

PARTNERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 1997, 26th Floor, Hale & Door Conference Room
12:00 - 2:00 P.M.

PARTNER MEMBERS PRESENT: Dick Howe, TTOR; Linda Haar, BRA; Commander Daniel May, USCG; George Price, NPS; Chairman Peter Webber, DEM; Vice-Chair Cathy Douglas Stone, City of Boston; Alden Gifford, TIOBEC; Gerry Millet, IA; Brian Broderick, MDC.

Chairman Webber called the meeting to order.

Partners introduced themselves to attendees and what their interest is in the islands.

Chairman Webber expressed his appreciation to Hale and Dorr for the use of their facility.

Approval of Last Meetings minutes - Accepted minutes as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advisory Council - Price

Advisory Council nominees have been identified and a draft list was distributed. Plans are being made for another Advisory Council Workshop prior to the actual appointment of members by the Director of the National Park Service.

Planning Committee - Haar

The Committee is establishing planning principles for the general management plan. The Committee is setting up a series of six public workshop meetings. Any thoughts on these should go to Barbara Mackey or Linda Haar. Co-sponsors for the public meetings are coming in, but more are welcome. First part of environmental impact plan - public scoping. Public ideas about the vision for the park. The long-term vision. Want fun, exciting, and lively workshops. Same introduction so each has the same format. At the end, they will summarize the results and will get back to the people involved. Want partners and advisory council members to come. They will rely heavily on the advisory council.

Finance Committee - Stone

Working on the process of how to fund island projects.

Short Term - Individual agencies will fund projects themselves. Partnership is asking each committee to produce a budget.

Long Term - How to put money into large scale projects identified as a result of the plan, should be identified as a strategy of the plan.

A draft of these procedures is still being circulated and should be ready soon.

Part of the financial committees discussions included the role of the Island Alliance in fundraising and fundraising and financing. When the IA finishes its business plan in Jan/Feb, they'll present it to the Partnership.

Steve Olesky, Hale and Door – has offered to be Corporate Counsel to the Partnership for free. He will be a great help to the Finance Committee and Partnership as we develop the financial strategy. It would be important for Mr. Oleski to work with DOI/NPS Solicitor Tony Conte.

Howe - Motion to accept Steve Oleski's pro bono legal services to the partnership subject to the appropriateness of the appointment. Unanimously agreed upon.

Marketing and PR Committee - Millet

Logo – They are looking over seven portfolios to select a firm to do the logo work. They will select a firm by next week because they want the logo by Feb 1st. They promise to have something to present to the partnership at next meeting.

The Committee also wants one NPS-format (Unigrid) brochure by next season, with a goal of a two to three year shelf life.

Chairman Webber thinks it'll take about six months to a year to get a quality brochure completed. The committee should get things rolling however, the committee should have some junction points to gage their progress if the timeframe is not going to work. He suggested that they need a plan B - different brochure, etc. They need minor contributions from a broader base of people. More of the Partnership and private groups need to be represented. People not on the committee want to know what the message on the brochure will be. The Committee's concern was to see where the money would come from.

Education, Program, and Park Operations - Price

They were working on a timeline for next season. The timeline for a calendar would be March 1st to propose and get funding for programs in order to get a publicity heads up.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Phil Lemnios - Town of Hull

Hull is a finalist for the National Lighthouse Museum. He will be willing to distribute newspaper clippings on it. The other front runners are Staten Island, Mackinaw Michigan, and

Point Judith, RI. Is there anything the partnership can do to promote the selection? They will contact the partnership for this. Letters from activists, etc.

Gary McCann - MIICDI

Sen. Kennedy's Office called - name change issue. Mimi Brody, from the Senator's office, is going to help attempt to make a change to the bill and it was their intent to make the changes and they were sorry it didn't happen sooner, but they were trying to implement some other corrections. There will be corrections to other parts of the bill. They will deal with the whole package of Native American issues. They will work with Congressman Moakley. It may move quickly.

Suzanne Gall-Marsh – Advisory Council Member Elect

She had a question regarding the “white paper” – Can the Advisory Council receive a copy and give feedback because they will need a budget too. What's the process to get them a budget?

STONE – Advisory Council needs to submit a budget of needs and then that's how they come up with the budgets for separate committees. Everyone will get a copy of the white paper.

