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May 12, 2008

Hon. Diana Taylor, Chair
Hudson River Park Trust
Pier 40, 2nd Floor
Route 9A at Houston Street
New York, NY 10014

Re: Proposed Tugboat Museum

Dear Chair Taylor:

Manhattan Community Board 4 ("CB4") requests that the Hudson River Park Trust (the "Trust") work with the owners of the *New York Central 13* and *Pegasus* tugboats to allow for the establishment of the Tugboat Museum within the Hudson River Park (the "Park"). CB4 believes that a Tugboat Museum within the Park would be a wonderful amenity for both the community and the City as a whole and we encourage the Trust to secure a spot for these tugs within the Park as soon as reasonably possible.

The Tugboat Museum offers a unique chance to highlight the industrial history of the waterfront in a lively and relevant manner. By serving as living museums, these two historic tugboats will demonstrate what life aboard a tug was like, while providing a history of tugboats and their importance in New York's maritime rise to prominence. CB4 envisions the Tugboat Museum as a fantastic learning resource for children and adults throughout the City as well as an interesting and informative attraction for tourists.

We approve of the recommended location of the Tugboat Museum at the eastern end of Pier 66A Maritime, on a temporary basis, as long as the sightlines up and down the river from the western end of both Piers 64 and 66 are maintained. This should be possible as soon as the lightship *Frying Pan* is moved eastward on Pier 66A Maritime and the fireboat *John J. Harvey* is moved to the westernmost position on that pier. Once space is available on one of the historic ship Piers 25, 54 or 97, the Tugboat Museum should be permanently moved to one of those piers as they are specifically planned for this purpose.

CB4 hopes that the Trust will work toward incorporating the Tugboat Museum within the Park as soon as feasible and we thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Jean-Daniel Noland, Chair Manhattan Community Board 4

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Capt. John Doswell, Co-Chair
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John D. Lamb, Co-Chair
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Cc: Connie Fishman, President/CEO Hudson River Park Trust
Capt. Pam Hepburn, Pegasus Preservation Society
Capt. John Krevey, Pier 66 Maritime