

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING and COMMENT PERIOD

PROPOSED LEASE AGREEMENT
between
HUDSON RIVER PARK TRUST
and
INTREPID MUSEUM FOUNDATION

Pursuant to Section 7(6) of the Hudson River Park Act (the “Act”) for a proposed Significant Action affecting Hudson River Park, the Hudson River Park Trust (the “Trust”) hereby gives notice of a public hearing and comment period to consider a proposed new 30-year-term lease agreement between the Trust and Intrepid Museum Foundation (“Intrepid”), a not-for-profit corporation, for premises located at Pier 86 (including the pier and adjacent lands underwater) for museum and certain ancillary purposes consistent with the Act (hereafter, the “Proposed Lease”). Intrepid currently operates under an existing lease that predates the creation of Hudson River Park at the same location.

Submission of Written Comments

The public comment period on the Proposed Lease runs from January 15, 2021 to March 19, 2021. All written comments must be received at the Trust’s office by 1:00 pm on March 19. Comments should be emailed to intrepidlease@hrpt.ny.gov. Sending comments by email is preferred but the Trust will also accept written comment letters sent by mail, express mail or personally delivered and received by March 19. Such letters should be addressed to Hudson River Park Trust, Pier 40, 353 West Street, Room 201, New York, NY 10014, Attn. Nicole Cuttino.

Public Hearing

A public hearing is being held in compliance with the requirements of the Hudson River Park Act regarding Significant Actions and New York’s Executive Order 202.1 that provided temporary changes to the Opens Meeting Law due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The virtual public hearing will be held on February 17, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The public can access the meeting via Zoom at:

<https://zoom.us/j/92672710875?pwd=cEJrVTRrS3duY3JpQVpleXFYeFVNdz09>

Meeting ID: 926 7271 0875

Passcode: 567159

The public may call-into the Zoom meeting at:

1-646-558-8656; Meeting ID: 926 7271 0875

or by using the One tap mobile:

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Process to Provide Oral Comments at Public Hearing

Anyone wishing to make an oral statement at the public hearing must do one of the following:

- (1) Prior to noon on February 17, notify Julie Kubelka at jkubelka@hrpt.ny.gov of the commenter's intent to provide an oral comment during the hearing and provide a full name and affiliation (if applicable) and, if participating by phone, the phone number that will be used to connect to the hearing; or
- (2) during the public hearing, submit a request to speak using the "Chat" function on Zoom and providing the commenter's full name and affiliation (if applicable); or
- (3) request to speak when the Hearing Officer asks if there are any additional speakers that wish to provide an oral comment after all others that have registered in advance or submitted a request via Chat have spoken. (For such commenters, the Hearing Officer will unmute the video and phone for this purpose.)

Written and Oral Comments will be given equal weight. During the hearing, those who have submitted a request to speak before the hearing will be heard first, and then others will be heard in the order received on the Zoom Chat function, and last by anyone requesting to speak at the end of the hearing.

Please contact Julie Kubelka or Nicole Cuttino at 212-627-2020 or via their email addresses listed in this notice one week prior to the hearing date if you need a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter or foreign language interpreter, in order to participate in the virtual public hearing.

Summary of the Proposed Lease

Pursuant to the terms of the Proposed Lease, the Intrepid may occupy and use the Pier 86 premises only for the operation of the museum and related ancillary uses. The primary museum exhibit is the U.S.S. Intrepid, an aircraft carrier listed on the National Register of Historic Places and a designated National Historic Landmark.

Under the Proposed Lease, Intrepid would be required to maintain free public access, subject only to security screening, to the open space located on the surface deck of Pier 86 during museum hours. Intrepid would be further obligated to maintain all public improvements upon the pier deck, the marine structures within the premises including pier piles and bulkheads, the welcome center and vessels docked at the pier, including the U.S.S. Intrepid. As Intrepid is a non-profit Museum which educational, cultural and historic preservation activities advance the mission of the Trust, rental under the Proposed Lease is \$1 per year.

Because Intrepid is an existing tenant using the same premises in a manner and for a purpose substantially identical to that set forth in the existing lease, the Proposed Lease is a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

A copy of the Proposed Lease can be found on the Trust's website at <https://hudsonriverpark.org/activities/intrepid-2>.

Contact: If there are any questions about this notice, please contact Nicole Cuttino, Deputy General Counsel, at ncuttino@hrpt.ny.gov or 212-627-2020.