

**MEETING OF THE
HUDSON RIVER PARK TRUST
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Pier 57, Discovery Tank Classroom
25 11th Avenue
New York, NY**

June 6, 2024 at 4:30 pm

DRAFT MINUTES

Directors Present:

Patrick Foster, Chair
Leslie Wright
Jeffrey LeFrancois
Michael Kuh
Rose Harvey
Susan Donoghue
Michael Pastor
Jeffrey Kaplan
Christine Berthet
Pamela Frederick (Arrived after vote on Consent agenda at 4:33 pm)

Appearances:

Hudson River Park Trust
Noreen Doyle, President and CEO
Robert Atterbury, EVP of Park Relationships and Programs
Robert Rodriguez, EVP of Park Management
Christine Fazio, General Counsel
Kevin Quinn, SVP of Design and Construction

Also present:

Tammy Meltzer, Advisory Council
Connie Fishman, Hudson River Park Friends

With a quorum being present, Chair Foster called to order the June 6, 2024 meeting of the Hudson River Park Trust Board of Directors.

The Chair began by explaining that the meeting was being recorded and would be posted on the Trust's website, and a stenographer would provide a transcript.

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.

The Chair then stated that there are four items on the Consent Agenda: 1) Approval of Minutes and Ratification of the Actions Taken at the March 26, 2024 Meeting of the Hudson River Park Trust Board of Directors; 2) Authorization to Amend Contract with Operations, Inc. for Payroll Services; 3) Ratification and Adoption of 2024 Investment Guidelines; and 4) Annual Confirmation of the Hudson River Park Mission Statement and Performance Measures.

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 March 26, 2024 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 March 26, 2024 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 Amend Contract with Operations, Inc. for Payroll Services

RESOLVED, based upon the materials presented to the Board of Directors at its meeting on June 6, 2024, a copy of which is ordered filed with the records of the Hudson River Park Trust, the Board hereby authorizes the Trust to amend the contract with Operations, Inc. for Payroll Services by adding an additional \$9,000 for a Total Board Authorization Amount of up to \$56,000 and a one-year term extension, 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 may deem necessary or appropriate in order to implement the forgoing resolution.

HUDSON RIVER PARK TRUST – Ratification and Adoption of 2024 Investment Guidelines for Hudson River Park Trust pursuant to New York State Public Authority Law Section 2925 and the New York State Comptroller’s Investment Guidelines for Public Authorities

RESOLVED, based upon the materials presented to the Board of Directors at its meeting on June 6, 2024, a copy of which is ordered filed with the records of the Hudson River Park Trust, the Board hereby ratifies and adopts the Hudson River Park Trust 2024 Investment Guidelines; 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 – Confirmation of Hudson River Park Trust Mission Statement and 2024 Performance Measures

RESOLVED, based on the materials presented to the Board of Directors at its meeting on June 6, 2024, a copy of which is ordered filed with the records of the Hudson River Park Trust, the Directors hereby confirm the Hudson River Park Trust Mission Statement and 2024 Performance Measures; 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 corporate actions, introducing the first item: Authorization to Enter into Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local 30 of the International Union of Operating Engineers.

President Doyle began by stating that Local 30 of the International Union of Operating Engineers has represented full time, year-round employees who perform work in the Trust's facilities, maintenance, operations, and horticultural units since 2012. Members of the collective bargaining agreement are responsible for maintaining and caring for nearly every aspect of the built Park -- from lawns, plants, flowers, trees and shrubs, to pavement, benches, fountains, public restrooms, trash removal, snow removal and so much more. The Members also clean and restore the Park after large events; support volunteer activities including those organized by Hudson River Park Friends; perform other essential roles related to supporting safe boating activities; and maintain specialized sports and play facilities. The work performed by the Members and the care they take in supporting the Park is integral to Hudson River Park's continued success.

President Doyle reported that labor relations under the collective bargaining agreement have been and continue to be amicable and cooperative, with both the Trust management and the Members recognizing the benefits of working together cooperatively as Hudson River Park continues to evolve and expand. She continued that the most recent collective bargaining agreement approved by the Trust's Board in May 2019 recently expired on March 31, 2024, and negotiations for a new collective bargaining agreement with Local 30 commenced in December 2023. Trust management bargained in good faith and reached a stipulation of agreement in March 2024, before the end of the recent CBA but with insufficient time to bring the agreement to the Board for formal consideration.

