

**MEETING OF THE  
HUDSON RIVER PARK TRUST  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Pier 40, New York, NY  
July 28, 2022 at 4:00 pm  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

**MINUTES**

**Directors Present:**

Meera Joshi, Chair  
Susan Donoghue  
Michael Pastor  
Jeffrey Kaplan  
Purnima Kapur  
Lowell Kern  
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Pamala Frederick  
Patrick Foster

Directors Michael Kuh & Rose Harvey arrived during the President's report.

**Appearances:**

Hudson River Park Trust  
Noreen Doyle, President and CEO  
Kimberly Quinones, CFO and Executive Vice President, Finance & Real Estate  
Christine Fazio, General Counsel

Also present:

Connie Fishman, Friends of Hudson River Park  
Daniel Miller, HRP Advisory Council

With a quorum being present, Chair Joshi called to order the July 28th, 2022 meeting of the Hudson River Park Trust Board of Directors. Chair Joshi explained that, due to the coronavirus pandemic and consistent with the extension of Executive Order 11 by Governor Hochul that allows for virtual meetings under the Open Meetings Law through August 13, 2022, this meeting is being held remotely via a Zoom teleconference enabling the general public to listen to the meeting. The meeting is also being recorded and will be posted on the Trust's website and a stenographer is providing a transcript of the meeting. She continued that the Directors have received the Agenda materials in advance of this meeting and are free to ask questions or comment at any time on the action items submitted for approval. She noted, however, that questions or comments from the audience will not be entertained at this meeting. She noted that the Board memos and resolutions on the agenda have 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.

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Chair Joshi then stated that there are 7 items on the Consent Agenda: 1) Approval of Minutes and Ratification of the Actions Taken at the May 19, 2022 Meeting of the Hudson River Park Trust Board of Directors; 2) Authorization to Amend Contract with Call-A-Head Corp. for Portable/Temporary Restroom Services; 3) Ratification of Extension of Contract with Deborah Bradley Construction & Management Services, Inc. for On-Call General Contracting Services; 4) Authorization to Extend Contract with Deborah Bradley Construction & Management Services, Inc. for Pier 97 Shade Structure Fabrication and Installation; 5) Authorization to Extend Contract with Reicon Group, LLC for Pier 40 Structural Restoration Work Phase 6; 6) Authorization to Amend Contract with Gilbane Building Company for Parkwide Construction Management Services; and 7) Appointment and Ratification of Corporate Officers.

Chair Joshi then called for a motion to approve all of the items on the Consent Agenda. For the second Consent Agenda item, the Call-A-Head contract amendment, two Directors abstained from the vote and thus that contract amendment did not receive the required eight votes. The following six Resolutions on the consent agenda were unanimously approved by the Directors.

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**HUDSON RIVER PARK TRUST - Approval of Minutes and Ratification of the Actions Taken at the May 19, 2022 Meeting of the Hudson River Park Trust Board of Directors**

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**RESOLVED**, that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Hudson River Park Trust Board of Directors held on May 19, 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.

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**HUDSON RIVER PARK TRUST – Ratification of Amendment to Contract with Deborah Bradley Construction & Management Services, Inc. for On-Call General Contracting Services**

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**RESOLVED**, based upon the materials presented to the Board of Directors at its meeting of July 28, 2022, a copy of which is ordered filed with the records of the Hudson River Park Trust, the Board hereby ratifies the amendment to the contract with Deborah Bradley Construction & Management Services, Inc. for On-Call General Contracting Services to extend the term through June 24, 2023; 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.

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**HUDSON RIVER PARK TRUST – Authorization to Extend the Contract with Deborah Bradley Construction & Management Services, Inc. for the Pier 97 Shade Structure Fabrication and Installation**

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**RESOLVED**, based upon the materials presented to the Board of Directors at its meeting of July 28, 2022, 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 extend the term of the contract with Deborah Bradley Construction & Management Services, Inc. for the Pier 97 Shade Structure Fabrication and Installation by an additional one year, through May 31, 2023; 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.

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**HUDSON RIVER PARK TRUST – Authorization to Extend the Term of Contract with Reicon Group, LLC for Pier 40 Structural Restoration Phase 6 Construction Work**

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**RESOLVED**, based upon the materials presented to the Board of Directors at its meeting on July 28, 2022, a copy of which is ordered filed with the records of the Hudson River Park Trust, the Board hereby authorizes the Trust to extend of term of contract with Reicon Group, LLC for the Pier 40 Structural Restoration Phase 6 Construction Work by an additional six months; 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.

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**HUDSON RIVER PARK TRUST – Authorization to Amend Contract with Gilbane Building Company for Parkwide Construction Management Services for Pier 40 Fire Sprinkler Restoration-Related Work**

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**RESOLVED**, based upon the materials presented to the Board of Directors at its meeting on July 28, 2022, 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 Gilbane Building Company for Parkwide Construction Management Services by an additional \$30,000 for a Total Board Authorization Amount of \$1,231,338; 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.

