

**MEETING OF THE
HUDSON RIVER PARK TRUST
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Spector Hall
22 Reade St.
New York, NY**

January 26, 2023 at 4:30 pm

MINUTES

Directors Present:

Patrick Foster (served as the Chair)

Erik Kulleseid

Susan Donoghue

Michael Pastor

Purnima Kapur

Lowell Kern

Idehen (I.D.) Aruede

Rose Harvey (arrived after Hudson River Park Friends report by Connie Fishman)

Appearances:

Hudson River Park Trust

Noreen Doyle, President and CEO

Kimberly Quinones, CFO and EVP, Finance & Real Estate

Robert Atterbury, EVP of Park Relationships and Programs

Robert Rodriguez, EVP of Park Management

Christine Fazio, General Counsel

Also present:

Connie Fishman, Friends of Hudson River Park

James Archer on behalf of Director Meera Joshi

While awaiting one additional Director to arrive to start the January 26, 2023 meeting of the Hudson River Park Trust Board of Directors, the Chair began by explaining that the meeting was being recorded which would be posted on the Trust's website, and a stenographer would provide a transcript of the meeting.

He stated that the Directors had received the Agenda materials in advance of the meeting and were free to ask questions or comment at any time on the action items submitted for approval but that questions or comments from the audience would not be entertained at the meeting. He further noted that the Board memos and resolutions on today's agenda had been posted on the Trust website in the link entitled Board Meetings, Bylaws and Other Materials under Board Agendas and Minutes and thus are available to the public.

While awaiting for one Director to arrive, the Chair decided to start off with the Hudson River Park Friends report.

Ms. Connie Fishman summarized the Friends past year's volunteer program, and the schedule for the next gala along with other updates. She reported that the number of volunteers had gotten back to the pre-COVID numbers. There were 108 volunteer events and just under 2200 volunteers participated. Forty-four corporations also participated. Ms. Fishman also remarked that the volunteers logged more than 7200 hours of labor working with the Trust and Friends staff on various projects. The Friends program reached its current staffing capacity and is expected to hire additional seasonal staff and possibly one more permanent staff person under the new Friends' approved budget. She continued that Friends will launch its business council in the spring with an event welcoming new members with the goal of attracting new companies. Friends also saw an increase in new individual donor contributions and new entry-level memberships as well as growth of visitors to the Park's website and digital and social media content. Ms. Fishman concluded that this year's gala will be on October 12th, celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Hudson River Park Act.

After the last Director arrived to the meeting, with a quorum being present, the Chair moved on to the Consent Agenda, stating that there were 4 items on the Consent Agenda: 1) Approval of Minutes and Ratification of the Actions Taken at the December 1, 2022 Meeting of

the Hudson River Park Trust Board of Directors; 2) Authorization to Extend Contract Term with Operations, Inc. for Payroll Services; 3) Authorization to Amend Contract with DLC Consulting for Pier 40 Garage Operations-Auditing & Oversight Services; and 4) Authorization to Amend Contract with Highroad Press, LLC for Print Production and Mailing Services.

The Chair then called for a motion to approve all of the items on the Consent Agenda. The following four Resolutions were unanimously approved by the Directors.

HUDSON RIVER PARK TRUST - Approval of Minutes and Ratification of the Actions Taken at the December 1, 2022 Meeting of the Hudson River Park Trust Board of Directors

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Hudson River Park Trust Board of Directors held on December 1, 2022 are hereby approved by the Board of Directors, and all actions taken by the Directors present at such meeting, as set forth in the Minutes, are hereby in all respects, approved and ratified as actions of the Hudson River Park Trust, and a copy of such approved Minutes are hereby ordered filed with the records of the Hudson River Park Trust.

HUDSON RIVER PARK TRUST – Authorization to Extend Contract Term with Operations, Inc. for Payroll Services

RESOLVED, based upon the materials presented to the Board of Directors at its meeting on January 26, 2023, a copy of which is ordered filed with the records of the Hudson River Park Trust, the Board hereby authorizes the Trust to extend the contract with Operations, Inc. for Payroll Services by an additional one-year term, through March 31, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President or the President’s designee(s) be, and each of them is hereby, authorized to take such actions as the President or the President’s designee may deem necessary or appropriate in order to implement the forgoing resolution.