She explained that the proposed agreement has a four-year contract term terminating on March 31, 2028. Based on the important contributions Members make to Hudson River Park, including their dedication during the challenging period of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent recovery as well as the general impacts of inflation on salaries and the economy nationally and locally over the past few years, Trust management recommends for FY 25 that all union staff employed more than 6 months receive: (i) a \$2,000 increase to their annual rates as a market adjustment; (ii) a three percent (3%) increase to their adjusted annual rates; and (iii) a one-

time, lump sum payment of \$2,500 as a ratification bonus not linked to salaries. Over the following three years, Members would receive an annual increase of three percent (3%) in FY 26, three and one-half percent (3.5%) in FY 27, and three and one-half percent (3.5%) in FY 28. In addition to wage increases, the contract would provide for increased compensation for snow removal and standby shifts, as well as increased reimbursements for meals for extended shifts and an increased allowance for suitable footwear. These changes would take effect at the beginning of the agreement.

The Trust believes that the wage and benefit package is fair given the continuing commitment of the Members to the Park, current economic conditions, and in comparison, with other recent New York State public sector labor agreements. The Trust will maintain key provisions of the CBA that were negotiated in 2012, such as a strong management rights clause giving the Trust broad rights to establish policies and procedures, make changes to programming or operations, change employee duties or qualifications, eliminate positions or titles, and increase compensation beyond the increases mandated by the contract -- an important tool to have with respect to retaining and attracting union staff. Many other provisions from the CBA with Local 30 on topics such as vacation leave, grievance procedures, health and retirement benefits, and prohibition of strikes, also remain the same. The extension of the new term until March 31, 2028 will help assure stability in labor relations, as well as the Trust's ability to budget for anticipated labor costs for the next four years. Finally, funding for increased costs associated with the new CBA in the current fiscal year (FY25) was included in the Trust's currently approved operating budget.

Accordingly, the President requested Board's authorization to enter into the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local 30 of the International Union of Operating Engineers for the period April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2028.

Chair Foster asked if there were any questions or comments. A few Directors asked about the budgeting of the overtime and the full number of positions and the President explained all was included in the Budget approved in March. There being no further questions, upon a properly called motion, the following resolution passed unanimously.

HUDSON RIVER PARK TRUST - Authorization to Enter into Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local 30 of the International Union of Operating Engineers

RESOLVED, that based upon the materials presented to the Board of Directors at its meeting on June 6, 2024, 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 enter in the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local 30 of the International Union of Operating Engineers for the period April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2028; and it be 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 moved onto the second item before the Board: Authorization to Contract with AKRF, Inc. for Environmental Consultation Services for Gansevoort Habitat Enhancement Monitoring Project

President Doyle began by stating that in 2022, the Trust installed 300 reef balls and gabions seeded with oyster spat north of the new Gansevoort Peninsula salt marsh. The submerged enhancement structures were designed to provide varied habitat options for diverse species inclusive of hard substrate for encrusting organisms like oysters. Through the support of United States Senators Schumer & Gillibrand and Congressman Nadler, the Trust has received a federal appropriation of \$750,000 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to support four years of research measuring the effects of the enhancement structures, health of the salt marsh, and the change over time in estuarine communities and conditions at this location. The Trust requires an environmental consulting firm to support this effort.

She reminded the Directors that in March 2021, and following a public procurement process, the Board approved a list of ten on-call environmental consulting service firms and authorized the Trust to enter into contracts with any of the approved firms for terms up to five years on an as-needed basis, subject to the Board subsequently approving any individual contract exceeding \$200,000. On February 16, 2024, the Trust sent a Request for Quotes for the desired research and monitoring scope of work to all ten firms and received two very impressive proposals in response. Based on the review of the proposals and follow up interviews, the Trust recommends

contracting with AKRF, Inc. for the work, as its proposed pricing, team composition inclusive of subconsultants from relevant academic and research institutions, and experience with similar projects would provide the best value for the Trust.