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**HUDSON RIVER PARK TRUST – APPOINTMENT AND RATIFICATION OF CORPORATE OFFICERS**

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**RESOLVED**, based upon the materials presented to the Board of Directors at its meeting of July 28, 2022, a copy of which is ordered filed with the records of the Hudson River Park Trust, the Board hereby approves the appointment of Robert Atterbury as Executive Vice President, Park Relationships and Programs and Robert Rodriguez as Executive Vice President, Park Management; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Board ratifies the following corporate officers of the Trust as provided for and in accordance with the By-Laws of the Hudson River Park Trust:

- Meera Joshi, Chairperson
- Basil Seggos, Vice Chairperson

- Noreen Doyle, President and Chief Executive Officer
- Kimberly Quinones, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer and Executive Vice President
- Sikander Zuberi, Assistant Treasurer
- Christine Fazio, General Counsel and Secretary
- Nicole Cuttino, Deputy General Counsel and Assistant Secretary;

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.

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Chair Joshi then proceeded with the corporate actions, introducing the first item: Authorization to Contract with Pioneer Landscaping & Asphalt Paving, Inc. for Tennis Courts Reconstruction.

President Doyle began by stating that the tennis courts at Hudson River Park have been a popular amenity since their original completion in 2004, and their asphalt paving surface is in need of replacement due to heavy use. The restoration work involves removing the paved surface, re-grading the site, installing new concrete foundations and providing new tennis court surfacing and striping and tennis court equipment at each of the three courts.

The Trust released an RFP for Tennis Courts Reconstruction on January 21, 2022 and received five proposals on the submission deadline of February 25. A selection committee comprised of Trust staff reviewed the submissions and evaluated each according to the identified selection criteria in the RFP. Trust staff has identified Pioneer Landscaping & Asphalt Paving, Inc. as the highest ranked proposer that also offered the lowest fee for the scope of work. Pioneer has completed projects for various agencies throughout the City and State including for both the State and City Parks Departments. Given the limited scope of work and sub-contracting opportunities, a partial MWBE waiver will be sought from the State, and the Trust will prepare a waiver of the 6% SDVOB subcontracting goal.

Funding for this contract is available through the capital maintenance portion of the Trust’s annual operating budget, and includes substantial contributions from the City Council and the Manhattan Borough President.

President Doyle then requested Board authorization to enter into a contract with Pioneer Landscaping & Asphalt Paving, Inc. for Tennis Courts Reconstruction in the amount of \$971,450 plus a 10% contingency for a Total Board Authorization Amount of up to \$1,068,595.

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

**HUDSON RIVER PARK TRUST - Authorization to Contract with Pioneer Landscaping & Asphalt Paving, Inc. for Tennis Courts Reconstruction for a Total Board Authorization Amount of up to \$1,068,595**

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**RESOLVED**, based upon the materials presented to the Board of Directors at its meeting of July 28, 2022, 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 Pioneer Landscaping & Asphalt Paving, Inc. for Tennis Courts Reconstruction in the amount of \$971,450 plus a 10% contingency for a Total Board Authorization Amount of up to \$1,068,595; 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.

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Chair Joshi then referred the Directors to the next item before the Board: Authorization to Amend Contract with Alpine Construction & Landscaping Corp. for Chelsea Waterside Park Phase 2 Site and Landscape Work.

President Doyle began by stating that at its July 2021 meeting, the Board authorized the Trust to enter into a contract with Alpine Construction & Landscaping Corp. for the Chelsea Waterside Park Phase 2 General Construction contract for a total Board Authorization Amount of up to \$8,079,309. During Alpine's build out of the site, numerous unanticipated sub-surface structures, including remnants of foundation walls, drainage structures and abandoned utilities related to previous uses at the site, have been encountered. Alpine has had to modify installation details of several significant items to account for these sub-surface obstructions, resulting in change orders and increased costs. In addition, subsequent to the initial award, fabrication of a small vending kiosk to be located within Chelsea Waterside Park was added to Alpine's scope of work for site construction efficiencies.

President Doyle then requested Board authorization to increase the Total Board Authorization Amount by \$1,000,000 in order to compensate Alpine for these additional costs. Funding for this contract amendment is available from the Trust's restricted funds from the sale of transferable development rights within Community Board 4's boundaries and from capital budget funds allocated by New York City through the City Council.

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

**HUDSON RIVER PARK TRUST – Authorization to Amend the Contract with Alpine Construction & Landscaping Corp. for the Chelsea Waterside Park Phase 2 General Construction for a Total Board Authorized Amount of up to \$9,079,309**

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**RESOLVED**, based upon the materials presented to the Board of Directors at its meeting on July 28, 2022, 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 Alpine Construction & Landscaping Corp. for the Chelsea Waterside Park Phase 2 General Construction in the amount of \$1,000,000 for a Total Board Authorized Amount of up to \$9,079,309; 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.