HUDSON RIVER PARK TRUST – Authorization to Amend the Contract with Dennis L. Cunning for Pier 40 Garage Operations - Auditing and Oversight Services for a Total Board Authorization of up to \$1,148,000

RESOLVED, based on the materials presented to the Board of Directors at its meeting on January 26, 2023, a copy of which is ordered filed with the records of the Hudson River Park Trust, the Board hereby authorizes the Hudson River Park Trust to amend the contract with Dennis L.

Cunning (dba DLC Consulting) for Pier 40 Garage Operations – Auditing and Oversight Services by an amount of \$150,000, plus a \$30,000 contingency, for a Total Board Authorization Amount of up to \$1,148,000, and to extend the term for an additional two years through March 31, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President or the President’s designee(s) be, and each of them is hereby, authorized to take such actions as the President or the President’s designee(s) may deem necessary or appropriate in order to implement the foregoing resolution.

HUDSON RIVER PARK TRUST - Authorization to Amend Contract with HighRoad Press, LLC for Print Production and Mailing Services

RESOLVED, based upon the materials presented to the Board of Directors at its meeting on January 26, 2023, a copy of which is ordered filed with the records of the Hudson River Park Trust, the Board hereby authorizes the Hudson River Park Trust to amend the contract with HighRoad Press, LLC for Print Production and Mailing Services by an additional \$75,000 for a Total Board Authorization Amount of up to \$241,134; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President or the President’s designee(s) be, and each of them is hereby, authorized to take such actions as the President or the President’s designee(s) may deem necessary or appropriate in order to implement the foregoing resolution.

Chair Foster then proceeded with the corporation actions, introducing the first item: Authorization to Contract with Q+A Events and Productions LLC for Hudson River Dance Festival Production Services.

President Doyle remarked that since 2015, the Trust has presented a free two-day dance festival at the Park’s Pier 63 lawn bowl. In collaboration with The Joyce Theater, the Dance Festival welcomes world-class performers to the Park and provides the public with a unique, high quality cultural experience on a stage set against a backdrop of a Hudson River sunset.

She continued that in accordance with the Trust’s Procurement Guidelines, the Trust released a Request for Proposals for Hudson River Dance Festival Event Production services on November 30th and received seven proposals on the submission deadline of January 6, 2023. The Trust’s selection committee reviewed the submissions according to the RFP’s selection criteria and then interviewed the three top-ranked firms.

Trust staff has identified Q+A Events and Productions LLC, a NY certified WBE firm, as the most qualified proposer offering a fee and cost proposal that is fair, reasonable and aligns with standard industry rates. Q+A has extensive experience, successfully managing full scale productions, including for the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council's River-to-River Festival and prior years producing the Trust's dance festival.

President Doyle then requested Board authorization to enter into a contract with Q+A Events and Productions LLC for Hudson River Dance Festival Production Services for a one-year term with four renewal options for a Total Board Authorized Amount of up to \$1,042,529 over the five-year period. Funding for the contract will be available from the Trust's operating budget as approved by the Board of Directors each year.

Chair Foster asked if there were any questions or comments. There being none, upon a properly called motion, the following resolution passed unanimously¹.

HUDSON RIVER PARK TRUST – Authorization to Contract with Q+A Events and Productions LLC for Hudson River Dance Festival Production Services for a Total Board Authorization Amount of up to \$1,042,529

RESOLVED, based upon the materials presented to the Board of Directors at its meeting on January 26, 2023, a copy of which is ordered filed with the records of the Hudson River Park Trust, the Board hereby authorizes the Hudson River Park Trust to contract with Q+A Events and Productions LLC for Hudson River Dance Festival Production Services for a one-year term and four renewal options for a Total Board Authorization Amount of up to \$1,042,529 over the five-year period; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President or the President's designee(s) be, and each of them is hereby, authorized to take such actions as the President or the President's designee(s) may deem necessary or appropriate in order to implement the forgoing resolution.

¹ Note: Director Kuh was not at this Trust Board meeting and thus did not vote nor was he involved in any review or selection related to the Dance Festival Production Services RFP prior to the Board meeting. Director Kuh informed the Trust that he had recused himself from the matter.

Chair Foster moved onto the second item before the Board: Authorization to Amend the Contract with Eastern Plumbing & Mechanical Contracting, Inc. for the Pier 97 Building Plumbing Construction Work.