Accordingly, the President requested Board approval to contract with AKRF, Inc. for Environmental Consultation Services for the Gansevoort Habitat Enhancement Monitoring Project for a period of up to four years in a contract amount not to exceed \$750,000. Funding for this contract is available from the NOAA appropriation.

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 Contract with AKRF, Inc. for Environmental Consultation Services for Gansevoort Habitat Enhancement Monitoring

RESOLVED, based upon the materials presented to the Board of Directors at its meeting on June 6, 2024, a copy of which is ordered filed with the records of the Hudson River Park Trust, the Board hereby approves the contract with AKRF, Inc. for Environmental Consultation Services for the Gansevoort Habitat Enhancement Monitoring Project for a period of up to four years in a contract amount not to exceed \$750,000; 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 moved onto the third item before the Board: Authorization to Amend the Contract with Field Operations for Design and Related Consultant Services for Gansevoort Peninsula.

President Doyle began by reminding the Directors that at its January 2019 meeting, the Board authorized the Trust to enter into a contract with Field Operations for Design and Related Consultant Services for Gansevoort Peninsula. After working with the Trust on a highly successful community engagement process for the Gansevoort Peninsula, Field Operations completed design in January 2021, and construction began shortly thereafter. Subsequently, the Board approved amendments to the Field Operations’ contract at the October 2020 and March 2023 meetings, such

that the Total Board Authorization amount currently is \$6,355,000, inclusive of construction administration services.

President Doyle remarked that the majority of the Gansevoort Peninsula opened to the public last fall, with some final weather-dependent items, such as dog run painting, completed this spring. The park restroom/maintenance building is now complete except for small punch list items and receipt of the Certificate of Occupancy from the NYC Department of Buildings is expected shortly. The protracted schedule for completion and subsequent monitoring of these elements results in the Trust's need to further supplement the amount of Field Operations' contract while also increasing its duration.

Accordingly, the President requested Board authorization to amend the contract with Field Operations for Gansevoort Peninsula Design and Related Consultant Services to add an additional \$80,000 for a Total Board Authorization Amount of up to \$6,435,000 and to extend the contract term by six months, through November 14, 2024, to provide sufficient time for Field Operations to complete its construction administration responsibilities. Funding for this amendment is available from funds provided by the City of New York and restricted funds held by the Trust.

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

HUDSON RIVER PARK TRUST - Authorization to Amend the Contract with Field Operations for the Gansevoort Peninsula Design and Related Consultant Services

RESOLVED, based upon the materials presented to the Board of Directors at its meeting of June 6, 2024, 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 Field Operations to add an additional \$80,000 for a Total Board Authorization Amount of up to \$6,435,000 and to extend the contract term by six months, through November 14, 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 asked President Doyle to present the President's Report.

President Doyle commenced her report by stating that every good New Yorker gets outside once temperatures start climbing, and they specifically come back to our parks. While there is beauty to be found in these public open spaces all year long, the early and middle days of spring are always among the best, with flowers emerging from the ground, grass becoming greener, and people looking relaxed and happy.

President Doyle shared photos she took in April and May while moving north and south along the esplanade. Hudson River Park has exceptionally photogenic all spring. The Park's landscapes have progressed from early blooming woodland bulbs to daffodils and tulips and now to allium, roses and irises. Irrigation systems, drinking fountains, display fountains and misters have all been reactivated for the season, and as usual, one is hard pressed to find even small pieces of trash on the ground. President Doyle acknowledged the hard work and dedication of the Trust's Operations, Facilities, Horticulture and Public Safety staff, as well as that of Hudson River Park Friends and all the volunteers they enlist, for making the park so magical for the Trust's guests.

She highlighted that plants and trees are also good for people's health and for the environment. The Trust enjoyed meeting SLA Chair Lily Fan, who also happens to be one of the Park's neighbors, when she visited in April to plant a native tree -- *Prunus virginiana*, or Chokecherry – along the Tribeca Boardwalk as part of a statewide effort initiated by Governor Hochul and led by State Parks to plant trees in every county of the State, to launch the State's commitment to plant 25 million trees by 2033. Besides Chair Fan, the pictures showed Matt Post, Peter Walsh, newly promoted Assistant Director of Horticulture, and Chrysalis Terrado, who are part of the team that makes sure the Trust's planting events are positive experiences for volunteers.