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Chair Joshi then referred the Directors to the last item before the Board: Authorization to Contract for Parkwide On-Call Landscape Architecture Services.

President Doyle began by stating that The Trust has identified the need for professional landscape architecture services related to several small and medium-scale projects such as reconstruction of Pier 45's Wood Deck, Pier 25 Safety Surface improvements, and planning for additional lighting in certain Park locations. Beyond these projects, the consultant would provide landscape architecture and ancillary civil engineering services for modest capital maintenance and other construction projects on an on-call basis.

The Trust released an RFP for Parkwide On-Call Landscape Architecture Services directed at New York State-certified MWBE firms on June 10, 2022 and received two proposals on the July 13 submission deadline. A selection committee comprised of Trust staff reviewed the

submissions and evaluated each according to the identified selection criteria in the RFP. The selection committee determined that both proposers, Joanna Pertz Landscape Architecture and Grain Collective Landscape Architecture & Urban Design, proposed favorable hourly rates for the on-call services, and staff believes that contracting with both firms would be in the best interest of the Trust because it would allow staff to seek the benefits of competitive pricing, differing expertise and scheduling availability when services are needed. Joanna Pertz has extensive experience providing similar services for the NYU Langone Medical Center, New York City Housing Authority and for the Trust. Grain Collective has similarly completed work at various locations for the New York City Housing Authority and School Construction Authority.

President Doyle then requested Board authorization to enter into two contracts, each for a three-year term, with Joanna Pertz and Grain Collective for an aggregate Total Board Authorization Amount of up to \$750,000. Funding for these contracts has or would be identified through the capital maintenance portion of the Trust's annual operating budget as approved by the Board of Directors each year.

Chair Joshi asked if there were any questions or comments. Director Kapur asked if the two firms bring different skills. President Doyle responded that they may have different skills as new work is identified and, in the cases where the skill sets are the same, it allows the Trust to seek price proposals from each and to thereafter select the lower price. There being no further questions, upon a properly called motion, the following resolution passes unanimously.

**HUDSON RIVER PARK TRUST - Authorization to Contract with (1) Joanna Pertz Landscape Architecture, P.C. and (2) Grain Collective Landscape Architecture & Urban Design PLLC for Parkwide On-Call Landscape Architecture Services for an Aggregate Board Authorization Amount of up to \$750,000**

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**RESOLVED**, based upon the materials presented to the Board of Directors at its meeting of July 28, 2022, 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 into a contract for a three-year term with (1) Joanna Pertz Landscape Architecture, P.C. and (2) Grain Collective Landscape Architecture & Urban Design PLLC for Parkwide On-Call Landscape Architecture Services for an Aggregate Board Authorization Amount of up to \$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 forgoing resolution.

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Chair Joshi thanked the Directors and asked President Doyle to present the President's report.

President Doyle started by stating that in some sectors, summer in the City is a quieter season – a time for fewer meetings and time away. Of course, things are different in the parks' world, and here at Hudson River Park, every department is in high gear. The Trust is designing, building, programming, educating, conducting research, managing tenants, hosting guest events, focusing on public safety, paying a whole lot of bills, and improving their systems. It's hectic, and it's fascinating, and it's sometimes stressful, and the Trust is incredibly fortunate to have such a talented and committed staff to make it all happen. President Doyle then thanked the Trust staff for all that they do to help the Trust achieve its mission each and every day of the year.

President Doyle then acknowledged the Trust's two newest Board members, Deputy Mayor Meera Joshi and Michael Pastor, and welcomed each to the Hudson River Park family. President Doyle then asked that they each take a minute to introduce themselves.

President Doyle said that she thinks they're already discovering that staff is not shy about calling upon its Board members for their expertise, and they can be certain that they will be hearing more from the Trust as the months tick by. President Doyle thanked Mayor Adams for appointing both of them.

President Doyle continued by saying that, in the context of the Board, saying hello also means saying some goodbyes – in this case, former Directors Aloysee Heredia Jarmoszuk and Vicki Been, the former Chair. On behalf of the Trust, President Doyle thanked each of them for their commitment and dedication to the Park, their availability to staff, and – personally – for their support of President Doyle during the major transitions that have taken place at the Trust over the past year and a half, including her becoming President. Despite both having incredibly busy day jobs, both always made time for President Doyle and the Park. As Chair, Vicki in particular was called on frequently by those on its management team for her counsel and advice, and the Trust was lucky to have her extraordinarily level and strategic head and compassion during a time of transition. President Doyle then asked that they please join her in thanking Aloysee and Vicki for their service to Hudson River Park.

