

**Boston Harbor Islands Partnership  
Meeting Minutes  
Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs  
100 Cambridge Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Boston, MA  
January 27, 2009, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM**

**Attendees:** Maureen Cavanaugh, Bill Hale and Charlie Norris—Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council; Joel Reck and Tom Powers—Boston Harbor Island Alliance; Jim Doolin—Massachusetts Port Authority (MASSPORT); Marianne Connolly for Fred Laskey—Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA); David Cash, Susan Kane and Karl Pastore—Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR); Bruce Jacobson and Terry Savage—National Park Service (NPS); Peg Wheeler—The Trustees of Reservations (TTOR); Arthur Pearson—Thompson Island Outward Bound Education Center (TIOBEC); CDR William Kelly—United States Coast Guard (USCG)

Terry Savage, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order. There was a motion to accept the minutes from the November 18, 2008 meeting. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

### **Sail Boston 2009**

Commander Kelly, USCG, gave an update on preparations for Sail Boston 2009. The Partners discussed how each agency is engaging in the overall planning process and how the event will affect the islands. Deer and Spectacle islands were thought to be particularly good vantage points for the event. Due to harbor closures, alternate sites for ferry departures are being explored.

### **2016 Strategic Plan**

Bruce Jacobson, NPS, reminded all that 2016 was chosen for the date for the strategic plan because it will be the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Boston Harbor Islands national park area, the centennial of the National Park Service, and the tercentennial of Boston Light Station. He thanked all the Partners for their participation in focus meetings for the development of the plan. These focus meetings were arranged around the major themes of the strategic plan: Stewardship; Environmental Leadership; Recreational Experience; Education; and Professional Excellence. Bruce suggested organizing committee meetings around the themes as the plan moves to the implementation phase. It is hoped the draft strategic plan will be ready for public review by March.

### **Infrastructure Projects**

#### *Georges Island Mine Storage Building*

Robin Pfetsch, DCR, gave a presentation on early plans for rehabilitation of the Mine Storage Building on Georges Island. Plans include moving the maintenance facility out of the building, and upgrading housing units and visitor amenities, with improved facilities for a visitor center with exhibits, food service, and restrooms. Plans also include generator upgrades and the installation of solar panels on ancillary structures.

#### *Georges Island Pier*

Bruce Jacobson reported NPS received funding to assist DCR with compliance requirements for replacement of the pier on Georges Island. A public scoping session on early design concepts was held on November 19. Mangers have estimated it will cost close to \$12M to replace the pier.

### *Harbor Park Pavilion*

Tim Love from UTILE, a Boston-based architecture and urban design firm, gave a presentation on early design concepts for the Harbor Park Pavilion. UTILE is collaborating with Reed Hildebrand, a landscape architectural firm, and IDEO, a global design consultancy, on plans for the pavilion. It is expected that designs will be complete by spring.

### **Advisory Council**

The Advisory Council's annual meeting will be held on March 4, 2009 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. A speaker from the Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs will talk about the Massachusetts Ocean Planning Initiative.

### **Public Comment**

Bruce Berman, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, distributed a copy of a letter endorsed by Congressmen Capuano, Delahunt, and Lynch regarding their support for proposed infrastructure projects under the stimulus plan (see attached). Many of the projects mentioned in the letter are connected with the islands, such as funding for the harbor park pavilion, Squantum gateway and Georges Island visitor center. Bruce thanked the Partners for their commitment and investment toward infrastructure improvements on the islands.

Suzanne Gall Marsh, Volunteers and Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, suggested a statue that used to be on Gallops Island be moved to the pavilion, or another island location. Suzanne announced that it is the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Friends and they are working on new projects and proposals.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.