President Doyle turned to Design and Construction, sharing that the Trust is very close to receiving the Department of Building Certificate of Occupancy for the Gansevoort park building. The FDNY inspection is scheduled for mid-June, and assuming all goes well, both the doors to the new public restrooms, as well as another portion of that building to support park maintenance activities will be open. Recently, JR Cruz completed the decorative surface for the three Gansevoort dog runs. The Trust also installed some additional safety signage in the beach area and are supplementing lighting along the beach edge for safety. The Trust has flagged several plants for replacement while under warranties, but that planting activity is better done in the fall for plant health purposes.

She reported that at Pier 97, the lawn was opened just in time for the Blues by the Boardwalk event tonight and are continuing to progress the other areas not already open including the Overlook and Playground. While the full completion schedule has obviously slipped, it's been great to see people discovering and enjoying the majority of the pier that is open. Nearby, work on the new restroom/maintenance building is progressing well, with the roof, window frames, wall insulation, and flood barrier system recently completed. Trade contractors continue to install electric, plumbing, and HVAC inside the building, and the contractor is currently installing the signature façade system and framing interior spaces.

President Doyle continued with an update regarding to the park area between 29th to 46th Streets. The Trust has been meeting with Marvel and other members of the design team to orient them to this complicated area of the Park, and the team recently completed an initial vehicular traffic count program and visual observations to inform future planning including tenant and community discussions. The Trust expects to introduce the Design team at Community Board 4's July 11th meeting and will also be scheduling meetings with tenants and stakeholders in the project area.

She reported that before month's end, the Trust will be attending a public meeting at Community Board 1 to show progress on the design for the Estuarium, the Trust's future environmental education and research center. Now that the Science Playground is done and open, it's ever more clear that the Trust has a singular opportunity to foster environmental stewardship at this hugely visible and visited location. President Doyle reminded the Board that the Trust advanced design of this project before having all of the funding in hand for its construction. The Trust's hope is that having an actual design, coupled with a solid cost estimate inclusive of the tanks and water infrastructure needed for the fish exhibits, will lead to a successful path for securing the balance of the funding needed for this important project. Currently, funding in the neighborhood of \$15 million is still needed, beyond what the Trust has currently committed, in order to proceed.

President Doyle reported that on April 18, the Trust received seven proposals in response to the RFP for Pier 40 Construction Manager Services. Through this procurement, the Trust is using a model that NYC has successfully used for certain projects, in which the selected consultant will be charged for not just performing construction management services but also with procuring and subcontracting for the construction and select professionals services related to the Trust's

continued efforts to address core infrastructure needs at Pier 40, including the ongoing sprinkler system work, façade repairs, structural repairs based on the 2023 parking inspection mandated by state and city laws, and other on-call projects. The Trust is advancing this model because of the incredible complexity of moving pieces at this massive pier, such as managing swing spaces in the parking garage, and keeping the ballfields and the Trust’s own operations open. The Trust’s selection committee has completed a first round of interviews with various proposers and is continuing to vet responses, references and conduct other due diligence. President Doyle expects to have a recommendation for the selection for approval by the Board at the July 25th meeting.

With regard to tenant and concessionaire operations, President Doyle was pleased to report that Chelsea Piers and the Trust worked together to successfully secure regulatory approvals for the expanded public walkway on the south side of Pier 59, which was one of the commitments made during the lease negotiation process in 2022. Chelsea Piers is now in the process of installing the public walkway improvements on the west side of the premises adjacent to the Hudson River and is securing bids for the in-water construction. In addition, Chelsea Piers satisfied its commitment to install a Citi-Bike docking station, and it is great to see it in use as expected.