President Doyle then moved on to the Design and Construction report. She explained that the Trust continues to make excellent progress on the various construction projects. At Chelsea Waterside, the Trust is very focused on completing the new features at the expanded dog run, and is still aiming to reopen that section this summer. Work there includes installing granite curbs, walls, new water features, a new shade structure and tiered seating. The contractor for the new comfort station has completed the foundation, subgrade utilities, floor slab and structural walls and is presently constructing the building's roof. The Athletic Field closed for construction as of June 22, 2022 and field demolition and subgrade work is ongoing. To date, the Trust has been able to accommodate displaced youth field users at other Park locations including the new rooftop field at Pier 40. The site contractor is also installing footings, curbs, walls, and site utilities in the Central Area where the future picnic area and additional plantings will be located.

At the Gansevoort Peninsula, trees have been installed along the 13th Avenue Promenade and pine grove area – the most visible indication that this former Sanitation facility will soon be a public park. Steven Dubner Landscaping continues to install pavers and boardwalk decking throughout the site, and to construct the new resilient south edge. Salt marsh construction at the north edge is also under way, and JR Cruz has begun reconfiguring the Bloomfield Street entrance into the site, among other work. Construction on the new restroom, park maintenance and concession buildings by Padilla is also proceeding well.

Just last week, Trevcon Construction completed installation of several hundred oyster gabions and reef balls seeded with more than 20 million juvenile oysters provided by Billion Oyster Project in the water area north of the new salt marsh. These enhancement structures are designed to improve the sub-tidal river ecosystem by offering more habitat variety for river wildlife. Over time, encrusting organisms, like oysters and mussels, will settle on these features and help provide protective places for local fish populations to hide and feed. These structures will also help protect the Gansevoort Peninsula's northern shoreline by reducing wave energy and storm surge impacts, which in turn, will preserve the health of the adjacent salt marsh that's anticipated to be installed later this season.

President Doyle continued that the Trust is delighted to see this initiative receiving the great press it deserves, and that the Trust acknowledged the creative collaboration that took place between its Design & Construction and River Project Departments, along with the design and engineering team for Gansevoort led by James Corner Field Operations, to make it happen. This

initiative further expands the Trust's mission to increase habitat opportunities within the Park's estuarine sanctuary.

At Pier 97, installation of the Shade Structures is complete. Concrete foundations for the all-ages slide are complete and the concrete wall at the perimeter of the synthetic turf field will be poured over the next 2 weeks, weather permitting. The first delivery of granite wall veneers and coping stones has arrived on site and installation has started. The general contractor for the new comfort station has completed demolition and excavation for the building foundation and drilled caissons will be installed over the next month.

Staff from the Trust's Design and Construction department continues to lead the review of proposals received for the design services RFP issued for the future Estuarium. Several Directors are participating in the selection process and interviews with the initial short list of design firms will commence soon. While it is an aggressive schedule, especially with summer schedules, the Trust is still hoping to bring the selection of the design team to the Board for consideration in September.

Meanwhile, the Trust has released an RFP seeking a construction contractor for the Pier 26 Science Play Area based on the design prepared by the OLIN Studio. The play equipment will include a 90-foot long Atlantic sturgeon and 49-foot long Shortnose sturgeon with educationally themed painted interiors, an 18-foot tall eel grass play structure, slides, climbing nets, and a shrimp and oyster shell play area, among other features.

Hudson River Park Friends completed a successful capital fundraising campaign for this project. With the support of Friends, the signature custom play features by Monstrum Playgrounds is now in final design for fabrication and the Trust is very grateful to Friends, all of the private donors, and to State Senator Brian Kavanagh, Borough President Mark Levine and the City Council – specifically Council Member Chris Marte and former Speaker Corey Johnson -- for their support.

South of Pier 40, staff continue to coordinate with the construction and development team for 550 Washington Street, the new Google building across from Pier 40, on the phasing and construction plan for the new crosswalk. Subject to that work receiving permits from the State and City Departments of Transportation, work is expected to start in the Park on August 15th and is being closely coordinated with the adjacent tennis court work that the Board approved today. In

July, the Trust provided an update to Community Board 2 to describe the phasing and temporary closure plans for that area of the park.

At Pier 40, the marine contractor Reicon is returning to complete the Phase 4 pile work and some other marine repair work and the Trust expects the comprehensive Pier 40 pile repair program to be fully complete in October of this year. Meanwhile, the Trust received only one response to the RFP for a contractor to replace the loading dock roof that rings the perimeter of the Pier 40 courtyard field, so pursuant to the Trust's Procurement Guidelines, that RFP has failed. The Trust is re-evaluating the scope and budget for this work and may issue a new RFP for a reduced scope of work sometime in the future.

