

KYLE ATHAYDE  
CHAIR

MARK THOMPSON, FIRST VICE CHAIR  
SANDRO SHERROD, SECOND VICE CHAIR



JESÚS PÉREZ  
DISTRICT MANAGER

VACANT, TREASURER  
MATT BONDY, SECRETARY

THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD SIX  
211 EAST 43RD STREET, SUITE 1404  
NEW YORK, NY 10017

**VIA E-MAIL**

June 9, 2022

Susan M. Donoghue  
Commissioner  
New York City Department of Parks & Recreation  
830 Fifth Ave  
New York, NY, 10065

**Supporting a new dog run on the East River Esplanade, between 38th and 39th Streets**

At the June 8, 2022 Full Board meeting of Manhattan Community Board Six, the Board adopted the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the community-based organization Friends of the East River Esplanade Dog Run is addressing the need to create a dog run along the East River Esplanade, between 38<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> Streets;

**WHEREAS**, the Kips Bay area has a growing population of dogs as evidenced by the number of dog licenses; currently, over 5,351 licenses have been issued, making it one of the densest dog populations in a district;

**WHEREAS**, dogs need room to exercise and socialize, leading to healthier, safer lives and positive interactions with other people. However, there are no dog runs in Kips Bay; in fact most of Midtown is void of any dog parks;

**WHEREAS**, dog runs promote responsible dog ownership and provide an outlet for dog owners to socialize. Dog parks also prevent off-leash animals from infringing on the rights of other community residents and park users such as joggers, small children, and those who may be fearful of dogs;

**WHEREAS**, the East River Esplanade is an ideal location for a dog run due to its accessibility for all, yet not set near residential areas circumventing noise and environmental concerns;

**WHEREAS**, the efforts to create a dog run will be led by a volunteer group who will seek to build a volunteer base, develop a communications plan, and raise funds to sustain the park in future years.

**WHEREAS**, the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation supports the community in building a new dog run and will assist in the design efforts;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Manhattan Community Board Six strongly supports the Friends of the East River Esplanade Dog Run in their efforts to create a new dog run along the East River Esplanade, between 38<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> Streets.

**VOTE: 37 In favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstain 1 Not entitled**

Best regards,



Jesús Pérez  
District Manager

Cc: Hon. Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President  
Hon. Keith Powers, Council Member  
Hon. Harvey Epstein, Assembly Member  
Kevin O'Keefe, Chair, CB6 Environment & Parks Committee  
Shena Kaufman, New York City Department of Parks & Recreation