

**Boston Harbor Islands Partnership
Meeting Minutes
July 8th 10.30am - 12.30pm
Hale & Dorr, 26th Floor**

As corrected

PRESENT: Edith Andrews, Advisory Council; Rob Moir, Advisory Council; Maynard Goldman, Island Alliance; C.D. Stone, City of Boston; Peter Webber, DEM; George Price, NPS; Alden Gifford, TIOBEC, Dan May, USCG; Linda Haar, BRA; Jim Doolin, MASSPORT, Peter Church, MDC; Dick Howe, TTOR.

Chairman Webber called the meeting to order and sent best wishes to Brian Broderick on a speedy recovery on his illness. Captain Chuck Beck, USCG, was welcomed as the new voting partner representing the Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard, starting in August. The Partners extended their appreciation to Commander Dan May for his work on the Partnership and wished him good luck with hopes to continue working with him in the future.

The June 10th minutes were unanimously accepted. The Advisory Council members received official letters as voting Partners.

Election of Officers—Linda Haar

Chairman Webber and Vice-Chairman Stone stepped down and Linda Harr, as Chair of the Nominating Committee, presided. Members of the Nominating Committee were Linda Haar, Trudy Cox, Terry Savage, and Rob Moir. Rick Lombardi and George Price provided staff assistance. The Committee nominated Peter Webber for Chair and Cathy Douglas Stone for Vice-Chair for a second year. Ms. Haar reported that the committee also discussed restructuring partnership meetings. A motion was made by Maynard Goldman and unanimously voted on to reelect Peter Webber as Chair. A motion was made by Dick Howe and unanimously voted on to reelect Cathy Stone as Vice-Chair.

Peter Webber thanked the Partnership and nominating committee and resumed the chair. He agreed that it is time for the Partnership to really forge forward. Cathy D. Stone concurred and expressed the desire to move on.

Marketing and Public Relations Committee—Kathy Abbott

Billboards are ready to go up July, August and September. There will be a poster inside Logan as well. On July 22 and August 15 there will be jazz concerts on George's. There will also be a concert on Peddock's on reenactment weekend.

Advisory Council—Suzanne Gall Marsh

Ms. Marsh reported that Barbara Mackey and Sarah Peskin spoke about the planning process and Kathy Abbott spoke about the Island Alliance and it's fundraising efforts at the last council meeting. Council members agree that they will meet with their constituent groups and help broaden public support. The council suggested that a

separate operations is committee needed. At the next meeting on September 10, they will talk about environmental impacts, and gateway areas. The next meeting will be on December 3. There will be a meeting on August 11 (tentative) to discuss water transportation issues at 15 State Street, from 10.00am - 12.00pm, in the fourth floor conference room.

In response to concerns about operations, Mr. Price stated that he recognizes that unsafe conditions can exist and urges all to report them in a timely manner so operators and managers are made aware of current conditions.

Planning Committee—Linda Haar

The planning committee is talking about how to develop infrastructure on certain islands. They are also looking at revenue generating activities and creative alternatives for the island. On July 28th there will be a focus group for alternative planning ideas. They also discussed the possibility of a transportation committee to come later, but stressed that water transportation needs to be a part of the whole planning process.

Finance Committee—Cathy Douglas Stone

The finance committee continues to focus on funds from partners and the issue of how to handle the matches. City Comptroller Ed Collins and Deputy Comptroller Mark Sweeney spoke at the last meeting about how transferring funds to entities when they don't own them would work. There is no state law or city ordinance that helps govern such transactions. Mr. Sweeney will help draft legislation to solve the problem and it should be ready for the August 5th meeting, which the State Controller will attend. Luke Thomson and Amy Garfield are making revisions and additions to the matching funds proposals, and the committee is close to circulating them.

Education, Programs and Park Operations—George Price

The committee has decided to focus on education and to find out what programs are already in place and how they can build on them. The next meeting will be Thursday, July 30th, from 3.00pm - 4.30pm, at 15 State Street. They also wished to establish a separate operations committee, because the two issues are so different, and need equal timing that one committee can not adequately give. The Advisory Council, as presented by Suzanne Gall Marsh, also formally requested the need for a separate Operations Committee. Chairman Webber made the motion for a separate Operations Committee to be convened which was unanimously passed.

Public Comment

Linnea Ovans of Congressman Delahunt's office informed the Partners that the decision on Hull be selected for the Lighthouse Museum should come soon.

Eileen Woodford, National Parks and Conservation Association (NPCA), recommended that the park plan have guiding principles for the appropriateness of commercial activities that support the park mission and help generate revenue. Peter Weber asked Eileen to outline her thoughts in writing so the committee could share them.

Nancy Martin, Friends of Boston Harbor Islands, announced the Sunset Cruise Series. Also, there will be a July 23rd trip to Peddocks.

George Marsh, Friends of Boston Harbor Islands, expressed concern about the lack of access to Peddock's. Trips had been canceled due to lack of staff.

Suzanne Gall Marsh, Friends of Boston Harbor Islands, talked about agency accountability. She felt that no one holds agencies accountable.

August 23rd is Edward Rowe Snow day on George's.

Sam Sapiel, Advisory Council asked if there is some way that NAGPRA folks can come and talk about legislation and land rights? Mr. Price said that there will be another NAGPRA meeting in the fall. Mr. Sapiel has sent a letter to Congress about Thompson's because there are burial grounds there, and explained how state archeologist need to be contacted if burial grounds are found. Mr. Price also said that NPS has begun research on King Philip's war

Slide Show presented by MWRA.

Trustees of Reservations—Dick Howe

The Summer Solstice program was very successful.

Island Alliance—Kathy Abbott

They will be hosting a thank you party on July 11th, from 5.30pm - 7.30pm.

DEM—Peter Webber

Chronicle filmed Grape for an upcoming episode. Also, a letter of thanks was sent to Hale and Dorr for use of their facilities for Partnership meetings.

National Park Service—George Price

George reminded everyone about the upcoming Quincy field trip. Invitations have been sent out and people should mark their calendars for 8/13/98. *Treasure Offshore*, the East Boston Chamber of Commerce piece, was a great press piece for the. The information and orientation staff is functioning at 408 Atlantic Ave. and the Long Wharf kiosk. MDC, DEM, Friends volunteers and NPS are providing staffing. The *Indian Life* newspaper article is included in your packet for your information.

Thompson Island—Alden Gifford

Connecting/Courage course for girls and the Passages Program for boys served 60 kids. Environmental Leadership program with the New England Aquarium and the cancer patients with Island of Hope program are all going well. Also, the Summer Institute 5-week teacher training, 15 teachers, 50 students, and see 1900 visitors in June.

USCG—Dan May

The USCG is finishing work on Long Island Head Light. In September or October Boston Light will be featured in a Lighthouse Heritage show on PBS. On July 23rd at 1:00pm there will be a Parade of Ships and a Salute to the Constitution. On July 25th there will be a Parade of Lights and fireworks. He also expressed his goodbyes and hopes to stay on as alternate.

MDC—Peter Church

2200 people were on George's Island on July 4th.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting will be September 16th - Hale & Dorr - 26th Floor