As previously reported, Battery Park City Authority is studying installing a barrier system to protect against coastal flooding within Battery Park City including at its northern end, where the infrastructure would affect portions of the Park. BPCA has been providing updates to the Trust with its design team as planning progresses, and the Trust has asked a number of technical questions about aspects of the project that would or could affect Hudson River Park. A portion of the currently contemplated work would occur in the Park's water area immediately to the north of Battery Park City, and another portion would traverse the park and then run along the west side of the Route 9A Bikeway before crossing the highway near North Moore Street. Information including power point presentations is available on BPCA's website, and BPCA expects to begin the Draft Scoping process under the State Environmental Quality Review Act this fall. Staff will attend that meeting and can update the Directors in the fall. In response to a question by Director Frederick, President Doyle explained that the Trust and other agencies do need more information about Battery Park's plans as the Trust has only seen the concept plan so far.

President Doyle then asked if there any questions on Design and Construction.

She continued with reporting on Public Programs and the River Project. The 2022 Hudson River Park events season is at the midway point and in-person programming continues to be well received and highly attended. Thanks to additional support from Hudson River Park Friends, the Trust has been able to offer more events than during any previous season. Highlights from the first half of the season would certainly include the Hudson River Dance Festival. After a two-year hiatus, guests were dazzled by two nights of performances, curated by the Trust's partner, The Joyce Theater.

The Trust's popular participatory dance series inclusive of dance lessons has moved to new locations, Pier 76 and Pier 84, and the crowds for Sunset Salsa at Pier 76 came out in droves throughout June. It's been exciting to see the audience for Afro-Caribbean dance at Pier 76 grow as July advances, and the Trust is looking forward to hosting their Bollywood & Bhangra audience at Pier 84 come August. Another new event at Pier 76, Bicycle Skills 101 which is conducted in collaboration with Bike NYC, continues once each month at Pier 76 through September. Healthy on the Hudson, sponsored by Lululemon and Hudson River Park Friends, is once again bringing free health and wellness classes to multiple Pier locations throughout the Park, and has been fully booked each night. Hudson River Park is always mindful of safety, and while the Trust chose to cancel a couple of programs recently due to the heat wave, the Trust somehow knew that their dedicated fitness buffs would show up even when temperatures exceeded 90 degrees – and they did!

The Trust is excited for the return of the Blues BBQ Festival on August 13 and hosting it at the new and larger venue, Pier 76. As always, the day will feature a fantastic line-up of five performers each showcasing a different version of blues music. And then there's that delicious BBQ. Please let the Trust know if you can come!

She continued that for those that cannot attend Blues BBQ, one can still listen to free music in the Park at either of the Trust's other concert series: Jazz at Pier 84, conducted in partnership with the Jazz Foundation of America every other Wednesday, and Sunset on the Hudson on Friday nights at Pier 45. Maybe you'll be lucky enough to happen upon one of the Trust's pop up performances taking place throughout the summer at various locations – they appear before your eyes before disappearing like a mirage. The Trust's schedule of arts and cultural programming continues to highlight the diversity of people and places in and around the Park, bringing new performers and styles to different locations. A complete listing with dates and times is now on the Trust's website at [hudsonriverpark.org/events](http://hudsonriverpark.org/events).

Not to be outdone, the Trust's River Project is also having a very successful summer, both in and out of the water. Recently, the Trust began a five-year research project entailing monitoring performance of the features installed as part of the Tribeca Habitat Enhancement project. AKRF is the master consultant, and Rutgers University, Monmouth University, University of New Hampshire, New Jersey City University, Hudson River Foundation and Billion Oyster Project are all sub consultants. The Trust is grateful to NYSDEC for identifying the funding for this important

five-year study. The monitoring focuses on four research areas, including oyster health & performance, estuarine community utilization, enhancement feature performance and water & sediment properties. In July the Trust launched the mobile species survey through Rutgers University and are checking traps to understand finfish population dynamics. The Trust also surveyed the reef balls and gabion structures with the Hudson River Foundation and they're incredibly pleased to see that the oysters had grown about 2 inches in the last year. The Trust will survey the habitat structures again in the fall and will report on the first season of monitoring this winter.

The Trust has also begun a survey of Park users thanks to funding from the City Council. In-person surveys are being conducted through a consultant team led by HDR, which has also developed an online questionnaire for Park users that is being promoted through temporary banners and signage throughout the Park, targeted emails and social media. The Trust hopes to learn more about its audience and the ways that people use the Park through this process.

The Pier 40 Wetlab continues to be a popular destination for free public tours of its research aquarium with open hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-6 PM and Sundays from 11 AM - 3 PM. Staff reports that they are getting to see repeat customers and a growing audience as the summer progresses. Earlier this week, the Trust also hosted their popular Ask a Scientist series at the Wetlab, conducted this year in partnership with the Secret Science Club and Nerd Nite. During these programs, local STEM experts give humorous yet informative talks about the Trust's local waterways.