President Doyle began by stating that at its December 2, 2021 meeting, the Board ratified a contract with Eastern Plumbing & Mechanical Contracting, Inc. for Pier 97 Building Plumbing Work. The Pier 97 Building will house public restrooms, a small concession, and a maintenance and operations space for the park. Previously approved contracts for Pier 97 include removing a hotbox that hosts the water supply infrastructure for the Clinton Cove portion of the Park. Removal of the hotbox will newly allow the Trust to create an unobstructed esplanade near the Pier 97 bow notch. While preparing for the new irrigation connection, it was discovered that the infrastructure in the existing hotbox supplies water to the Pier 96 boathouse in addition to the Clinton Cove irrigation system. To remove this equipment from the esplanade as planned, and still supply water to the boathouse, a new water service main will need to be provided from the Pier 97 Building, necessitating larger plumbing equipment and piping to accommodate the increased water capacity. The additional cost of such infrastructure is \$160,000.

While this increase modestly exceeds 20 percent of the initial Total Board Authorized contract amount, Trust staff believes that it is in the Trust's best interest to amend the existing contract with Eastern Plumbing. Undertaking a new competitive procurement specifically for the new plumbing work would result in considerable delay to the opening of the new Pier 97 Building. Further, the existing permits for construction are specific to Eastern and adding a new plumbing contractor to work alongside Eastern in the Pier 97 Building would require new coordination with regulatory agencies. Costs would also increase due to the need for coordination between the plumbers and delays to Eastern's current schedule.

President Doyle therefore requested Board authorization to amend the contract with Eastern Plumbing & Mechanical Contracting, Inc. for the Pier 97 Building Plumbing Construction Work by an additional \$160,000 for a Total Board Authorization Amount of up to \$924,500. Funding for this amendment is available from capital budget funds allocated by New York State and restricted funds from the sale of air rights within Manhattan Community Board 4.

Chair Foster asked if there were any questions or comments. There being none, upon a properly called motion, the following resolution passed unanimously.

HUDSON RIVER PARK TRUST - Authorization to Amend the Contract with Eastern Plumbing & Mechanical Contracting, Inc. for the Pier 97 Building Plumbing Construction Work

RESOLVED, based upon the materials presented to the Board of Directors at its meeting on January 26, 2023, a copy of which is ordered filed with the records of the Hudson River Park Trust, the Board hereby authorizes the Hudson River Park Trust to amend the contract with Eastern Plumbing & Mechanical Contracting, Inc. for the Pier 97 Building Plumbing Construction Work by an additional \$160,000 for a Total Board Authorization Amount of up to \$924,500; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President or the President's designee(s) be, and each of them is hereby, authorized to take such actions as the President or the President's designee(s) may deem necessary or appropriate in order to implement the forgoing resolutions.

Chair Foster moved onto the final item before the Board: Authorization to Amend Contract with Virsig, LLC for Parkwide Access Control Upgrades.

President Doyle began by stating that the Trust utilizes an access control and security camera system to meet physical security needs like securing doors, managing access rights, and tracking user access at most of the Park's buildings and rooms. At its October 1, 2020 meeting, the Board authorized the Trust to enter into a contract with Virsig, LLC for Parkwide Access Control Upgrades for a contract amount of up to \$468,334 over a three-year term. Since that time, Virsig has installed Genetec Security Camera and Access Control software as well as access control readers and supporting hardware at various building locations throughout the Park while also conducting ongoing maintenance for all access system components. Additional access control readers and hardware and associated maintenance are now needed at several locations, including the Piers 45 and 51 comfort stations, West 44th Street building, Pier 26 utility building, Pier 76 building, and at several locations within Pier 40. In addition, the continuing expansion of the Park's security camera network requires the purchase of new licenses.

Virsig is both an OGS centralized contractor and a New York certified SDVOB vendor and has a proven track record of successfully working with the Trust. Virsig's pricing for the equipment and services continues to be within the range of the rates of other qualified vendors on the OGS centralized contract list and Virsig is the only certified SDVOB vendor that supplies Genetec software and hardware, which allows the Park's camera network to be integrated with NYPD's Lower Manhattan Security Initiative.

President Doyle therefore requested Board authorization to amend the contract with Virsig, LLC for Parkwide Access Control Upgrades by an additional \$248,000 for a Total Board Authorization Amount of up to \$716,334 and to extend the contract term by an additional six months, to March 31, 2024. Funding for this amendment is available in the Trust's capital and equipment budget as approved by the Board.