President Doyle continued, sharing that the Intrepid also completed a long-planned project and lease commitment – removal of the structure known as the chiller plant, and reconstruction of the associated section of the pier and pier deck. That area is now open to the public as 4,000 new square feet of public open space. To celebrate this occasion, as well as the return of the restored Concorde aircraft to the pier, the Intrepid invited its neighbors and others, including the record breaking pilots who flew the transatlantic flights when the aircraft was in service, to attend a breakfast celebration on the pier last month. She extended her thanks to Director LeFrancois and several members of CB4 for joining her. She also pointed out that the opening was an occasion for the Trust’s Rob Rodriguez to meet New York State’s other esteemed Robert Rodriguez – former Assembly Member, New York State Secretary of State, and recently appointed CEO and President of the Dormitory Authority, which together with wonderful Congressman Nadler, provided funding for the project.

She reported that across the park, seasonal concessions have opened for the 2024 season. Visitors can dine or have drinks at Grand Banks, Drift In and the Frying Pan, play mini golf or beach volleyball through Manhattan Youth at Pier 25, or take a swing on the trapeze at Pier 40. The four boathouses at Piers 25, 66, 84 and 96, as well as Village Community Boathouse at Pier

40 and historic vessel Lilac have all opened their doors to public programming too. And of course, the Trust's year-round tenants and occupants are in full gear providing excellent venues and services and entertainment for Park patrons at City Vineyard, Chelsea Piers, City Winery and the Marketplace at Pier 57, Circle Line and the Intrepid Museum.

At Pier 40, the Trust's new concessionaire, New York Water Tours, began operating as of May 1, 2024 subsequent to completion of the Trust's procurement process. Four of the eventual seven vessels are now docked at Pier 40 and the business already seems to be attracting tourists and other guests for daytime and evening sightseeing and dinner cruise business. The Trust's real estate and operations departments are continuously monitoring the operation to ensure all terms in the concession agreement are being met, including monitoring traffic and pedestrian queuing, ensuring that vessels entering the area are not playing music, and creating and staffing wayfinding plans for their guests given the busy location and proximity to the NYSDOT bikeway.

President Doyle continued by sharing more good news about Pier 57. After winning the trifecta of prestigious historic preservation awards last year, the pier will be receiving the Design Trust for Public Space's Public Space Private Industry Leadership Award next week in recognition of the transformation of the once maritime industrial site into a location with vibrant indoor and outdoor public open spaces. She highlighted that this project could only have been achieved in partnership with civic-minded private sector leaders, and it continues to be both uplifting and validating to see the hard work of the Trust and its partners at RXR, Google, Jamestown, the James Beard Foundation and City Winery being recognized.

President Doyle shared that bills to amend the Hudson River Park Act to allow for additional commercial uses at Pier 76 have been introduced and are pending before the State Legislature. She expressed appreciation for the bills' sponsors, Senator Hoylman and Assemblymember Simone, for their leadership in advancing many of the thoughtful recommendations that emerged from the very successful Pier 76 task force and the subsequent meetings with Community Board 4. Staff from Senator Hoylman and Assembly Member Simone's offices attended last month's meeting of the Park's Advisory Council to explain the bills and answer questions. If adopted, the amendments would broaden the range of permissible commercial uses at Pier 76 for the portion of the pier that may be used for such uses to include office with height limitations, amusement rides and tourist attractions, floating restaurants, and potential warehouse facilities needed for blue highway waterborne transportation as well as currently

permitted uses. The bills include language recommended by Community Board 4 to prohibit commercial or municipal parking garages at Pier 76. The amendments still require that 50 percent or more of Pier 76 be dedicated to park uses. The bills also would permit a commercial use east of the bulkhead and allow a modification of the current footprint of Pier 76 as long as there is no increase in square footage, again, ideas supported by Community Board 4 and discussed at the Pier 76 Task Force.

She continued that the bills also included language regarding the West 30th Street heliport. The Trust did not have advance notice of this and did not discuss the heliport use at the Pier 76 Task Force meetings or subsequent Community Board 4, Advisory Council or elected officials' conversations. As currently drafted, the bills would require the Trust to establish a task force that would include representatives from the community board, local elected officials, helicopter experts, the Mayor's office, the State and City Departments of Transportation, and both DEC and the NYC Department of Environmental Protection associated with any Trust plan to issue an RFP for either a new heliport operator or heliport design. The Task Force would review any RFP before its release. The bills do not include any mandated dates or deadlines, including related to the existing heliport landing pads located east of the bulkhead.