For the first time since 2019, the Trust brought back the ever-popular Big City Fishing, which gives anglers of all abilities the chance to go catch and release fishing alongside the Trust's environmental educators to learn more about the River and what lives in it. Kids and adults alike are enjoying catching and learning about species like Black sea bass, Summer flounder and Sea robins. The Trust has also expanded its Park Tour program series this summer, incorporating walking tours guided by local experts with a focus on local wildlife, shoreline ecology, sustainability, climate justice and historic vessels.

This fall there's still more to enjoy, with the Trust's SUBMERGE Marine Science Festival back in-person for a two-day event on October 14 and 15. Event information can be found on the Trust's website with further details on all of its programs.

The Trust's River Project has also welcomed a team of 18 interns to support research and educational initiatives happening throughout the Park. These paid internship programs teach valuable green job skills and help create career stepping stones for students and recent graduates in the environmental field. The Student Leadership Program is a research intensive initiative where 8 high school students, recruited from the Intrepid's GOALS for Girls program and the Young Women's Leadership School of Harlem, are mentored by 2 CUNY City College interns. During this program, students conduct authentic scientific research, create a research poster and practice valuable science communication skills. Through a separate internship program, the River Project hosts 8 additional undergraduate students and recent graduates hired to focus on research or environmental education. These staff help maintain the Wetlab, collect data for ongoing research projects and conduct programming for summer camps and members of the public.

President Doyle then asked if there are any questions on Public Programs or River Project programming.

She further explained that the Trust staff has shared the financials for the first three months of this fiscal year with the Directors. Total operating revenue for the first quarter was \$10 million and total expenses, including net Capital maintenance and equipment, were \$5.3 million. Expense reflects a normal seasonal spending pattern and is expected to increase per the planned budget.

President Doyle then asked a few staff members who don't normally get a lot of camera time at the Trust's meetings to introduce themselves, and to give the Board of Directors and the public a bit of insight into the work that they do to keep the Park looking great and operating safely. President Doyle then introduced Rob Rodriguez, Executive Vice President of Park Management. Mr. Rodriguez introduced his staff and each provided a presentation using a power point about park maintenance, horticulture, facilities, operations and security. Trust staff included Matt Post, Senior Director, Horticulture and Maintenance; Christina Singh, Director of Operations; Dwayne Cremona, Senior Director of Facilities; and Chris McGann, Senior Director of Public Safety. A copy of the power point presentation is attached to the minutes.

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Chair Joshi then asked Daniel Miller to provide the Advisory Council report. Mr. Miller explained that the Advisory Council's meeting was held at the River Project's Wetlab on June 7.

The members were able to have a tour of the Wetlab and learn about the wonderful wildlife. A joint focus of the Trust and the Advisory Council is to keep the Hudson River clean and pollution down. A new member to the Advisory Council was approved at that meeting – Fulton House. He also stated that safety is a focus of the Advisory Council, including seeking longer signals at cross walks and a wider bikeway. He also asked that the Trust ensure past letters written by the Advisory Council be shared with new members of the Trust Board and concluded that he hopes that the Trust continues to see the Advisory Council as a partner and continues to communicate about safety and other issues.

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Chair Joshi then asked Connie Fishman to present on behalf of Hudson River Park Friends. Ms. Fishman summarized Friends’ fundraising events, the October 13 gala that will include a special chairs’ leadership award to Mike Novogratz, and plans for the Park’s 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023. She stated that Friends is working on the Bloomberg Connects smartphone app that provides an opportunity for a museum style guide of the Park. And Friends is getting ready to hire a major gifts officer for the first time.

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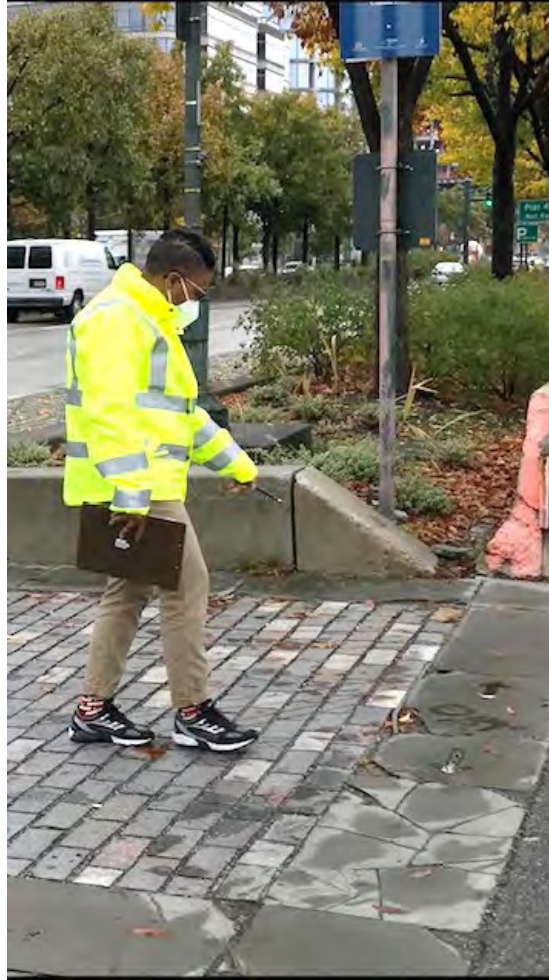
Chair Joshi then asked the Directors if there was any further business for the public portion of the meeting. There being none, Chair Joshi called for a motion to adjourn the public portion of the meeting and to move into Executive Session. The motion was unanimously approved, and the public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 5:17 pm. The Directors then moved into Executive Session to address Real Estate Transaction and Litigation Matters. The Board of Director’s meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm. No action items were taken during Executive Session.

