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Pier 40, 353 West Street, Room 201
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Re: Revised Design of Hudson River Park – 29th-44th Streets

Dear President Doyle,

Manhattan Community Board 4's Waterfront Parks and Environment Committee was delighted by the revised design of the Hudson River Park section between 29th and 44th Streets as presented at its June 11, 2026 meeting. The committee was unanimous in its support of this design and of this letter. MCB4's Executive Committee¹ also approved this letter. As the Public Design Commission must approve the design, this letter is being sent before the next full board meeting on July 22 where it will be presented for ratification.

The design, as presented, will greatly reduce the concrete dominated space by turning it into an inviting much greener space. It will include more green lawns, seating areas, fanciful play spaces, water features, the addition of 150 trees, increased permeability and more. In the spirit of making this great project even better we offer the following comments and remarks.

The committee asked for solar lighting. Absent a reliable standalone technology to provide that, the committee was reminded that a 1.4-million-dollar process is underway that should result in an installation of a solar array on top of an existing building. That array is expected to be sufficient to generate electricity for the Con Ed grid during the day at an amount that is larger than the amount needed to provide lighting. The result is a net positive contribution of alternative energy to the grid and significantly less maintenance for the Trust. This type of facility already exists with successful results on Pier 97 and at Chelsea Riverside Park.

¹ This letter is being sent prior to a Full Board vote to meet the Public Design Commission submission deadline and is subject to ratification at the July 22nd Full Board meeting.

We were happy to hear that the dog park and the water facility are not being changed.

The following were comments made by the committee in the hope that they would inform the project as it is further refined (Letters refer to page 32 of 65 (attached)):

- A. Consider a North/south pitch to the southern lawn between pier 79 and 81 to enable its use in snow activities.
- B. An air pump at the building at Pier 84
- C. More shading around the water feature at Pier 84. Consider exploration of possible uses of the water feature when the water is off between Indigenous People's Day (second Monday in October) and Memorial Day
- D. Water fountains and changing stations in and around Pier 85

Consider test areas within the preliminary design area for under foot power generation by foot platform power generators. We understand that Pier 76 may be a better place for experimentation with alternative power generation, however, given the expanse of pavers being installed between Pier 70 & Pier 84, this may be an appropriate space for a trial of this technology.)

The committee expressed appreciation for the attention paid to an all-season horticultural pallet. It expressed hope that the new trees would include a selection of evergreens.

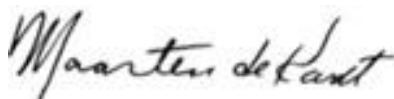
We understand that construction is to begin during 2027 and is expected to be complete within a two-year span. A food concession is promised after the construction of this new green space is completed.

For us, the following comment by HRPT stood out: "We want to deliver green space here." The design presented promises to accomplish that. We look forward to learning more as this project progresses. We are in full support of what you have accomplished so far and of what you are promising to accomplish by this design.

Sincerely,



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Chair
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