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Connie Fishman
Hudson River Park Trust
Pier 40 at W. Houston St.
New York City, NY 10014

Re: Tug *Pegasus* at Pier 84

Dear Ms. Fishman;

At a meeting of the Waterfront & Parks Committee of Manhattan Community Board No 4, Capt. Pamela Hepburn, president of the Tug *Pegasus* Preservation Society, presented a request for temporary docking for the tug at Pier 84 within Hudson River Park.

Currently there are three designated historic ship piers within Hudson River Park (Piers 25, 54 and 97) but these piers are either under construction (Pier 25), awaiting funding (Pier 54) or waiting for the planned departure of DOS and subsequent re-construction (Pier 97) and none of these will be available for at least a year or more. At such time, Capt. Hepburn will seek permanent berthing at one of these piers. At this time Capt. Hepburn is asking for a one-year stay at Pier 84 beginning within a month or two.

Capt. Hepburn has previously taken her request to the West 44th Street Better Block Association (recently merged with Friends of Pier 84) and they have approved her request unanimously.

Tug *Pegasus* is a 100-year old former Standard Oil tugboat. The tug was operated by Capt. Hepburn for a time commercially – towing car-floats among other duties – and was retired about 10 years ago. She has since been placed on the National Record of Historic Places and ownership transferred to the not-for-profit Tug *Pegasus* Preservation Society, headed by Capt. Hepburn. Tug *Pegasus* has, for the past four years, been host to a series of youth educational programs for the Police Athletic League (PAL) while, at the same time, undergoing restoration. In 2004 the organization received a NYS Parks grant of \$50,000 toward her restoration, as well as numerous other grants and gifts.

Capt. Hepburn described her public program anticipated for Pier 84 including a continuation of the PAL educational program, working with local Hell's Kitchen high schools, a volunteer program for the West 44th Street Better Block Association, open house days and (funding permitting) free boats rides for residents of the community. The vessel is currently operational.

Manhattan Community Board No 4, at its full board meeting on April 4, voted to approve the request on the condition that it is for one year only (Summer of '07 to Spring of '08 approximately) and that if an extension is required, the request will be reviewed again by Manhattan Community Board No 4 at that time.

Sincerely,



J. Lee Compton

Chair

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cc:

Capt. Pamela Hepburn, Tug *Pegasus* Preservation Project

Julie Nadel, North River Historic Ship Society