

1 **Waterfront, Parks and Environment (WATER)**

Item #: 12

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3 March 7, 2012

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5 Madelyn Wils
6 President/CEO
7 Hudson River Park Trust
8 Pier 40 at W. Houston St.
9 New York City, NY 10014

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11 **Re: George Rickey & Kenneth Snelson Sculpture in Chelsea Waterside Park**

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13 Dear Madelyn

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15 On 9 February at Manhattan Community Boards No 4's (MCB4 or the Board)
16 Waterfront, Parks & Environment Committee, Noreen Doyle, Executive Vice President
17 of Hudson River Park Trust (the Trust), presented a proposal to install 8 sculptures in
18 certain areas within the combined area of Piers 62, 63, 64 and the upland areas east to
19 Route 9A in Hudson River Park. The sculptures would be by recognized artists George
20 Rickey & Kenneth Snelson and would be installed and managed by the New York based
21 Marlborough Gallery. Based on the presentation, and recognizing the installation of
22 public art in Hudson River Park is as of right and requires no approval from MCB4, the
23 Board is pleased to express its general approval of this proposal.

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25 In general, the board has no comment, and generally will not comment, on the esthetics
26 of individual works of art in public spaces but does reserve the right to comment on such
27 non-esthetic aspects of such art as placement, view, size and scale of such pieces as well
28 as the impact of such pieces on other uses within the park. As represented by the Trust,
29 and by a representative of Marlborough, the pieces proposed present minimal
30 maintenance issues, will be installed only after an engineering survey by the Trust, and
31 will be installed, maintained, and eventually removed by Marlborough at no cost to the
32 Trust. The Trust also expressed that it has worked with Marlborough in the past with
33 excellent results. There was nothing in the proposal that raised any concerns to the Board.

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35 The Board also wishes to thank the Trust for presenting this proposal to the Board before
36 installation, even though not required, and looks forward to seeing this public amenity
37 once installed.

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39 Sincerely

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41 Signatures

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43 Cc: FoHRP, Marlborough Gallery, Chelsea Waterside Park Association, electeds,
44 Chelsea Sculpture Park organization

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