen De La Rosa, Assembly Member  
Hon. Al Taylor, Assembly Member  
Hon. Ydanis Rodriguez, Council Member  
Hon. Mark Levine, Council Member  
Hon. George Hirsch, Chairman NY Road Runners