Chair Foster asked if there were any questions or comments. Director Kulleseid asked if these were for new buildings and President Doyle explained that these are for existing buildings; essential for additional doors within the existing buildings. There being no further questions, upon a properly called motion, the following resolution passed unanimously.

HUDSON RIVER PARK TRUST – Authorization to Amend Contract with Virsig, LLC for Parkwide Access Control Upgrades for a Total Board Authorization Amount of up to \$716,334

RESOLVED, based upon the materials presented to the Board of Directors at its meeting on January 26, 2023, a copy of which is ordered filed with the records of the Hudson River Park Trust, the Board hereby authorizes the Hudson River Park Trust to amend the contract with Virsig, LLC by an additional \$248,000 for a Total Board Authorization Amount of up to \$716,334 and to extend the contract term by an additional six months, to March 31, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President or the President's designee(s) be, and each of them is hereby, authorized to take such actions as the President or the President's designee(s) may deem necessary or appropriate in order to implement the forgoing resolution.

Chair Foster then introduced President Doyle to present the President's Report.

President Doyle began by stating that on January 23, 2023, the Finance Committee met to review the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24, which will commence on April 1. The Trust's CFO Kim Quinones and VP of Finance Sikander Zuberi presented the preliminary budget in detail, and to comply with State Finance Law, the Trust has now also posted the preliminary budget on its website and at five locations throughout the Park, including the Pier 40 lobby. In March, the Finance Committee will again convene to review the budget, and Trust staff will provide a full budget presentation to the Board at the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 28. Because the Trust obviously needs budget approval before April 1, it is very important that there be a quorum at that meeting. President Doyle urged the Board members to let Christine Fazio

know if they cannot make the Tuesday, March 28 meeting (scheduled for 4:30 pm) so that the Trust will have time to plan for alternatives if needed.

President Doyle then highlighted several drivers of the Trust's budgetary needs in FY 24. The Trust will be opening over 7 acres of new park this summer, along with three new public restrooms. These facilities bring additional public safety and maintenance needs, calling for an increase in spending on staffing, materials, and services. The Trust is expecting continued inflationary pressures in many areas ranging from supplies to rentals to construction costs. On the income side, the Trust is projecting revenues of approximately \$37.2 million, slightly less than the projected actuals for FY23, but an 8% year-over-year budget increase. As discussed with the Finance Committee, in FY23, the Trust benefited from unbudgeted non-recurring inflows. The preliminary budget proposes a total of \$31.7 million in budgeted operating expenses, inclusive of personal services, which is an 11.4% increase as compared to the total budget. This produces a budgeted Net Operating Surplus of \$5.5 million, but that is before Capital Maintenance net of reimbursement. Once net Cap M of \$11.8 million is factored in, an operating deficit of \$6.3 million is budgeted. If this deficit is realized, it would be funded from Trust reserves.

In the current fiscal year, expenses are projected to be \$4.2 million below a budget of \$28.5 million. Postponement of some expenses, staff vacancies and/or deferring hiring, supply chain and similar issues that have delayed the Trust's ability to make certain large purchases, and lower than expected costs for certain large contracted services account for most of this. A budgeted Operating Deficit of \$4.2 million is now projected to be a surplus of \$5.1 million and the Trust uses any surpluses to support capital maintenance and to replenish the Trust's reserves.

The Trust will update these FY 24 Budget numbers in March, as necessary, and return to the Finance Committee and the Board with a final Proposed Budget to be considered at the March 28th Board meeting. The Approved Budget will then be posted on the Trust's website and at five locations throughout the Park.

Director Aruede asked if the budget included deferred maintenance and President Doyle explained that currently the Trust has been focusing on construction but the Trust will need to discuss with the Directors other maintenance work at Pier 40, particularly when the Pier 40 air rights funds are depleted. In response to Director Kulleseid's question on whether the budget includes increases, President Doyle explained that there are increases mainly with regard to

personnel and contracted security and janitorial services as well as reimbursable expenditures related to the Trust's review of the Hudson Tunnel project.

