

Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
60 State Street, Wilmer Hale, 26th Floor Meeting Room, Boston, MA
Wednesday, September 9th, 2015, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Elizabeth Solomon, Chair, called the meeting to order. All council and audience members introduced themselves. Advisory Council approved minutes from the last meeting.

Advisory Council Survey Results

Elizabeth presented the results of the Advisory Council SurveyMonkey survey. The results showed that:

- The most common primary interest areas of the Advisory Council members were:
 1. Recreation
 2. Cultural ties
 3. Environmental

 - Most members were involved because they
 1. Wanted input to park management (the most common response)
 2. Wanted to spread the word about the islands
 3. Wanted to make sure that their interests are heard

 - Advisory Council members were most interested in participating in the following activities
 1. observing and providing feedback on facilities and activities
 2. Being an ambassador to help grow interest in the park
 3. Meeting with members of the public and interest groups to bring ideas and perspectives back to the AC

 - Members wanted more participation in addition to the Advisory Council meetings
- Elizabeth said she would send out the results of the survey to the members

Giles and Elizabeth discussed that it was important to constantly assess the role of the Advisory Council, rating where it is and what it can take on. Advisory Council members (according to the survey) are willing to put more time in, so they will work to put together effective meetings and activities.

Park Updates

Giles reported park updates to the Advisory Council members. He said that the new website received mostly positive feedback, but there was dissatisfaction with the calendar. He also reported on the art installations. They successfully engaged new audiences and spread awareness about the park.

DCR Resource Management Plan

DCR is looking at the best way to re-approach the RMP as the draft they were working on did not address some of the key questions. Kelly suggested that the Advisory Council work together for broader goals and form committees for specific categories.

Council decided to create a RMP working group. Volunteers for RMP working group: Lou Gainor, Kelly Hurstak, Elizabeth Solomon, Carl Johnson, Heather Deschenes, Bill Hale, Pat Morss, Walter Hope and anyone who wasn't at the meeting and wants to participate. Interested

members can look at the DCR website for other DCR RMP's to get an idea of what RMP's should look like.

Youth Programs Updates

Liza presented on the youth programs in the park, specifically the discovery camps. Liza gave a lovely presentation about the Discovery Camps, explaining that the park education programs need to be at the intersection of target audience objectives, park resources, themes and stories, and partner expertise.

Park Anniversaries

Council discussed how we can work on shared goals and unified strategy for the 2016 anniversaries and work with the other Boson area parks.

Advisory council members agreed to talk about the future of the Long Island Bridge at a later meeting.

Public Comment

- Heather brought up a pipeline proposal
- Kristina recruited for National Public Lands Day

The next meeting will be December 9th, 4-6 pm.

Meeting Adjourned.

Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council
9/9/15 Meeting Attendees

MEMBERS PRESENT (X)

1. Greg Abel*	X
2. Neal Caten	
3. Maureen Cavanaugh	
4. Heather Dechenes	X
5. Jane Ellis*	
6. John Emler	
7. Lou Gainor	X
8. Walter Hope	
9. Kelly Hurstak, Vice Chair	X
10. Carl Johnson	X
11. Dale Linder	
12. Jim Martel	X
13. Rob Moir	
14. Charlie Norris	
15. Jim Peters	
16. Peter Rosen	
17. Elizabeth Solomon, Chair	X
18. Lauri Webster	X
19. Susan Woods*	X
20. Vacant Seat, Environmental	
21. Vacant Seat, Educational & Cultural	
22. Vacant Seat, Community	
23. Vacant Seat, Community	
24. Vacant Seat, Community	
25. Vacant Seat, Municipalities	
26. Vacant Seat, Municipalities	
27. Vacant Seat, Native American	
28. Vacant Seat, Native American	

OTHERS PRESENT

Marc Albert, NPS	
Jennifer Bender	
Kristina Bergquist	
Theresa Czerepica**	
Michael Endicott	
Jude Griffin	
Phil Griffiths, BHIA	
Bill Hale**	X
Elizabeth James-Perry	
Susan Kane, DCR	
Liz Kay	
Steve Marcus, FBHI	X
Elizabeth Medeiros	
Suzanne Gall Marsh** FBHI	
Pat Morss**	X
Giles Parker, NPS	X
Jonathan Perry	
James Poplasky	
Mary Raczko, NPS	X
Bill Reardon**	X
Sally Snowman, USCG	
Kristen Wyman	
Laura, UMass intern	

*pending member

QUORUM Not PRESENT
only 7 OF 16 OFFICIAL MEMBERS

BHIA – Boston Harbor Island Alliance
DCR – Department of Conservation and Recreation
NPS – National Park Service
TIOBEC-Thompson Island Outward Bound Education Center

**Emeritus Council Member