



**Hudson River Park Advisory Council January 9, 2024**

**Meeting Virtual. By Zoom**

**6:02 Start Meeting**

**Dan Miller, Chair**

**Meeting Summary:**

**1. Welcome and Housekeeping**

- **Dan Miller initiated the meeting and requested attendees to complete the attendance form.**

- **Confirmation and approval for November minutes were voted on - high level summary is good because we have the full detailed recordings on the website.**

**2. Programming and Construction Report by Robert Atterbury, HRPT**

- **Detailed report accessible at: HRPT Advisory Council Meeting Information**

- **Dog Run and new Crossing for Gansevoort are all open.**

- **29th - 44th street - RFP for a design team has been out and the selection committee will bring the recommendations to the January HRP Board Meeting.**

- **Pier 97 - Construction continues and limited public access is now available.**

**Belvedere Playground will open this spring with the new restroom facilities.**

- **Shark Naming was successful - "Gulp" is our new named for clean up robot.**

- **Notable events, successful programs, and initiatives were spotlighted, including:**

- o **record numbers of participants in 2023:**

- o **35K Participated in the Programming in 2023, 20k people at the Discovery Tank in 2023**

- **Carrie Roble - 3rd annual Science Sanctuary Meeting was earlier today. Reviewed details and highlights.**

- o **Reviewed Park Temperature Data gathered- not great variances**

- o **Pathogen testing - 11 sites and many near Gansevoort**

- o **Tide Deck Eplibuint Settlement**

- o **Oyster & Habitat Enhancement review**

- o **2023 - Science Partnerships expanded and consultants - details on slides in video**

- **Tammy Asked about studies from Pier 26 to Chambers Street;**

- **Carrie: Pier 25 has one of our HRECOS stations [www.hrecos.org](http://www.hrecos.org)**

**<https://waterdata.usgs.gov/monitoring-location/01376520/#parameterCode=00010&period=P7D&showMedian=true>**

- **Jeffrey - Congrats on the new Eagle cameras and amazing focus on the wildlife;**

- Carrie confirmed -temporary strings and netting are up at Gansevoort to protect the marshes against geese pulling out the grasses
  - Robert Pirani - Congrats and so much cool stuff!
  - Graeme Birchall - great to see people splashing feet in the water at the boat launch; need perhaps some real time data on the water quality considering the CSO
  - Robert A - water quality is posted on the website ;  
<https://hudsonriverpark.org/the-park/parks-river-project/science/monitoring-our-rivers-improving-health/>
  - See the report for public programming- highlight for this week: Painting Nature Thursday night at the Discovery Tank.
  - Gansevoort Field Permit requests are very robust; all applications for any field space are due January 15 and will be awarded by March.
  - Operational updates encompassed holiday decor in parts of the park, looking for a financial sponsor who may want to sponsor holiday decorating in 2024, City DOT light posts and lamps are out - call 311 or directly to ops desk or info email with details, snow maintenance is staged and ready,
  - Over 3k Volunteer at over 115 events =9k hours and 40k bulbs, etc...120 lbs of composting food waste!
  - This week on Thursday, HRPT will be at CB4 - Waterfront Parks and Environment for Pier 76 Updates - document links in report
  - Pier 40 Marine Operator RFP: 9 proposals were received, final choices have not been made; Hornblower did not reapply and will be leaving the North Dock. Some of the docks are being repaired.
  - Pier 57 Received numerous awards and recognitions in 2023
  - Robert will get back to us as to the Historic Vessels at Pier 97 - time is ripe to review
- ### 3. Crime and Safety Updates
- Partnership with NYPD Precincts to work on training program/enforcement to have fully motorized bikes not ride on the greenway and in the parks (Jan 5th educational day)
  - Crime intervention by PEPs who are working with NYPD
  - PEPs does participate in the NYC Code Blue Program to ensure people can get resources and welfare checks.
  - Ongoing effort with more cameras being installed in the park and newer areas.
- ### 4. Membership Committee
- Notifications for attendance will be sent out to the main point of contact for renewals
  - Those who did not meet the attendance requirements will have discussions as to if they want to remain.
  - Tweaks will be made to the attendance sheet with drop down menus with names to eliminate writing in the names of the organizations.
  - Review of DEI in membership

## **5. Topics to Consider for 2024**

- **Welcome Open Plans to come to a HRP AC meeting after they meet with CB2 in regard to making the greenway a safer place.**
- **Swimming in the Hudson River**
  - o **Environmental, usage, currents and other concerns per location to be concerned**
  - o **+ Pools? - Invite them for a future meeting**
  - o **Riverpool is an example in Beacon, NY**
- **Chelsea Piers to be invited to come and present on the updates from the new contract and extension of the esplanade on the southern area.**
- **Equity Diversity & Inclusion Committee Updates**

## **6. New/Old Business**

- **No new business was introduced.**

## **Next Meeting**

- **The next meeting on February 13th was announced with a one hour meeting and then an in-person social gathering at Pier 57.**

## **7. Conclusion**

- **Motion to conclude the meeting was proposed and seconded at 7:09 PM.**

## **Additional Information:**

- **Video recording of the meeting: on HRPT Website**

**These minutes will be subject to approval at the subsequent HRPT Advisory Council meeting.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Tammy Meltzer**

**Co-Chair, Hudson River Park Advisory Council**