



**MEETING OF THE  
DESIGN COMMITTEE**

**Pier 40, 353 West Street, 2nd Floor  
Room 201 Conference Room  
February 4, 2025 at 4:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**Attendees**

**Directors:** Patrick Foster, Pamela Frederick, Christine Berthet, Jeffrey LeFrancois, Sarah Neilson, Rose Harvey (for first half hour only)

**Staff:** Noreen Doyle, Robert Atterbury, Kevin Quinn, Tom Adams, Kate O'Malley, Kim Quinones, Christine Fazio, Robert Rodriguez, Nicole Cuttino

President Doyle thanked the Design Committee members for coming to Pier 40 for the Design Committee updates. She announced that no actions are on the agenda and that the meeting is for informational purposes.

Tom Adams then provided a summary of the January 13, 2025 meeting held at the Intrepid for the community to engage in design discussions for the area from north of Pier 79 to Pier 84. He summarized the discussions that were occurring at individual tables and that Marvel would be preparing a summary of the recommendations by the attendees. The Directors also appreciated that there was good participation from the community for this event. Some of the early recommendations are seeking more active space and more green space in this area of the Park.

The discussion then moved to other nearby planning processes that are occurring adjacent to Hudson River Park. First, NYC Economic Development Corporation is reviewing revenue generating options and other changes to the Manhattan Cruise Ship terminal and has commenced a community engagement process related to this goal. Along with staff, several Trust Board members have participated in the process to date. The Trust staff and Directors were aligned in believing there is a need for a wider walkway and buffer in that area because the current conditions make it very difficult for pedestrians to walk north and south. Improvements in that vein, along with improved east-west connections and new wayfinding signage, would also assist individuals going to or leaving the Cruise Ship terminal, who often are essentially forced to walk on the busy bikeway or otherwise confused about where to go. Second, NYS Department of Transportation is moving forward on its study of Route 9A as requested by the local elected officials, the community boards and the Park's Advisory Council. NYSDOT has requested interested agencies, community boards and other parties to name two individuals to participate in the planning process. HRPT has suggested to SDOT that the Advisory Council should be added as a stakeholder.

The Directors also briefly discussed the current design for the Estuarium and construction maintenance needs for Pier 40. The Directors then moved into Executive Session to discuss real-estate transactions issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM. No actions occurred at the meeting.