President Doyle reminded the Board that the Trust is obviously monitoring the New York Legislature's websites and will keep the Directors informed of the status of the bills. She expressed that she will be disappointed if all the good work that has been done in association with long-term planning for Pier 76 does not advance this session but there is a lot on the docket in Albany and the Trust appreciates our elected officials and community members regardless.

President Doyle reported that every department of the Trust is operating in high gear at present, and the Park itself is also in high gear. She shared that leaving Pier 40 on foot as she does every evening feels like entering a human highway of pedestrians and joggers as she zigs and zags sometimes in order to make her way east to cross the highway-the Park is just that busy. And that's without even taking into consideration all of the Trust's terrific programming, not to mention also the activities of its tenants, planning for July 4th and Pride Sunday, and the Trust's operational activities on land and in the water.

President Doyle reported that the Trust held its Annual Water Safety Meeting on April 24 with the goal of bringing together the Park's non-profit and commercial, non-motorized and motorized water related tenants, and specifically those who touch the water in their day-to-day

activities. Also invited and present were ferry operators NY Waterway and NYC Ferry, NYCDOT-Ferry division, FDNY Marine division and the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. At the Trust's request, the Gateway Development Commission provided an update on the Hudson Tunnel Project focusing on its construction activities within the river that have the potential to affect boaters. The Trust's staff also addressed the Park Safety and Security protocols including spill protocol, vessel safety requirements and tenant communications.

President Doyle also shared that in a similar vein, the Maritime Association of the Port of NY-NJ and the Downtown Boathouse launched Boating Safety Month with the Shared Harbor Day on May 4. Over 50 mariners, commercial and recreational, gathered at Pier 26's Downtown Boathouse and the event included a seminar on the characteristics of a safe harbor. Separately, the Trust's staff hosted a Safe Boating table at Gansevoort Peninsula also on May 4. The day featured demonstrations on water kayak safety with the Downtown Boathouse, and the Coast Guard, Village Community Boathouse, Manhattan Community Boat House and Manhattan Kayak also conducted demonstrations and tabling.

She reported that the Pier 40 Wetlab is now open as of this past Saturday, and about 230 people dropped in to say hello to the oyster toadfish, fiddler crabs, American eels and other creatures on display there. The River Project staff debuted a new field trip program, Salt Marsh Science, which takes place on the Gansevoort Peninsula and allows students to explore different ecosystems and learn about coastal resiliency. In early May, the River Project sponsored a River sweep volunteer activity at Gansevoort in which volunteers helped count and categorize plastic pollution while Gulp, the Trust's Wasteshark, roved along the river gulping floating debris. And as part of the Municipal Art Society's Jane's Walk weekend in May, the Trust hosted its first Shoreline Stroll of the season, which focused on both the history and ecology of the Gansevoort Peninsula during a walking tour led by the Park's staff.

President Doyle continued by highlighting one of the Park's signature public events, the annual Submerge Marine Science Festival, which was hosted on Pier 84 this year on May 17 and 18. On Friday, the Park welcomed more than 30 schools and teacher's groups from across NYC, mostly those with Title I designations. The festivities on Saturday were open to the general public and attracted more than 4,000 attendees. Visitors entered and exited the pier through the Trust's new Toadfish Arch, and then got to interact with marine wildlife, birds, scientists and other stewards of our waterways. Together, the Trust's Public Programs and River Project Departments

brought returning favorites to the Festival – horseshoe crabs, toadfishes, ever-popular owls, and Captain Nemo, among others through partners like Silent Wings, BMCC, Village Community Boathouse, DEC, DEP, and many other organizations. A reimagined stage and added amenities -- stilt walkers, ice cream and MANY feather flags -- brought the excitement and further enhanced an incredible event. She gave a special thanks to Maggie Curtis of the Public Programs Department as well as dozens of other staff members across the Trust and a team of more than 100 volunteers recruited by Friends for their dedication to making this logistically challenging but very rewarding and mission-centric happen again this year.

