MINUTES OF MEETING OF
THE DESIGN COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
HUDSON RIVER PARK TRUST

April 27, 2022 at 12:00 pm
Pier 40, New York, NY
and Virtual Via Zoom

Director Attendees: Lowell Kern, Rose Harvey, Pamela Frederick, Leslie Wright on behalf of OPRHP, Patrick Foster on behalf of NYSDEC, and Alda Chan on behalf of NYC Parks & Recreation

Trust Attendees: Noreen Doyle, Kevin Quinn, Kate O’Malley, Lupe Frattini, Evan William, Robert Atterbury, Kim Quinones, Rob Rodriguez, and Christine Fazio

President Doyle thanked the Directors for joining the meeting and introduced the Design and Construction staff that were participating. Kevin Quinn provided updates on current construction activities in Hudson River Park, including at Pier 97, Gansevoort Peninsula, Chelsea Waterside Park, Pier 84 Dog Run and Pier 40. Kate O’Malley then provided an overview of future projects, including the Science Play Area and Estuarium in the upland area near Pier 26, and the status of a new crosswalk proposed by the 550 Washington Street developer to be located immediately to the north of the tennis courts and south of Houston Street. Ms. O’Malley also explained that the restoration of the “Private Passage” Sculpture, sometimes referred to as the “bottle”, was completed and reinstalled in the Clinton Cove portion of the Park yesterday.

Kevin Quinn next provided updates on the design refinements related to safety, play and education experience, and other aspects for the Science Play Area being funded through Hudson River Park Friends. The goal is to release construction documents for procurement later this year.

President Doyle then mentioned that the Trust plans to release an RFP for a design team for the redevelopment of the 29th to 44th Streets area, which includes a number of complicated land use issues including the planned Gateway Tunnel. She mentioned an opportunity for the Trust to create a new interim park use within the composting area near 34th Street. With regard to ideas for enlivening the wall at Pier 76, the Directors suggested partnering with a public art organization in which new art could be rotated or alternatively painting a mural that provides an aerial map of the Park. These concepts will be further explored by the Trust staff and some Board members, recognizing that there are cost and bandwidth issues that need consideration. She also noted that the Trust is also starting to consider future habitat enhancements and needed repairs at Pier 45’s boardwalk.
The Directors asked a number of questions that President Doyle responded to. President Doyle stated that she intends to hold another meeting to address future capital maintenance at Pier 40.

The public portion of the meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm. The Directors then moved into Execution Session to discuss real estate negotiation matters. The Executive Session adjourned at 1:20 pm. No actions were taken at the meeting.