

Hudson River Park Advisory Council Minutes

May 10, 2022

1. Welcome - Daniel Miller, Chair of HRP AC, initiated the meeting at 6:33pm. Minutes submitted for April 2022 Motioned passed for the minutes
2. Housekeeping/Future Meetings: We will review the open meeting laws and see where we will do the meeting in June. We will host an in-person get together soon which will be more social to reconnect in person. Goal is no more than 2 meetings in person and the balance would be by zoom.
 - a. Membership - we have one more community organization spot available. Looking for all AC Members to think expansively and try to outreach for applicants.
 - b. HRP AC Executive Committee - New for next one year term:
 - i. Isaac- Daniel Astrachan
 - ii. Mary Habstritt
 - iii. Martin Sweeney
 - iv. Wendi Paster
 - v. CB1, 2 and 4 Chairs - Currently: Dan Miller, Tammy Meltzer and Jeffrey LeFrancois (Chair, 1st Vice Chair and 2nd Vice Chair)
3. Safety Committee
 - a. Mary Habstritt - CP Working group asked the Safety Committee to work with the other city and related agencies in a more directed way to improve safety on the bikeway. Letter comes from that initiatives
 - i. Allen Oster - There are places where there are stop lights and crosswalks. Looking to create some type of operational methods for enforcement of the rules. Also, looking for Data Driven information.
 - ii. Reviewing the letter for the Traffic and Safety Concerns at the intersections and entrances to the park. Suggested changes and adds:
 1. Include at the top: State and CITY DOT Commissioner, HRPT, The Mayor's office and in the bottom cc: Manhattan DOT Commissioner & Deputy Mayor
 2. Attach the previous resolution that we made.
 3. Change wording from 'accident to crash'
 4. Grammatical changes from Wendi to be sent to Mary
 5. Refer to the Vision Zero Goals/data

6. Will do a separate letter regarding the safety issues on the greenway bike lanes itself with motorized bikes, etc..
 7. UNANIMOUS Vote to send.
 - b. Mary Habstritt - more information to be reviewed on how to spread the word about safety information. For Example: Wanted poster distributed.
 - c. Reviewed Water Safety - that will be next month but for now reminded that the 100 yard safety zone will be reinforced now coming out of the pandemic.
 - d. PEP interactions with the public/parents re: field use and conflict resolution; discussion was had with PEP about how to express who is permitted and when to minimize frustrations with and by the public. The permit process is happening and there will be a discussion of how to portray the booked field space.
 - e. Chris McGann/HRPT and Noreen Doyle both spoke about working on a system for reporting - texting, calling or other methods. Please copy Robert Atturbury and Noreen with all the notes from the Safety Committee.
4. CP Lease Discussion: Noreen Doyle
 - a. Received a great deal of feedback and comments.
 - i. Large group of people spoke passionately and positively about their experiences.
 - ii. A group who spoke directly about the safety and security on the bikeway.
 - iii. A third group of letters and comments about the service road and the 3rd lane and east side improvements while being supportive of the west side improvements.
 - iv. Large number of not for profit supporters who spoke about their good experiences at CP. Letters received from CB4, AM Glick and other elected officials. HRPT has been discussing with CP about the east side improvements.
 - b. REVIEWED DOCUMENTS IN online folder (Letters, Reports, etc..)
 - c. Tom Fox reviewed some of the report findings.
5. HRPT TRUST - Noreen Doyle - Please look at the Advisory Council HRPT Report on the website
 - a. Good construction Progress
 - i. Pier 97 - shade structures
 - ii. Gansevoort - New Trees; moratorium on in water work ends soon so work will begin.

- iii. Chelsea Waterside - comfort station
 - b. Meeting with CUNY Faculty on ways to deepen the partnerships and research
 - c. Programming notes - some highlights below:
 - i. June 2nd 4pm to 7pm is Meet the Fishes - Welcome to all!!
 - ii. Programming starts July 1-0 – Sept 25th
 - iii. Big City Fishing will resume
 - iv. Wetlab Look-ins: Tuesday / Thursdays 3 - 6 PM; June 7 - October 25 AND Sundays 11 AM - 3 PM; July 10 - September 25
 - v. Check out all of our Park events here:
<https://hudsonriverpark.org/visit/events>
 - d. COMPOSTING BINS - New and fantastic partnership with the Trust and Tenants!
 - e. Waste Shark will arrive in July - help
 - f. Tom Lindon - Full Slate of In-Person Programming starts May 31st
 - i. Fitness, Health and Wellness
 - ii. Sunset on the Hudson 6/3
 - iii. HRP Dance Festival - Pier 63 June 9/June 10
 - iv. Participatory Dance Pier 76
 - v. Bike NYC - Bike Skills 101 - Pier 76 - 1x a month
 - 1. Question raised if the Bikes are available for rental or free.
 - vi. Blues BBQ - Aug 13
 - vii. Summary is on our website and postcards have been mailed
 - g. Homepage has been revised to give more real estate and public information.
 - h. Google Crosswalk - More information to come - perhaps to start in the fall; final plans have not been filed yet.
 - i. No information on Citigroup Dock for potential public usage;
 - j. No Information or potential pier 40 ferry usage on the south side
 - k. Garbage to still be handled for Little Island at Gansevoort - no approved construction documents yet.
 - l. Construction has resumed at Gansevoort
6. DEI resources
- a. SURVEY RESULTS: Please ensure that all have followed the link and filled it out:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScfLTyaBkJ-UQ2Pww2gmE9v8DECFzmtgUpZ5Ld-i2s-B9-9Jg/viewform>

b. If you have any questions please email michael@littleisland.org

7. Historic Resources

a. Working on the 6 story lines:

- i. Lenape/Precolonial
- ii. Sanitation/Destructor
- iii. Grid/Landfill/Transportation
- iv. Gansevoort Market
- v. Social History
- vi. Fire Dept and Boars (out on the edge to the west)

b. Review of Gansevoort location and how it fits into the big picture

8. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Meatpacking BID - Jeffrey LeFrancois

- i. Review of the connection between 10th Avenue and West Street (Jeffrey to send more detailed notes for minutes)

b. Pier 25 - Juneteenth Events - to be distributed

Committees please send their scheduled dates to post on the AC website

Meeting adjourned 8:20pm

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