# Park Management Overview

July 28, 2022



**Maintenance**



**Operations & Public Safety**



**Horticulture**



**Facilities**

# Contracted Park Services



**Doe Fund**



**Park Enforcement Patrol (PEP)**



**Industries for the Disabled (Fed Cap)**

# Horticulture



## Key Responsibilities:

- **Plan for and Maintain Park's Horticultural Assets**
- **Composting and Sustainability Initiatives**
- **Coordinate with Hudson River Park Friends to Manage and Support Volunteer Programs**
- **Maintain Irrigation Systems and Other Equipment**
- **Snow Removal**
- **Special Projects**



# Maintenance

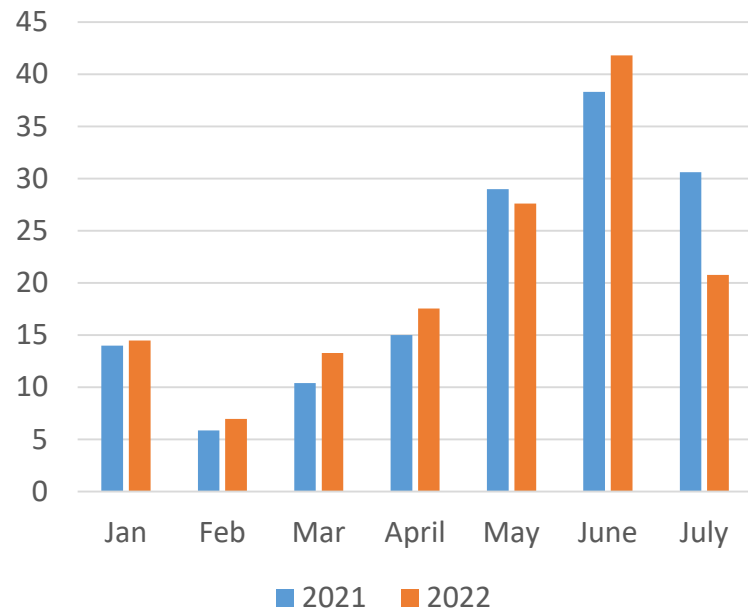
## Key Responsibilities:

- **Indoor and outdoor trash removal**
- **Cleaning pavement & recreation facilities (skateparks, playgrounds, etc.)**
- **Assist with event preparation & cleanup**
- **Clean graffiti**
- **Snow Removal**
- **Painting**
- **Banner and Signage Installation**