Vivian Li, Boston Harbor Assoc. - Met with Barbara Mackey and wants to expand knowledge of the planning committee meetings. She wants to reach out to existing users and users of colors; Community groups; etc.

Samira Al-Ghuiyy, Environmental Diversity Forum - Meeting Lists – She said she is having problems with knowing when all the committee meetings are.

PRICE - current list is in the handouts distributed for all attendees.

Rick Lombardi – Stresses the importance of the Internet in announcements for meetings.

Tom Lindburgh - MWRA - Would like an interactive website for the BHI - want it up and running before or right after the first public meeting. It could serve as a newsletter, etc.

Chairman Webber asked people to incorporate meeting lists into Partnership websites.

PEDDOCK'S PRESENTATION BY TOM DUGGAN, MDC.

MDC REPORT - Broderick

Peddock's Island Pier work is in progress. Temporary docks are in with an 80-foot float and hopefully that'll come in on or before schedule. George's Island pier has issues and is at the 75% of the design stage. They also have received preliminary designs of a new pier. With the NPS, they'll restore George's seawall. Money looks promising.

Nancy Martin - Friends

Fun winter activities - Christmas 21st 4:00pm - food to share - to carol on Beacon Hill. New Year's Day - Thompson Island boat from Black Falcon terminal. Boston Community Center has

mailboxes to all 41 community centers around Boston to help with announcements. Just put your flyers in. Public schools need to be remembered.

Outward Bound - Gifford

They saw about 4,700 students last year through the Boston public schools, city agencies, etc. Multi-Day experiences. They expect to increase by about 20% for next year. 60% of them come out on scholarship - and it is quite difficult to raise money to serve as many kids as possible.

USCG - May

There is a new crew member at Boston Light - Sam, the black lab and he will greet you at the dock. This is his fourth duty station. They hope to have him for a while.

BRA - Haar

Interim report on South Boston Seaport - put out for public comment and input is intended to spark conversation. It's a Public Realm plan. Call 722-4300 - ask for Gina for a copy of the SeaPort Plan.

IA - Abbott

The IA is focused on raising money for next season. They netted about \$25,000 from the dinner and would like it to double for next year. Anyone who was there please send them feedback. If you've been called about the business plan, please meet with the appropriate people. They are also working on Jazz concerts, other concerts, etc, including money for youth programming. Grant for interdisciplinary internet-based middle-school curriculum. Grant for BOHA website. Looking to expand retail operation next summer.

Boston - Downey

They are attempting to rebuild of Pier Three in the Navy Yard for public access. They need to combine resources to make it a working pier. It will be useful for getting needs out there. They also want to buy a skimmer boat for daily skimming of floatables.

MASSPORT - Hargens

Talking internally to find appropriate contracts for Partnership issues. They may have names for the next meeting.

DEM - Haynes

Excited for next seasons and programs. Possible redevelopment at Hewitt's Cove. Spectacle Island plan will move forward.

NPS - Price

Federal budget is signed. BHI received \$375,000 for an operating budget, \$200,000 for planning, and can now legally spend the money. The BHI Project Office is now located at 408 Atlantic Ave. NPS had designated \$50,000 for a cultural landscape study on all thirty islands. They are working to assist MDC with a seawall at George's by giving as much as \$724,000. The park's name for marketing purposes has been approved through the NPS Washington office and it is now Boston Harbor Islands, A National Park Area. They are still working on the Fan Pier project with GSA, the Federal Judges and the IA. Held meetings with a US Geological Survey scientist about carrying capacities of the islands for a possible proposal for a grant call. The Peddock's Island trip will be on Friday from 10 am and return at 1:30pm.

DEM – Webber

1998 is the Centennial year for Massachusetts Forests and Parks. Governor Celluci will declare 1998 the year of MA Forest and Parks at a State House Celebration Jan 26th. He hopes part of the exhibit will be about the Harbor Islands.

Broderick responded to a question regarding Peddock's Middle Head Construction. Historically there are a lot of cottages out there. These cottages do not have rights to the land. MDC has purchased eleven of the thirty-seven cottages. There has been a huge amount of vandalism at the MDC owned cottages. Old owners left messes. The cottages have been posted with no trespassing signs. Suzanne Gall-Marsh wants some of the good cottages to be reused. Broderick says they assess each on a structure-by-structure basis.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 21, in the BRA Conference Room.

Meeting Adjourned.