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PARKS & WATERFRONT COMMITTEE

November 4, 2020

The Parks & Waterfront Committee of Community Board #2, Manhattan, held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 6:30 via Zoom conferencing.

The meeting covered one topic: updates on projects and activities along the waterfront by representatives of Hudson River Park Trust.

Board Members Present: Rich Caccappolo (Chair); Susanna Aaron (Vice Chair); Coral Dawson;

Jeannine Kiely; Matthew Metzger; Shirley Secunda; Kristin Shea; Georgia Silvera Seamans

Public Members Present: Nancy Brous; Elizabeth Gilmore; Sharon Woolums **Other Board Members Present:** Carter Booth (CB2 Board Chair); William

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Public Members Absent with Notice:

In total, approximately 18 people connected including community members

There were no resolutions created from this meeting

MINUTES

<u>Updates on projects and activities along the waterfront by representatives of Hudson River Park Trust:</u>
Madelyn Wils, President & CEO of Hudson River Park Trust, and members of the organization presented recently completed, in process and planned projects, both in our district and those north and south of us:

- Pier 26, which is located between N Moore St. and Hubert St., was built over 2 years and opened this Fall:





- Pier 40's turf field was replaced in Spring 2020 and Pier 40 structural work is on-going (photos are current):
 - repairs of the piles that support the platform (phases 5 and 6, the north and south sections) underway and
 - reconstruction of the southern roof is in process; new playing fields, probably 8 soccer fields for younger children, will be installed on the reconstructed surface and
 - façade restoration on the front of the building will start shortly.





- Morton St. section - sea wall and paving repairs – was completed and re-opened in Fall 2020:



- "Day's End", the public art project by David Hammons for the Whitney Museum of American Art, is currently being constructed (images are the renderings):





Gansevoort Peninsula will be developed into a public space with sports fields, areas for lounging and river views, a salt marsh on the northern side, a resilient "beach" and kayak launch and "Day's End" on the southern side, and a new pavilion with large openings in the canopy that will evoke the geometric forms and light effects of Gordon Matta Clark's cuts into the warehouse on the site that is the inspiration for the art installation. Design is progressing without issue or delay – construction will begin in 2021 (images are the renderings - see more renderings at https://hudsonriverpark.org/locations/gansevoort-peninsula/):







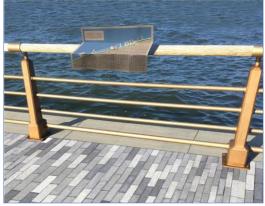
- Little Island (Pier 55) is being built with planned opening in Spring 2021 (images are the renderings):





Pier 54 Arch, which will be the entrance to Little Island, is being renovated / reconstructed and new interpretive signage will be installed nearby (current photo and a rendering of a sign):





- Chelsea Waterside Park, the triangular space running from 22nd St. to 24th St., between 11th Ave and the West Side Highway, is to be renovated. The project is currently in design (images are renderings):





- Pier 97, which is located at W. 57th St., will be constructed as an expansion of the Clinton Cove Park. It is currently being designed. When built, the pier is expected to include a playground with water spray features, an activity field with a gently sloping lawn, areas for flexible gathering, and a new building at the entrance to the pier that will contain a small concession and public restrooms. The pier is also being planned to host a historic vessel on its south side.





Respectfully submitted,

Rich Caccappolo, Chair, Parks & Waterfront Committee Community Board 2, Manhattan