**2021 v 2022 Trash Removal by Ton/ Month**





# Operations

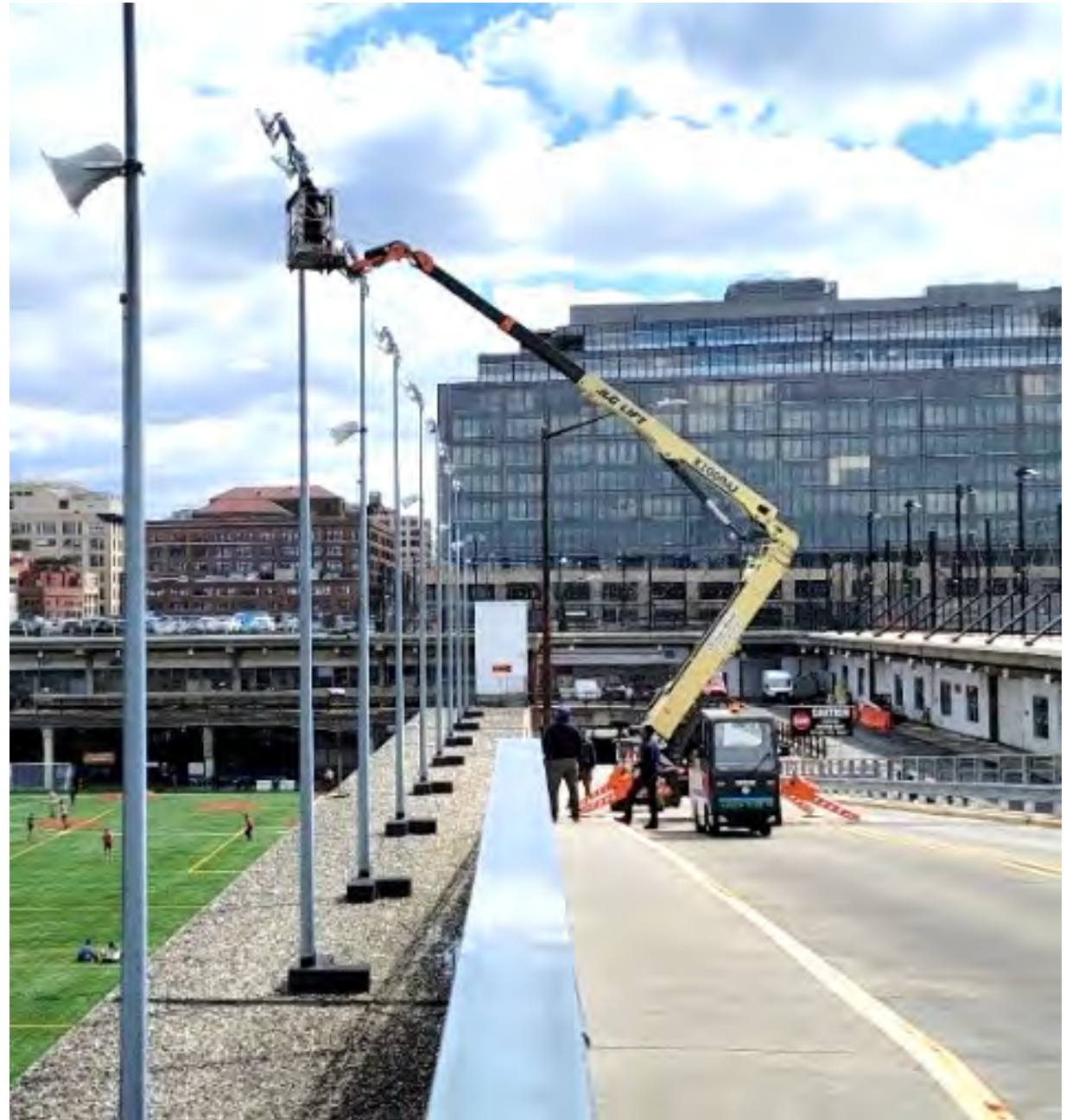
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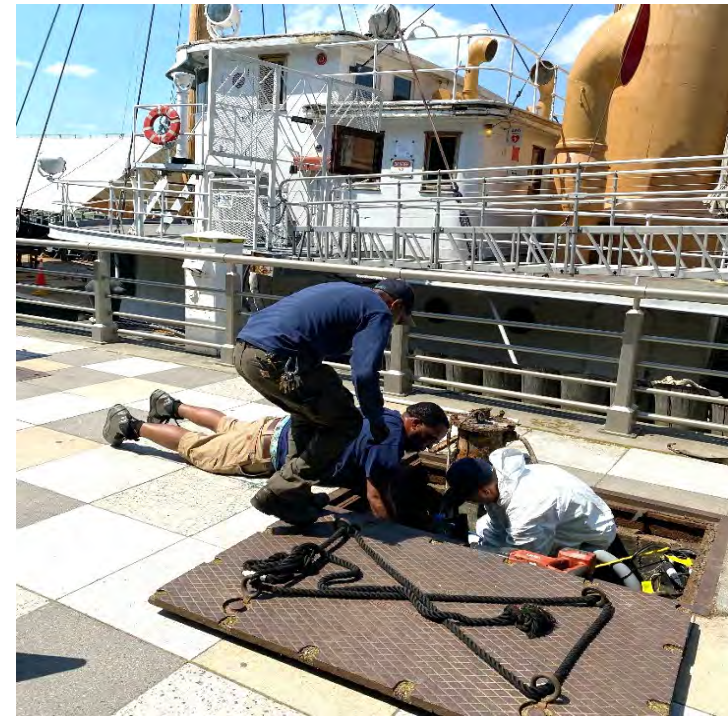
- **Logistical & planning support**
- **Inspections**
- **Coordination with gov agencies**
- **Access controls**
- **Safety support**

# Facilities

## Key Responsibilities:

- **Building systems, utilities & infrastructure**
- **Docks & mooring field**
- **Vehicles & equipment**
- **Display and drinking fountains**
- **Athletic facilities and playground**







# Public Safety

## Key Responsibilities:

- **Parks Enforcement Control**
- **Fire Safety**
- **Water Safety**
- **NYPD / FDNY Coordination**
- **Event Safety**