President Doyle next updated on Design and Construction. She began by stating that days after the last Board meeting, the Trust hosted a chilly but cheerful groundbreaking ceremony for the Pier 26 Science Play area on December 14th. The Trust was honored to be joined by NYS Senator Brian Kavanagh, NYS Assembly Member Deborah Glick, Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine, City Council Member Chris Marte, and Tricia Joyce of Community Board 1, and of course, Mike Novogratz, Connie Fishman and many other members and staff from Hudson River Park Friends. Mike Novogratz was the Friends Chair until last year, and he, Connie and the Trust's former President Madelyn Wils worked together to create a successful private fundraising campaign, with Mike Novogratz ultimately giving \$1.4 million himself. President Doyle was glad that the Trust was able to publicly thank and celebrate Mike Novogratz, Friends, Manhattan Borough Levine, Council Member Marte and former City Council Speaker Corey Johnson who all also stepped forward with funding, and the Trust has promised them all that it will aim to have the new playground completed in time for warmer weather by the end of this year.

President Doyle further reported that the Trust's contractor, Alpine Construction, is currently submitting shop drawings and procuring construction materials, as well as performing ground penetrating radar and other pre-construction work, and plans to start excavating the site by February 1st. Monstrum, the Danish play equipment manufacturer constructing the centerpiece play sturgeons and related equipment, is hard at work fabricating equipment for an April delivery to the site.

Moving to the north, the Park's tennis courts, located just north of Spring Street, reopened in time for the new year. Tennis enthusiasts were quick to notice, with play resuming the very afternoon the Park quietly opened the gates. They are currently open with temporary striping, and the final color surface will be installed in early spring when weather permits. With the good January weather, many are enjoying playing tennis on the newly refurbished courts.

At the Board's December meeting, President Doyle mentioned that the Trust's neighbors at 550 Washington Street completed construction of the new crosswalk south of Pier 40. The Citibike docking station that had been temporarily relocated during construction to Morton Street was moved to its permanent home on the newly constructed path. A new traffic light is expected to be operational in the coming weeks after Con Edison makes some required connections.

At the Gansevoort Peninsula, Steven Dubner Landscaping has completed installation of the turf field and adjacent plantings. They are currently installing DEP infrastructure within the future sand area and are starting construction on the Hudson Balcony which will extend slightly under the Day's End sculpture, eventually providing stunning views of Lower Manhattan, the Statue of Liberty, and the Jersey City skyline. JR Cruz is completing the revised Bloomfield Street vehicular entrance and exit as well as utility work. Curbing and utilities for the dog run and fitness area are complete. Padilla Construction is making good progress on construction of the restrooms, concession, and Park operations space, with walls beginning to be installed and cladding being fabricated off site. EJ Electric continues to install lighting and utilities in support of Steven Dubner, JR Cruz, and Padilla.

A New York Times opinion article appeared last month positing that NYC was becoming Los Angeles and mentioning the future Gansevoort beach as one of its evidence points. That one article sparked yet another round of press requests regarding the beach, which continues to capture imaginations around NYC and beyond. Throughout the planning process, the Trust is always careful to say that magical as it expects the southern edge of Gansevoort to be, it's not a place for swimming due to discharges from nearby CSOs and other issues. The Trust has begun working on signage to help communicate this, and this is also an important concern for various other governmental agencies including DEC, DEP and the Department of Health.

At Chelsea Waterside Park, Alpine, the site and landscape contractor, is installing curbs, walls, hardscapes, plantings, and lighting in the central area and fencing around the sports field, and Athletic Fields of America has installed the new synthetic turf field. The turf field needs to remain off limits to play until the sports field fencing – currently in production – is installed and a secure perimeter around the field is established. The Trust is doing everything it can to try to hit its goal of reopening the fields in time for spring play, but of course the Trust does not work in the fabrication shop. Meanwhile, EW Howell, the building contractor, has completed the comfort station's foundation, utilities, exterior walls, interior partitions, roof, and the building's repurposed granite cladding system, and is presently installing mechanical/electrical/plumbing equipment, exterior/interior architectural finishes, restroom fixtures and accessories, and the solar panel photovoltaic system. Kevin Quinn, the Trust's Senior VP of Design and Construction, says the Trust is likely to beat the public park bathroom construction record with this project. Overall, the

Trust is on track to reopen a much-improved Chelsea Waterside Park in its entirety this Spring. The Trust should have more news on which month by the next Board meeting.