President Doyle reported on Submerge's launch of the Park's programming now in full swing. The first Healthy on Hudson event took place last week on Pier 64 with flow yoga delivered by Tone House and a HIIT class on Pier 97 through the Trust's partner Method by Oscar. At Pier 76, the Park connected with HYROX which took advantage of the huge space for a sold-out day of fitness competition. Coming up in June, the Sunset on the Hudson lineup spotlights local queer and BIPOC artists, culminating with Randy Jones – the cowboy from the original Village People and the Bad Judies on June 28. Programming that celebrates Juneteenth includes most notably the performance by Jimmy Hill and the Allstarz Band, one of Brooklyn's most electrifying and long-running musical ensembles, and the incredible Resistance Revival Chorus as well.

She shared that there is so much more in store for people too -- sunset salsa dance classes beginning tonight at Pier 76, Blues by the Boardwalk beginning tonight at Pier 97, jazz on the Hudson, music performances, catch and release fishing, Blues Barbeque, unicycle basketball and circus magic, and the Latin Night Market, to name a few. She noted that a complete list of events is on Hudson River Park's website, and reminded the Directors to ask if they were curious about anything.

President Doyle also shared that of course, many of the Park's tenants also have terrific events and programming scheduled, including Little Island. Under its new artistic director, Zack Winokur, Little Island will be presenting multiple world premieres this summer across the realms of dance, opera, theater, cultural conversation and more. The tickets range from free to \$25 as the Trust had requirements regarding affordability as part of the lease. Opening night was that same night with a performance of How Long Blues, a full-length dance from Twyla Tharp with live music by T Bone Burnett and David Mansfield. She commented that she was sure she wasn't alone in looking forward to the season.

She reported that along with other agencies, the Trust had recently received 60 percent construction drawings from Battery Park City Authority for its resiliency project. She reminded the Directors that the southern portion of Hudson River Park will be affected by these plans. The Trust has authorized BPCA to seek construction permits from regulatory agencies for an expanded esplanade that would extend into Hudson River Park property; while most of the extension is 6 feet, BPCA hopes to widen the extension at the corner where the two parks meet. The Trust agrees that this would have potential benefits for public circulation and urban design between the two public park areas and BPCA has committed to work with the Trust on design of this area. Besides the water areas that would be permanently affected if these plans are approved, BPCA has identified a need to do temporary but extensive subsurface work in the lawn area of Hudson River Park related to sewage infrastructure. DEP must approve those plans and so details are not fully available yet. BPCA will be updating the community tonight and at another meeting scheduled later in June. President Doyle told the Directors that they would be informed as the Trust learned more, including when the Draft Environmental Impact Statement becomes available for public review. At this point, there is no date for the release of the DEIS. The Trust must still also work with BPCA on property issues; the options appear to be either obtaining an easement from New York State for use of Hudson River Park property or a legislative path that would change the southern borders of the Park. At this point, the easement path seems more likely to be preferred. She stated that it goes without saying that the Trust needs to ensure the eventual plans work for both, including with respect to public access and bikeway safety considerations as well as aesthetics.

She reminded the Directors that the Finance Department has been very busy providing documents to the outside auditor to complete the annual financial audit for Fiscal Year 24. The Finance and Audit Committees met informally on May 14 so that Kim Quinones, the Trust's CFO, could provide Committee members with an overview of GASB 87, 94, and 96 requirements, which will each be reflected in the audit as applicable. She told the Directors that they could certainly reach out to Ms. Quinones if they would like to know more about the important but rather dry details of the GASB requirements. The Audit Committee meeting to review the proposed audit with outside auditors has been scheduled for later this month. She stated that anyone not on the Audit Committee is welcome to attend or could also ask Ms. Quinones or Mr. Sikander Zuberi any questions that they may have once they receive a copy of the final audit. The audit must be posted

on the Trust website and filed with the Authorities Budget Office prior to June 30. The documents the Directors approved today including the Investment Guidelines and Mission Statement as well as documents approved earlier in the year such as the Trust's Procurement Guidelines, must also be provided to the Authorities Budget Office through its PARIS website by June 30. All of these deadlines are another example of why this time of year is so busy for pretty much every department at the Trust.

