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Re: Segment 6/7 design

Dear Richard and John,

Everyone present at the Waterfront and Parks Committee meeting early last month felt elated when we left your office just after sunset, and perhaps that was because it had just hit us. After all the meetings, letters, battles both big (skate parks on Pier 97) and small (cleats for the edges of piers), we had designed ourselves a park. And not just any park. This can and will be one of the city's great public works projects of the century, something that will last for generations.

It's easy to get caught up in the details (and below, we will), but let us take this opportunity to say how exciting it has been to see this segment of the Hudson River Park come together before us. It has been a pleasure to work with all of you, and we are now so pleased and proud to have completed the process. We felt your team truly regarded us as a full partner in the design process, and while not every one of our requests was honored, we knew it was heard.

So, starting at the top, we appreciate your efforts to work with the Unconvention Center at Pier 94. We still have hopes that we can secure more public space as part of the pier shed development, and it helps us to know that designs for Clinton Cove will integrate the shed with the park.

We continue to believe that a bridge from DeWitt Clinton Park to Clinton Cove is desirable and feasible. If Pier 94 is not available for the purpose, other options should be explored, such as a ramp leading directly from the landing on the west side to Clinton Cove Park.

While we still do not support the vast amount of space dedicated to active recreation on Pier 97, particularly the skate park and the handball courts, we do appreciate your efforts to make the end

of the pier enjoyable. The steps down towards the plaza will hopefully add a buffer from the court action, as will the sinking of the courts themselves. The playground equipment you chose also looks very creative and exciting for little climbers.

At Pier 84, we were very pleased with the decision to move the fountain back from the corner, and most of all, to add a labyrinth in the pavement, with the jets of the fountain making it three-dimensional. The children's play spaces seem to work well, and we are very happy to see the dog run in its place, as well as the compass that the Friends of Pier 84 have always wanted, not to mention the signature hook at the end of the Pier.

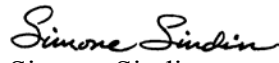
While there is some support for the wild areas south of 30th Street, overall we would gladly sacrifice this strip to more active recreation in return for more open space on the piers, especially Pier 97 and Pier 62. In general, we are concerned for the maintenance of this area, and its ability to sustain itself.

The building designs all seem to work well, and as before, we are very supportive of your efforts to "green" them. We also give our wholehearted support to the artists working with you in the two segments, and we commend your efforts to integrate their work into your design at Pier 66, 30th Street, and Clinton Cove.

As you can see, at this point in our process together, we have very little to offer in the way of criticism, and instead give our overall support to your designs as they stand.

We look forward to gathering together again, when that first shovel hits the ground at Clinton Cove Park. Until then, thank you, and best of luck with the completion of your work.

Sincerely,



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This letter was passed at Manhattan Community Board No. 4's June 4, 2003 full board meeting.

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