At Pier 97, work is also proceeding well. Concrete walls and curbs for planters are being formed at the playscape. All granite veneer and curb material are onsite and almost all has been installed. Landscape boulders are being placed around the playscape and spray area. Drainage mats, geofoam fill, and lightweight structural fill are continuing to be installed in the emergency vehicle access lane. The metal deck for the Overlook Roof is being installed with the concrete slab to follow soon after. Coordination of utilities that will enter the comfort station is complete and remaining portions of the building foundation frost wall will be poured in the next 2 weeks. This will be followed by installation of subgrade utilities and pouring the foundation mat slab.

President Doyle stated that the Trust is also completing the scope of services for a comprehensive design team for the unfinished park area between West 29th and 46th streets. It's an area of the park that certainly needs some greening and other improvements, but it's also going to be very challenging to design and eventually build as a result of numerous existing land uses, critical public infrastructure, and tenancies. These range from the planned Gateway Tunnel to the West 39th Street Ferry Terminal to the privately owned Pier 78 and the Trust's tenants at Circle Line. Vehicle access needs and coordination with multiple public and private partners will figure prominently in the design process, as will the Trust's commitment to working with the community during the design process. The Trust is planning to release the RFP shortly and it will be working with the Board's Design Committee when proposals come in.

President Doyle commented that it seems like just yesterday that she was reporting on the Trust's very busy and successful 2022 season, but the Trust's Public Programs Department is already working to develop its Summer 2023 season plan. 2023 marks the 25th anniversary of the Hudson River Park Act, and the Trust and Friends are collaborating on a range of communications and sponsorship initiatives to celebrate the park. They look forward to sharing exciting updates in early spring. Permit requests for guests have continued to arrive throughout the winter, and the Trust's Programs team is working to ensure that Park space remains available and open to the public, while also facilitating charity walks, film and photo shoots, special events and more.

This month, the Trust hosted two important annual meetings in adherence to commitments made in its adopted Estuarine Sanctuary Management Plan and Action Agenda. Trust Staff invited research partners from Borough of Manhattan Community College, SUNY Stony Brook, AKRF,

Hudson River Foundation, New Jersey City University, Rutgers University and Cornell University to meet with the Science TAC to share updates on current projects being conducted in collaboration with the Trust. Other organizations including NYS DEC, CUNY, Billion Oyster Project and more helped the Trust consider next steps in furthering regional institutional collaborations and the dissemination of research and data.

Earlier this week, the Trust convened the full TAC for its annual meeting. Trust staff from various departments joined the Park's River Project team to share 2022 ESMP successes and anticipated areas of focus for the coming year. Collectively, the Trust shared updates from the Tribeca Habitat Enhancement Monitoring effort, expansion of the community compost program, current Park design and construction and many other projects currently underway. Overall, these meetings have been a helpful tool in engaging experts to further the Trust's progress and success in reaching ESMP goals.

The River Project is pleased to share that it received a \$75,000 grant from The Pinkerton Foundation, which is dedicated to improving the lives of young people in low-income neighborhoods in New York City. This funding will help support the Park's Science Leadership Program, a paid research internship program for high school and undergraduate students that utilizes a tiered mentorship model to foster community, teach science skills, and build leadership. Over the course of the summer, students learn and grow through conducting field research, designing a scientific poster and participating in leadership development workshops. This program also leverages partnerships from a network of NYC STEM institutions including City College of New York, Columbia University, The Young Women's Leadership School, and The Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum. Thanks to the grant funding, the Trust will expand the program by 50% in 2023 and expects to newly be able to provide honoraria for speakers and workshop facilitators and to cover other program costs like stipends, uniforms, and supplies. The Trust's River Project team is also participating in a consortium of similarly structured science research and mentorship intern programs in New York City to share best practices, findings, and support.

President Doyle continued to share that in the past year, nearly 30,000 people were engaged in the 350 educational programs offered by the Trust's River Project, including over 5,000 NYC students who joined the Trust in person for school and summer camp field trips. Work continued on the seven Trust-led research projects focused on fish ecology, environmental DNA, oyster

restoration and more. The annual reports and data from these projects can be found on the Trust's website currently.

Hudson River Park is incredibly fortunate to be represented by elected officials who work hard to secure funding for open space and the environment. As a self-funded park, the financial support received from the government partners is especially crucial to the Park's work. Late last year, the Park received the fantastic news that U.S. Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, as well as Congressman Jerry Nadler, were able to include \$750,000 for Hudson River Park's growing habitat enhancement and community science initiatives in the federal budget. That funding is in addition to the \$1 million secured by Congressman Nadler last March for pedestrian safety and security enhancements throughout the Park. The Trust will be working to satisfy the federal requirements for the different funding streams, but at this point, it expects that the projects that result from these appropriations would be undertaken in FY25. The Trust will provide updates as details come together.

