

Hudson River Park Advisory Council April 19, 2023

Meeting In-Person and Virtual. By Zoon

6:34 Start Meeting

Dan Miller, Chair

Meeting Summary

Welcome and Housekeeping- Dan Miller

- Please fill in the attendance form
- Please add your information if you want to be on the mailing list for the future
- Minutes Approved from March 14, 2023 Meeting -

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HRP AC Review of DEC/Pier 98 response letter

- Letter has been drafted through many hands on the AC asking for Trust Support monitoring of the heat temperature off of Pier 98 to be very close to the water pipe underneath where it's emanating rather than far away; Short and long form of the letter discussed, history reviewed, few corrections were reviewed based on feedback.
 - Motion to accept short form letter with background information available on request/2nd - Passes Unanimously
 - Thank you to Tom Fox for his incredible work and partnership on this.
 - <https://hudsonriverpark.org/app/uploads/2023/05/HRP-AC-reso-on-pier-98-w-date.pdf>

Greenway Repaving - Cycle Rerouting and Opportunity

- Minimal information has been forthcoming from State DOT to all partners about where and when they are repaving.
- Discussions continued on the need to have motorized bicycles, cargo bikes and EBikes moved into a path in 9A and get the faster moving bikes off the Greenway for pedestrian safety and safety of human powered bicycle riders.
- Concerns raised about the new larger cargo bikes, the 48" space between the bollards and the relation of the future micro hubs to the greenway.
- Hector suggested to combine the ACE Resiliency project with a new bike roadway and get both projects working together – AKA West Side Task Force
- Anna from Transportation Alternatives suggested asking for a study to create safe infrastructure for E Micro mobility. Need to ensure that there's safe infrastructure space for them to move at the speed that they move, limited better, and having the least possible interactions with pedestrians who are the most vulnerable and with other bikers that are not going at that speed. Anna will come back with more research on the data for licensing and identification on throttle, mopeds, etc..
- Graeme expressed concerns about the funding of the larger infrastructure projects; technology exists to have the state put in rules and enforcement options for commercial bikes. For example, some European Countries have "black boxes" on their commercial bikes.
- Robert shared the State/City rules on commercial bikes and Dan read it into the room; links copied into the chat for everyone to review.
- Tammy spoke of the need for education and enforcement of the rules.
- More support for What Congressman Goldman supported with West Side Task Force to help balance the transportation, infrastructure and resiliency needs.
- Natalie from State Senator Holyman Siegel requested money for a 9A study but we do not know if it will make it into the final budget.

- Enforcement was widely discussed and the appetite or lack thereof by NYPD to enforce the rules of the Greenway. The PEPS and HRPT have no jurisdiction on the bike path but they do try to assist with particular intersections of crossings into the park. The enforcement is solely with NYPD and State Police.
- A letter was suggested to follow up and send it along to the MBPO as another piece of evidence to get NYS DOT to focus on this topic. Attaching the 2022 letter on the topic for history is helpful. Motion was made/2nd to create the letter. A vote to approve it will be taken at the next meeting.

Programming and Construction Report -Robert Atterbury, HRPT

- Available online <https://hudsonriverpark.org/app/uploads/2023/05/2023.4.19-AC-Report.pdf>
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 - Pier 26 – Construction is going well; the sturgeons and the other play equipment to be delivered in June. Estuarium Team is currently working with our education staff on some of the pieces that would go inside the building, as well as looking at some of the flood resiliency and other ways to try to get water in.
 - Tennis Courts are progressing well, will be closed next week for the final coating and then will reopen after about a week.
 - Field at Chelsea Waterside has some of the overflow needs from the permits at Pier 40. More work was identified so people will be moved back to Pier 40. Both Fields should be fully operational for the summer season.
 - Pier 97 – everything is taking shape well, please go visit!
 - Kevin Q- updates for Gansevoort: Overall going very well; roof work on the comfort station is being completed. Small hiccup with the kayak landing on the materials. The rubberized membrane of what was ordered was changed by the manufacturer without notice or changes in the model number. We tested it out and it is not functional for the needs at the location with ADA compliance and not holding in place, the wire and gravel were abrasive and the rubber too slippery. The rest of the area is working well. The result of working with all the partners is they will pour a concrete slab for the kayak launch. It will be done at low tide to minimize the impact on the water. They are open to looking at options to fasten to the concrete but moving forward with concrete.
 - Suggestions were why not make it beach like which can last as well and protect people’s feet.
 - Questions were asked about recouping any monies but it is only an \$80k difference on a multi-million dollar project and they would have to pursue the manufacturer.
 - Robert A: There will be an early May Stakeholder Meeting where the topic of use and signage and other pieces reviewed. At the end of the season, once we see how it all works, we will review again.
- River Project – Pilot Sanctuary Initiative launched with CUNY – 2 projects of \$10k each for Environmental Education and bringing up the next generation of leaders with CUNY Faculty. We are very proud of this!
- This is our 25th Anniversary – take a look at the amazing Summer and Extended programming. Look for the Press release for details- I cannot say just yet.
- HORT Facilities Water – the water in going on now – post the freezing season as they check all of the pipes in the park. Look for it for this week!
- Sidewalk in front of the Manhattan cruise terminal: West 46 to West 48th street. There is a outfall, the CSL a DDP I fall underneath it with my understanding has some have some erosion.

There's a subsurface condition determined that they do not meet the sidewalk guidelines and they will fix it this season.

- . Opening of Pier 57 went great!
- Please look at the letter on the HATS Study on Resiliency.
- Rashi and many of us are meeting with BPCA related to their resiliency project as well.

- **HRPT Friends has done their wrap up in March:** They did an amazing job in 2022 and Hosted 110 volunteer events in 2022. With 2200 volunteers and are major source of support for our horticulture team. They have just launched the 2023 season and working every day during Earth Week and are fully booked with volunteers through July!

- Please read the report for more details!

- **Safety Committee- Mary Habstritt**
- re: Graffiti – testing different treatments to see what will be easier to clean. This is not a large budget items, but it is a work in progress.
 - Robert A – added the goal is to clean it up very quickly to discourage tagging. Please be our eyes and ears and report what you see.
- Spoke with the Skating Communities to engage them in solutions.
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New/old business - committee reports, future projects

- NEW
 - Martin – new signs at the Layby at Pier 26 with posted Rules.
 - Robert A- the laybys are part of State DOT, and we can double check on what the changes are and coordinate. They are not supposed to be for passenger pick up and drop off.
 - Tammy M – perhaps there needs to be a look at the accessibility needs for attendees at Pier 25 and Pier 26 for those who cannot cross the street easily.
 - Robert A – this is not us – it is State DOT
 - Battery Park Resiliency Plan's Impact on HRP
 - Tammy reviewed Short Summary from February Public event on the area impacting HRPT; many want a formal and updated presentation.
 - Agreed to ask them to present to the HRP AC in the coming months.
 - Reminder City Water Day is July 15th – more details at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn was seconded and approved @ 8:16PM

Video is available: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sWvcgizLoiA>.