President Doyle reported that it's all hands on deck at the Trust's office as the Trust plan for both the large crowds that will be drawn to the park first on Pride Sunday and then four days later for the Macy's July 4th fireworks display now scheduled to be staged from the Hudson River. The decision to shift the fireworks to the Hudson River in early spring has meant that lead time for planning is very short, with everyone feeling the pressure, and all of this is occupying a great deal of the Trust's senior staff time. The Trust has been working closely with Macy's, NYC's office of Citywide Event Coordination and Management and NYPD on everything from terms of an occupancy permit with Macy's for its concert and private event (which is separate from the barges in the Hudson River from which the public fireworks will be launched) to technical planning related to logistics and timing of park openings and closings given safety considerations for visitors. The Trust has provided tours of the park to NYPD and City representatives and has facilitated access to Park Tenants along with other information to support the City's planning for the July 4th event. She specifically thanked Deputy Mayor Meera Joshi and her ace staff member Olivia Arnow for helping to make sure that the Trust's unique configuration and needs are carefully considered as this planning occurs.

She highlighted that the Trust recently celebrated the retirement of Kemraj Mangroo, the Trust's longtime Assistant Director of Maintenance. Prior to becoming a staff member of the Trust, Mangroo worked for a social services contractor that that managed sanitation and grounds maintenance on then SDOT property during the Hudson River Park Conservancy era, and then in the early days of the Trust. Mangroo dutifully and diligently managed the staff members and contractors responsible for the general cleanliness and care of the park. He had an amazing memory for dates and never wasted a thing. Thanks to his industriousness and general handiness, the Trust was an early adopter of the practice of reducing, reusing and recycling. She wished him well in his retirement and thanked the Directors for their generosity in contributing to his farewell gift. President Doyle also added that the Trust recently promoted Lakhram Bhuanlall into the position

of Assistant Director of Maintenance. Lakhram has served in the Maintenance Department for over 10 years and like Mangroo, he shows his dedication to the Park every day.

President Doyle concluded her report by extending a formal thank you to former Chair, Basil Seggos, for his service to Hudson River Park. Basil Seggos was the longest tenured Commissioner of NYSDEC, holding this incredibly complex job from 2015 through April 2024. During this period, he oversaw programs and policies to protect and restore New York's air, land and waters and while also fostering New York's clean energy program. He also served as an officer in the US Army Reserve, was deployed overseas, and took a leave of absence in 2022 to drive ambulances in Ukraine as a volunteer. Basil twice served as the Trust Board's Chair and he was always available when Trust staff needed his guidance, wisdom and practical approach to addressing complicated issues. His dedication to the waterfront and the Park will be missed. President Doyle shared that she was able to say thank you on behalf of the Trust during his retirement celebration in Albany, where it was abundantly clear that everyone from Governor Hochul to his staff at all levels had admiration for him. She wished him all the best in his new position as a Partner and the Senior Policy Director at the law firm Foley Hoag and hoped that the Trust would get to give him the golf cart tour of the Park he helped so much that was promised to him, as soon as he gets settled in his new life.

The Chair introduced Tammy Melzer to provide the Advisory Council report. She expressed her gratitude to the Directors for their support of the Council and reported that they have approved the 28 Council members for the next term. Meltzer also reported on the construction of Battery Park's sea wall. She expressed the Council's intent to openly communicate with Battery Park about their plans and that she would continue to update the Board on their progress.

The Chair then introduced Connie Fishman to provide the Hudson River Park Friends' Report. She shared that Friends summer programming was in full swing and that this year's seasonal team had been fully on board and instrumental in operations. Fishman reported that Friends was currently in the throes of Gala fundraising and requested that the Board provided ideas for corporate sponsorships.

The Chair thanked all the presenters and then asked the Directors if there was any further business for the public portion of the meeting. There being none, Chair Foster called for a motion to adjourn the public portion of the meeting and to move into Executive Session to address real estate transaction matters. The public portion of the meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM. The Executive Session ended at 6:20 PM. No action occurred during the Executive Session.