As reported last month, the Trust issued an RFP seeking operators for its four purpose-built non-motorized boathouses and received 7 proposals. The Trust's Selection Committee, led by the Trust's Assistant Vice President of Real Estate and Planning Rashi Puri, has been working with respondents on ways to maximize consistent, safe, and affordable access to the Hudson River while providing park visitors with a wide range of boating opportunities. Although the Trust had hoped to make a selection by the end of 2022, it has extended the current permits until the end of this month to provide time for those discussions to continue. Last year the Trust's boathouses put an astounding sixty-eight thousand people on the Hudson River, and the Trust is looking forward to sharing the selected operators at or before the next meeting.

President Doyle announced that the jury has just found Saipov, the October 31, 2017 terrorist, guilty on all counts and now the jury will move to determine the penalty phase. On January 12, the Trust helped host a processional walk for the victims and families of the terrorist incident that occurred on the Route 9A Bikeway on Halloween 2017. The Belgian and Argentinian consulates worked together to organize it while many of the victims and families were in town for the opening week of the terrorism trial. President Doyle also attended a reception at the Belgian consulate with the families and victims the night before. Needless to say, the walk was heartbreaking. The civil phase of the trial for which the Trust is among the defendants along with the State, City and Home Depot, would occur at some point after the criminal trial concludes.

The Trust also filed both its MWBE and SDVOB annual goal plans with the State on January 13, 2023. The Trust continues to meet its annual 30 percent MWBE goal each year and expects to do so for the next fiscal year as well. The Trust will not achieve the 6 percent SDVOB goal this year because the pool of vendors that perform the types of work needed for a waterfront park is still small but grows every year, but the Trust continues to strive to increase the number of SDVOB vendors it utilizes and did achieve a 3.58 percent utilization rate in 2022. The Trust actively supports both the MWBE and SDVOB programs and all Trust Executives, Department heads and staff involved in contracting and purchasing receive routine training on utilizing the tools provided by the State to increase the procurement opportunities for MWBE and SDVOB certified firms. The Trust has extended its use of discretionary procurements directed at MWBE and SDVOB firms based on the discretionary procurement threshold of \$500,000 as set forth in the Trust's Procurement Guidelines. The Trust also emails procurement opportunities to both MWBEs and SDVOBs directly to encourage them to apply as prime contractors. As noted for the corporate actions approved by the Board today, the Trust will be entering into a new contract with an MWBE firm as the prime for the dance production dance festival and is expanding the services of an existing SDVOB prime for the access control upgrades. The Trust hopes to continue the practice of directly contracting with MWBE and SDVOB firms in addition to ensuring contractors meet the required subcontracting goals with such firms. Similar to this past year when in-person meetings resumed, Trust staff will attend MWBE and SDVOB conferences as a means to outreach to more vendors and encourage them to submit proposals to the Trust when offered. The Trust is also working on developing a master mailing list of MWBE and SDVOB firms in order to conduct additional outreach before new procurement opportunities are released. President Doyle thanked Sean Singh and Lisa Colon especially as they spend a considerable amount of their time dedicated to ensuring the Trust achieves the goals set forth in the annual plan each year.

Chair Foster asked whether an Advisory Council report is available. Daniel Miller, Advisory Council Chair, could not attend the meeting but Robert Atterbury provided a few updates on Daniel Miller's behalf. Mr. Atterbury reported that the Advisory Council, along with the Trust's community boards, has been reviewing the Army Corps New York-New Jersey Harbor and Tributaries (NYNJHAT) study. He continued that the Advisory Council is looking at ways to incorporate some of the High Line Network's suggestions into both the Advisory Council's work

and how the Trust can continue to further those suggestions. Mr. Atterbury also reported that the Trust was able to execute its running safety campaign in November and the Trust is going to be working with its on-water community this coming year to enhance safety awareness and concerns. He concluded by mentioning that the Trust received seven responses to the boathouse RFP but there are only four boathouses, which was recently discussed with the Advisory Community and at Community Boards 1 and 4.

Chair Foster thanked all the presenters and then asked the Directors if there was any further business for today's meeting. There being none, Chair Foster called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved, and the Board of Directors' meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.