

1 **Waterfront, Parks & Environment Committee**

Item #: 31

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3 Jackie Snyder
4 Executive Director
5 Public Design Commission
6 City Hall, Third Floor
7 New York, New York 10007

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9 **Re: High Line, Section Three**

10 Dear Ms. Snyder:

11 Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) has reviewed the proposed design for the third segment
12 of the High Line, from its current northernmost terminus at 30th Street between 10th and 11th
13 Avenues, extending west to 12th Avenue & north nearly to 34th Street and east to its northern
14 terminus between 12th and 11th Avenues. The design did not include the eastern spur extending
15 east on 30th Street to the east side of 10th Avenue. The design was presented by the Friends of
16 The High Line at a meeting of MCB4's Waterfront, Parks & Environment Committee (WPE) on
17 July 12, 2012, and electronic copies were made available to other board members via electronic
18 media. At a meeting of MCB4's Executive Committee on July 16, 2012 based on a positive
19 recommendation of the WPE Committee, the proposed design was given a positive endorsement,
20 with recommendations that additional restroom facilities be installed to accommodate the
21 growing number of High Line visitors. Manhattan Community Board 4 would also like to invite
22 the High Line to present more project details on the Spur as that information becomes readily
23 available. The Executive Committee recommendation was ratified on July 25, 2012 during the
24 full board meeting.

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26 MCB4 has been closely involved with the development of the High Line since its inception and
27 has followed the design process closely. The first two sections have proven to be enormously
28 popular and well received, and it appears that Section Three will maintain the same high quality
29 of design that has become a hallmark of the High Line project. The proposed design carries out
30 the palette of design features introduced in prior sections, but with some innovative twists such
31 as a rise as the path as it moves towards the Hudson River, creating a reveal of sorts, and a clever
32 play feature that incorporates the High Lines structural members into an in-and-out, over- and-
33 under maze. The westernmost portion of the design is an interim concept that places a path thru
34 the natural landscape of the unfinished high line, pending future development of the Rail Yards
35 project.

36 Manhattan Community Board 4 looks forward to the opening of this last major section of the
37 High Line.

38 Sincerely,

39 Cc: Peter Mullan, Friends of the High Line