

PARTNERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

October 9, 1997, Room 900, Boston City Hall

PARTNER MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug MacDonald, MWRA; Linda Haar, BRA; Commander Daniel May, USCG; Terry Savage, NPS; Chairman Peter Webber, DEM; Vice-Chair Cathy Douglas Stone, City of Boston; Alden Gifford, TIOBEC; Gerry Millet, IA; Holly Richardson, MDC (for informational purposes at the request of the Partners).

Chairman Webber called the meeting to order and called the role. A motion was made and passed to accept the last Partnership meeting minutes with noted changes.

Reports from the Committees followed. (Full texts of reports were available at the Partnership meeting.)

Advisory Council Committee

Mr. George Price, NPS, gave the report. The second of three workshops was considered to be very successful with a number of community representatives who participated. Most of the ideas for future governance from the seven categories of groups were similar in nature, however, there were still a few important differences of opinion which need to be addressed, prior to the appointment of members. The third meeting is scheduled for 10/30, at 4:00pm, at a location to be announced.

Planning Committee

Ms. Haar gave the report. Public workshops will be held over the next four months, with the dates chosen to be November 20, 1997, December 4, 1997, January 8, 1998, January 22, 1998, and February 5, 1997, at locations to be announced. Workshops will be one way for planners to hear form the public, in formal meetings, about their desires for BHI future. The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be October 28, 1997, at 9am , in Boston City Hall.

Finance Committee

Vice-Chair Douglas Stone gave the report. The committee spent time reviewing the template prepared by Luke Thompson, MWRA, as an important first step for establishing an understanding of the financial picture and providing a framework to provide information toward the 3:1 matching requirements of the law.

Education, Program, and Park Operations Committee

Mr. Price gave the report. A number of new programs were discussed as good possibilities, including some evening jazz concerts on the islands, sporting events, and increased winter wildlife tours. The meeting also focused on the need to concentrate on existing successful programs. The Committee also discussed the need to expand more water-based activities. The next meeting is October 28, 1997 at 2:00pm, at NPS, 15 State Street, 4th Floor conference room.

Marketing and Public Relations Committee

Mr. Millet gave the report. The committee discussed many matters. They came up with several goals, strategies, and actions for their committee. They also discussed what types of promotional material they would like to use, and what efforts are already in progress. Further discussion followed about the logo and the results were reported to the Partnership.

They came up with five possible marketing names: Boston Harbor Islands National Preservation Area; Boston National Islands; National Boston Harbor Islands; Boston Harbor Islands - A National Recreation Area; Boston National Islands; and National Harbor Islands, Boston. The two they voted to present to the Board were Boston National Islands and

Boston Harbor Islands

A National Recreation Area.

A public poll conducted by Brian MacDonald at the aquarium found 20 people for Boston National Islands, and 121 people for BHINRA.

Chairman Webber opened the floor to public comment on the matter.

George Marsh, Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands suggested BHI B An Innovative National Park Unit.

G. Beattle, Intertribal Council on Deer Island, asked if Indian interests were pulled into the thought process.

Gary McCann, Intertribal Council on Deer Island, said that the use of the word Recreation meant disrespect to all the Indian graves that were on the islands.

Sam Sapiel, Intertribal Council on Deer Island, renewed his call for a Native American delegate on the Partnership.

Tom Lindbergh, MWRA, suggested: ABHI, National Park System

Public comment closed and Mr. Millet asserted that no one was left out of the naming process B the meeting was open to all those who wanted to attend.

Ms. Haar made a motion to officially exclude the use of National Recreation Area in marketing for many reasons, realizing that legally that=s what it needs to be called. Mr. Millet seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

On the logo issue, many different processes for how to get the logo up and running were discussed. Ms. Haar suggested hiring a firm and having them do it pretty quickly like the city did for the Harbor Walk. Mr. Millet said another way to go was a logo contest. The issue was reverted back to the committee for further efforts.

PARTNERSHIP AGENCY UPDATES

Thompson Island B report given by Alden Gifford.

Island of Hope

Hosted International Outward Bound Symposium

Metropolitan District Commission B report given by Holly Richardson

10-25-97 B Halloween on the Harbor with FBHI and City Year

Winter Wildlife Cruises (and they are looking for volunteers)

Island Alliance B report given by Kathy Abbott

November luncheon for founding trustees of the Island Alliance

November 19th B First Annual BHI Dinner

Seeking funds for education and arts next summer

City of Boston Environmental Services B report given by Cathleen Douglas Stone

Nothing new to report

Massachusetts Water Resources Authority B report given by Doug MacDonald

EPA and DEP issued a permit for a new plant

Outflow tunnel B 1 year

Putting out booklet in October B What is the new outfall?

Boston Redevelopment Authority B report given by Linda Haar

Nothing new to report

United States Coast Guard B report given by Commander May

Several tours with FBHI to Boston Light

PBS Documentary crew spent 4-5 days shooting Boston Light and the surrounding areas

National Park Service B report given by George Price

Second Marketing meeting will be November 12th

The first orientation tour was a success and the second will be October 31, at 9:00am

leaving from the Aquarium to the Outer Graves, Brewster, and a landing in Hull.

Department of Environmental Management B Peter Webber

Gallops and Grapes will close October 18th

Grape island benches and tables are currently under construction

An ATM machine is being installed at Hewitt's Cove

The floor was then open to final public comment.

Jodi Sugarman, Save the Harbor / Save the Bay, suggested that there be a public service announcement for the final public advisory workshop on October 30th. Also, she suggested

that they use the resources of the non-profits they work with to get planning meeting announcements in their newsletters. She further suggested that the Partnership should work more closely with non-profits on events, but also realize that some events that they do are essential fundraising events.

Mr. MacDonald, wanted to thank Jodi for all her help now that she is moving on ACE in Roxbury. He stressed that the key to environmental groups is advocacy, and recognized how important Jodi was to all that. It was also pointed out that Mr. MacDonald would be recognized later that evening for being the Executive Director of the MWRA.

Several members of the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands pointed out that they liked the new location in City Hall. They also reminded the meeting of a New Year=s Day harbor island trip.

Sam Sapiel, Intertribal Committee on Deer Island, offered the Indian Center on Huntington Avenue for future meetings.

**NEXT PARTNERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH FROM NOON B TWO PM.**