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

Re: Chelsea Park Renovation

Dear Commissioner Silver,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (“MCB4”), thanks you and your staff for their presentation to MCB4’s Waterfront, Parks & Environment Committee (“WPE”) on the renovation of the Chelsea Park basketball courts and fitness area. At the MCB4 December 4th Full Board meeting, the Full Board voted 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining and 0 present but not eligible to vote, to support the park refurbishment plan as presented with the following changes and enhancements:

1. We encourage the addition of basketball hoops with lower rim heights appropriate for kindergarten through 5th graders. They should be 6-8 feet and placed along the sideline of the main basketball court. This will match the size and strength of young children and encourage grade schoolers’ participation. The recommended heights are supported by the American Sport Education Program (ASEP).
2. Please incorporate color into the look and equipment in the adult fitness area. The blacks and grays are uninviting and drab. We understand the intention of making the distinction from the children’s play area, but this does not preclude the ability to make the adult fitness space aesthetically pleasing, as well.
3. Please consider a powder coating for the fitness equipment. These coatings protect the durability of the equipment. They are ultraviolet (UV) resistant and scratch and chip resistant which is needed to withstand the anticipated wear and tear and increase the longevity.

The Board and community are looking forward to the Chelsea Park updates and appreciate working with the NYC Parks Department on this project.

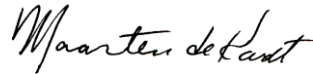
Sincerely,



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