

BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS PARTNERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 10, 1998
Hale & Dorr, 26th Floor, 60 State Street
10:30am to 12:30pm

Present: Commander Dan May (USCG), Alden Gifford (TIOBEC), Terry Savage (NPS), Maynard Goldman (IA), Dick Howe (TTOR), Linda Haar (BRA), Peter Webber (DEM), Edith Andrews (AC), Rob Moir (AC), Lorraine Downey (City of Boston)

Chairman Webber calls meeting to order and extends a special thanks to Hale & Dorr for hosting the meeting.

Vice-Chair Stone and Chairman Webber met on behalf of the Partnership with the Advisory Council and reported that things went well at the meeting.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to accept the minutes of the May 13th Partnership meeting. (Minutes were later amended by unanimous vote.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marketing and Public Relations, Kathy Abbott

The Telephone Information Center at the Atlantic Avenue office is now up and running and is staffed seven days a week. The number is (617) 223-8666. The GSA is in the process of building an office for that staff as an extension of the Project Office. DEM is currently printing rack cards; calendars are approved and ready to print as well. The unigrid brochures will be ready June 30th, however the next step is to decide how to distribute them. There will be no merchandise sample at this meeting as they are still in production. Work is also continuing on the webpage.

The Memorial Day Concert was a big success. Lots of kids and families showed up for the event. It was the biggest Memorial Day crowd ever.

Ackerly Advertising has agreed to donate a number of billboards to promote the islands from July - September. How many and where they be located will be announced. Lehman-Millet will produce the message and board contents.

Ms. Abbott will meet with the Logan Airport manager on the prospect of poster promotions.

Ms. Harr added that Boston's Street Furniture Plan will include advertising for the islands on bus shelters across the city.

Advisory Council, Jack Wiggins

The last Advisory Council meeting was on Thursday, June 4th. Chairman Webber and Vice-Chair Stone addressed them and gave an update on the status of the Partnership. They also heard ways for the Partnership and Advisory Council to work together, such as Council Members participating on Partnership Committees, etc. Council members have also agreed to advertise the Islands in their own organizations and associations.

The Council also discussed how island financing could be worked into Massachusetts Legislation and set as law. They also talked about increased Partnership agency budgets, surcharges on ferry tickets, assessments on municipalities which benefit, and the possibility of one high revenue venture on one island.

Planning Committee, Linda Haar

The last planning committee meeting was on June 2nd, and focused on development of infrastructures, amenities, and facilities on Spectacle, Long, Moon, Peddock's and George's. Meeting attendees were directed to please review the report of that meeting for more in-depth plans.

Finance Committee, Maynard Goldman

They are aiming to create a vehicle to have funds flowing to and from partnership member agencies. The committee is discussing matching concepts and policies on how best to keep individual agency records for federal matches down the line. Non-profit money and volunteer hours do count towards the match.

Education, Programs and Park Operations, George Price

The previous meeting focused on education programs. Kathy Abbott reported on the IA sponsored project with the Harbor Point School Program. They are developing a middle school curriculum using Harbor Islands to teach all curriculum (it will eventually involve 17 schools). The goal is for all city students to eventually have some part of this. Bell Atlantic and EPA are backing the four-year project. The committee is also currently looking for information on programs of Education that other agencies present on the islands.

Public Comment:

Linnea Ovans from Congressman Delahunt's Office - Hull Lighthouse proposals. Decision 2 or 3 weeks in July.

Nancy Martin (FBHI) - Volunteers 7 days a week on George's . NPS sponsored interpretive training for the volunteers. National Trails Association (working with). Working on Hull Lighthouse petitions.

Presentations

Presentation by Dick Howe (TTOR) - Dick presented an overview of the history and tradition of the Trustees of Reservations founded by Charles Eliot. He then presented slides showing the resources and wonderful landscapes of World's End

George Price showed a video of the NBC Nightly News segment on the Harbor Island that was briefly highlighted as part of the "hidden treasures" portion of a larger National Parks story.

Reports

IA - Goldman

August 11th - Tall Ship, "Compass Rose". More information to follow. Actively raising funds.

TIOBEC - Gifford

BPO officers gave a program about gang resistance education. Thompson Island is constructing a wind energy-moderating tower. It will measure wind amount and velocity. Look towards using wind power in the future.

City of Boston - Downey

Spectacle Island packages are out for interested parties to review. She also reported on the Advisory committee looking at the Fan Pier Federal Courthouse.

DEM - Webber

Next weekend starts summer season for transportation, etc.

MWRA - Connolly/Smith-Reid - the MWRA will dedicate South Pumping Station to Lydia Goodhue on June 12th. Looking forward to the July 10th, Deer Island.

NPS - Price

Beginning first research pieces of American Indian history and the islands. Price referred to the number of press items copied in the handouts. Most of the press has been favorable. He will respond to the Ian Menzies piece in the Patriot Ledger. The next orientation tour will be to Quincy on August 13, details to follow. Excited about beginning on and training summer staff to operate the telephone communications center in conjunction with the MDC and DEM.

USCG - May

Continues work on refurbishing Long Island light tower. July 23rd, 1pm, Parade of Naval Ships through Harbor, Saluting the Constitution. July 25th, Parade of Lights and Fireworks display (inner harbor).

Advisory Council - Andrews

Glad Advisory Council members will be on more committees.

New Business

Next meeting - July 8th - Hale & Dorr, 10:30am-12:30pm.

Price outlined proposed future meeting dates through December.

Webber described the need to nominate a Chair and ViceChair for a vote at the July meeting. Anyone interested in being on Nominating Committee, see George. It was noted that the bylaws state that officers may serve two successive terms. Peter also stated that a vote would not be taken if the Advisory Council nominees and other voting Partner letters have not been received from the Secretary of the Interior.

Meeting adjourned.