

**Boston Harbor Islands Partnership
Meeting Minutes
Boston Redevelopment Authority
One City Hall Plaza, 9th Floor Board Room, Boston, MA
November 16, 2004, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM**

Attendees: Bill Hale and Linda Smith Mooney—Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council; Linda Haar—Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA); Cathy Douglas Stone—City of Boston, Department of Environmental Services; Kathy Abbott—Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR); Betsy Shure Gross—Executive Office of Environmental Affairs; Maynard Goldman, Doug Welch for Tom Powers—Island Alliance (IA); Jim Doolin—Massachusetts Port Authority (MASSPORT); Marianne Connolly for Fred Laskey—Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA); George Price and Terry Savage—National Park Service (NPS); LCDR Dan Johnson—United States Coast Guard (USCG).

Cathy Douglas Stone, Vice-chair, called the meeting to order.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 19, 2004.
The motion was unanimously approved.

Georges Island

Karl Pastore reported that work continues on Georges Island. He said that DCR is in the process of removing/replacing an underground fuel storage tank and installing a new fuel line. The water line from Hull will be repaired in time to have running water for the 2005 season. They are investigating the renovation needs of the former hospital. Karl also reported that the septic system will be upgraded. He stated that much of the work needs to happen during the early part of the season, and the field area near the dock will be closed. The other areas of the island will be accessible.

Peddocks Island

Doug Welch reported that the asbestos removal in the guardhouse is complete. The test drill borings across Hull Gut are in process, the results should be available soon to provide information regarding the possible micro-tunnel for utilities.

Spectacle Island

Karl Pastore stated that they continue to work on a number of issues on Spectacle Island. The engineering issues associated with the leachate system have not been resolved. The city and state continue to work with the Central Artery. Park staff continue to prepare for the opening, though no date has been set. They were successful in beginning installation of the photovoltaic system installed on the roof of the visitor center.

Partnership Meetings and Management

George Price announced that there were nominations submitted for the state seats on the Partnership. Betsy Shure Gross and Kathy Abbott will be the voting partners, and Petrina Garbarini and Larry Dorman will be the voting alternates.

A discussion developed about Partnership meeting management. The group discussed the current format and the effectiveness of the meetings, as well as the relationship with the committees. More discussion was needed, and an informal workshop of Partners was planned for December 14. A report will be prepared for the next meeting.

Water Transportation

George Price reported on the current water transportation deficit. There is a shortfall of approximately \$30k - \$40k for the water shuttle. There was also a significant shortfall in the 2003 season, and even after the Partners' contributions, Island Alliance was left with a large bill. George reminded all that Island Alliance holds the contract on behalf on the Partnership. George stated that last year, the NPS was a large contributor, but will not be able to contribute at that level this year due to budget constraints. Financial support is needed from the Partners.

Marketing & Events

Maynard Goldman introduced Larissa Fawkner, Island Alliance Events and Marketing Manager. She gave a presentation on preliminary plans for marketing and events for the 2005 season. She described several ideas for Family Fun Days. She is also working on the 2005 event brochure.

Advisory Council

Bill Hale announced that the next Advisory Council meeting will be held on December 1, 2004 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm at the New England Aquarium. He said that the council will discuss their direction for the next year and prepare for the March elections.

Public Comment

Steve Marcus, Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, announced the January 1, trip to Thompson Island.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.