

Brooklyn Bridge Park Corporation d/b/a  
Brooklyn Bridge Park  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Held via teleconference

August 12, 2020

MINUTES

The following members of the Board of Directors were present by teleconference:

Joanne Witty – Vice Chair  
Tom Allon  
Peter Aschkenasy  
Martin Connor  
Ali Davis  
Henry B. Gutman  
Mitchell J. Silver  
Stephen Merkel  
Susannah Pasquantonio  
Tucker Reed  
William Vinicombe

Also present on the call was the staff of Brooklyn Bridge Park Corporation (“BBP”) and members of the public.

Vice Chair Witty called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05 a.m. Amy Lojek, BBP’s General Counsel and Secretary of the Corporation, confirmed that a quorum was present. Prior to proceeding with the agenda items, Vice Chair Witty welcomed the Board and BBP staff, and members of the public. Eric Landau, BBP’s President, explained ground rules for the teleconference and stated that the meeting was being streamed live on a YouTube Live channel.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Landau and Ms. Lojek made the Board aware of a correction to footnote 3 on page 2 of the draft minutes of the June 3, 2020 Board of Directors meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the June 3, 2020 Board of Directors meeting, with that correction, were unanimously approved.

**2. Presentation of the President’s Report (Non-Voting Item)**

Mr. Landau provided updates on the park, including: (i) the past year’s programming; (ii) the recent opening of Pier 2 Uplands; (iii) the current impact of COVID-19 on the park; (iv) ongoing preventative maintenance in the park; (v) new signage throughout the park; (vi) the anticipated Brooklyn Bridge Plaza construction project; (vii) the recent installation of a Public Art Fund-sponsored artwork; and (viii) the anticipated return of Photoville to the park.

**3. Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with Athletic Fields of America, Inc. Relating to a Capital Restoration Project**

Mr. Landau presented a proposed agreement with Athletic Fields of America, Inc. for the replacement of the artificial turf at Pier 5. In response to a question from Vice Chair Witty and Director Connor about the timeframe for construction, Mr. Landau responded that BBP had built into the solicitation extended start dates to accommodate potential COVID-19 restrictions on the use of the fields, and that the contractor could begin as early as this September or up to 18 months out.

Director Merkel confirmed that the Audit and Finance Committee had reviewed and was comfortable proceeding with the authorization.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the resolutions attached hereto as **Schedule A** were unanimously adopted.

**4. Authorization to Enter into a Twentieth Amendment to the Funding Agreement with the City of New York**

Mr. Landau presented a proposed twentieth amendment to the Funding Agreement between the City and BBP, to incorporate additional funds allocated by the Brooklyn Borough President.

Director Merkel confirmed that the Audit and Finance Committee had reviewed and was comfortable proceeding with the authorization.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the resolutions attached hereto as **Schedule B** were unanimously adopted.

**5. Appointment of Tom Allon to the Park Budget and Operations Committee**

Vice Chair Witty confirmed that Chari Been had nominated Director Allon to the Budget and Operations Committee and, upon motion duly made and seconded, the appointment was unanimously confirmed.

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**6. Public Comment**

Nancy Webster from the Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy stated that the Conservancy is looking forward to restarting programming and educational classes in the park whenever possible, utilizing appropriate safety precautions. She also thanked BBP staff for their hard work in keeping the park open during this difficult time.

## **7. Adjournment**

Vice Chair Witty noted that the final item on the agenda was an Executive Session and asked whether there was any Director who believed that an Executive Session was necessary.

Hearing none, and there being no further business, Vice Chair Witty requested a motion to adjourn the meeting, and upon the motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**/s/ Amy Lojek**

Amy Lojek

Secretary

Dated: September 30, 2020

SCHEDULE A

ATTACHMENT A

August 12, 2020

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ATHLETIC FIELDS OF AMERICA, INC. RELATING TO A CAPITAL RESTORATION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZATION TO TAKE RELATED ACTIONS**

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BE IT RESOLVED, that Brooklyn Bridge Park Corporation (“BBP”) is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Athletic Fields of America, Inc. for the amount of \$3,350,327; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President of BBP, or their designee(s), be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed, in the name and on behalf of BBP, to execute and deliver any and all documents and take all such actions as the President or their designee(s) may deem necessary or proper to effectuate the foregoing and in connection with the implementation of the work pursuant to the agreement.

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SCHEDULE B

ATTACHMENT A

August 12, 2020

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A TWENTIETH AMENDMENT TO THE FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH  
THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

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BE IT RESOLVED, that Brooklyn Bridge Park Corporation (“BBP”) is hereby authorized to enter into a Twentieth Amendment to its Funding Agreement with The City of New York (the “City”) for the development of Brooklyn Bridge Park, to increase the funding commitment by the City by \$500,000 for capital funding associated with protective bollards at Pier 1, for a total funding commitment by the City of \$291,595,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President of BBP, or their designee(s), be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed, in the name and on behalf of BBP, to execute and deliver any and all documents and take all such actions as the President of BBP or their designee(s) may deem necessary or proper to effectuate the foregoing and in connection with the implementation of the work pursuant to the agreement.

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