Report to Hudson River Park Advisory Council
February 8, 2022

<u>Environmental and Sanctuary Initiatives</u>:

Community Compost Dashboard Launched
The Trust recently launched our HRPK Community Compost Tracker on the Park's website. This project was an inter-departmental effort and designed and programmed completely in-house using ArcGIS. The dashboard showcases the organic food waste collected at the Park's 10 drop off locations. Park users, students and compost enthusiasts alike can follow and explore the amount of community compost by neighborhood, drop off location, month and year through this interactive tool. We plan on sharing the HRPK Community Compost Tracker, via a QR code, at each drop off location with the roll out of new compost bins and signage this spring. In addition, the Park's River Project team is creating ways to integrate the dashboard into digital lessons, compost center tours and field trip programs. All data is downloadable in an effort to invite further program analysis. Please check out the tracker here.

Grant Update
The Park's River Project team continually looks for opportunities to further science and educational initiatives through grant funding. Most recently, we applied for research funding through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Five Star Urban Waters program to support our pathogen and water quality testing and partnered with Dr. Hare from Cornell University to submit a grant with the NYS Water Resources Institute (NYS WRI) to focus on connecting oyster recruitment research to the power of community science. In the education realm, we have applied for awards to help fund various initiatives including climate justice curriculum, harbor educator kits and educational internship programs. We will continue to share updates as we are successful in securing funding opportunities.

<u>Design and Construction</u>:

Gansevoort Peninsula
Construction at the Gansevoort Peninsula continues to proceed over the winter, including at the sports field structure, 13th Avenue Promenade, and subsurface utilities. Steven Dubner Landscaping (SDL) is currently constructing the 13th Avenue Promenade on the west end of the site, including concrete, curbs, and railings. SDL is also working on grading, sports field infrastructure, subsurface utilities, and sports field fencing. EJ Electric has completed installation of sports lighting throughout the site and is currently installing electrical conduits. All building contracts have been awarded and submittals and shop drawings have begun. SDL will restart salt marsh and south edge marine work once the DEC and USACE moratoria periods have ended.

Pier 97

Work at Pier 97 is proceeding well. The contractor is installing rebar and form work for various concrete elements including the north edge retaining walls, shade structure footings, and light pole foundations. Mockups of stone wall and curb veneers are currently being fabricated. Offsite fabrication of the Pier 97 Shade Structures is well underway and is expected to be completed at the end of February, with the structures to be delivered to Pier 97 sometime this spring.

Public Programs:

Many Trust-curated and produced event favorites will return in-person in the Park this upcoming season, including the Hudson River Dance Festival in June at the Pier 63 lawn bowl; The Blues BBQ Festival in August at Pier 76 and the SUBMERGE Marine Science Festival in October at Pier 84.

Operations:

Winter Storm Kenan
During Winter Storm Kenan on January 29, twenty-one Trust employees from the Horticulture, Facilities, and Maintenance departments reported to work to clear snow and ensure safe traveling conditions for park visitors. Staff cleared approximately 8" of snow utilizing thirteen different types of equipment. Areas of priority included the NYSDOT bikeway, pedestrian crosswalks, Pier 40 perimeter, various HRPK tenant entry points, and the Rte. 9A laybys. Trust staff successfully coordinated with NYCDOT on addressing damaged crosswalk signals and with DSNY on the Marine 1/Gansevoort service road plowing.

Janitorial/Sanitation Services
Trust staff is currently working on fabricating new contract agreements for interior and exterior janitorial services. Interior janitorial services will continue to be performed by Fedcap Rehabilitation Services, while the Doe Fund will continue maintaining exterior janitorial services.

Planning:

Chelsea Piers
The Trust expects to begin the Significant Action public review process in February and the Advisory Council members will all be emailed a copy of the public notice when available. The draft lease will be posted on the Trust's website at that time. We will be attending next week's meeting of Community Board 4's Waterfront Committee next week to provide another update as well, and know that the Advisory Council will also wish to engage with us further on this matter.

Pier 57

Last week, the James Beard Foundation was announced as the anchor for the Pier 57 food market. The James Beard Foundation is a culinary non-profit whose mission is to "celebrate, support, and elevate the people behind America's food culture and champion a standard of good food anchored in talent, equity, and sustainability." In the spirit of James Beard's legacy, the Foundation creates programs that help educate people about American cuisine while also supporting and promoting the chefs and other industry professionals who are behind it.

At Pier 57, the James Beard Foundation's program will include the operation of a dedicated kiosk in the Market Hall featuring a rotation of James Beard-associated chefs. Additionally, the Foundation will host educational culinary programming, demonstrations, panel discussions and some ticketed dinners. Jamestown, which will be managing the market on behalf of Google as they do at Chelsea Market, will work closely with the James Beard Foundation to curate the balance of the vendor mix for the Market Hall.

Jamestown will also be responsible for managing and programming the Cultural Education Entertainment uses on the ground floor as well as the public "Living Room." Google has committed to make one of the ground floor CEE spaces – essentially a flexible classroom-type area – available for community organizations. Trust staff has been working closely with Jamestown and their vendors on the environmental tech exhibits for the HRPK classroom that Google is fitting out for us, also on the ground floor. It's been an exciting and creative process to work on the exhibits, and we're happy to provide more color and information on the games and content for anyone interested. The market and ground floor CEE spaces including the Trust's classroom are all now expected to open in Fall 2022.