

**Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council
Fourteenth Meeting Minutes
United States Courthouse
Jury Room Two
One Courthouse Way, Boston
Wednesday, June 7, 1999
4:00 PM– 6:00 PM**

Jack welcomed all. There is not a quorum, 13 of the 28 members were present.

Approval of minutes from March 2, 2000

There is not a quorum; the approval of the minutes will be tabled to next meeting. Claudia Smith Reid asked for a correction to the March 2 meeting minutes. The purpose of community partners program is not just youth programs. Change line five to reflect that they are concentrating on relevance and employment opportunities as well. Peter Lewenberg requested a change to page 3, a clarification of the funding. The state has committed additional funds for this year that will supplement staffing on the islands. There are additional funds of \$300k in the House One budget for the MDC. Also, the governor toured last summer, not recently.

Opening Comments

The request for appointments to the council has been forwarded to Washington.

Public Meetings

There are 8 public meetings scheduled, the first one was held on June 3. That meeting did proceed the release of the Newswaves and notices to the paper. Tom Lindberg did put in tremendous effort to advertise in the neighborhood. There was productive dialog even with the low attendance. Notices have now reached the press and over 5,000 Newswaves were mailed. Claudia requested 2,500 more for a direct mailing. Ads were also placed in the Environmental Monitor, the FBHI and TBHA Newsletters.

George Price suggested that the hosts of the public meetings follow up with the local press and cable stations. It was suggested to create posters and put on George's Island and the boats. The New England Aquarium has also agreed to post.

Jack Wiggin passed around an attendance sheet for the meetings. He encouraged participation.

George said that there was an opportunity to do a community access show regarding the meetings. Call Mary to set things up. Two press events are scheduled for Hull and Quincy, announcing the new ferry routes and the public meetings.

George said that the meetings consist of an introduction by the Advisory Council member, who introduces all council and partnership members that are present. George does a brief park introduction, then the planners present a 20-minute slide show. The council member facilitates the question and answer portion.

The next Planning Committee meeting will be an opportunity for Partners to bring comments on the draft without having to submit a formal comment.

Comments on draft

- Should show MBTA boat transportation
- Should show Airport, Hull, Quincy, and Hingham
- Suggestion to add historical structures on the maps, like Fort Independence and Fort Revere.
- Suggestion to add State Parks in Hingham to the maps.
- Commitment to Native American Center seemed tentative. Bruce responded that this is a general plan does not go into detail. It definitely allows for the possibility. Now working on a five-year strategic plan which includes piloting 3 education programs for Native American issues. The center is more of a long-term issue.
- Comment that there were inconsistencies in the language of the draft GMP. Very general in some areas, then some very specific things were mandated, like the expansion of the firing range on Moon Island, which was thought to be unacceptable to some members. There were other very specific uses mentioned that should not be in a general policy document.
- Concern was voiced on supporting special use areas like the public services on Long Island for the long term.
- The differences between this draft and a master plan were discussed. This is a general policy document under new NPS guidelines. Plans used to be very prescriptive. Specifics are coming and will be complete with an environmental analysis.
- Need a firm commitment from federal and state agencies. There was a warning issued that this type of document does not create enforceable rights for watchdogs. There was a reminder that the Partnership agencies agreeing on a policy document is a significant step.
- Questions were raised about the financing of the strategic plan and GMP.
- There was discussion about the council's response. Jack requested that all interest groups prepare written comments. Jack will collect comments and try to identify areas of agreement. A 4-hour meeting was scheduled on July 12 to discuss the plan. It was agreed to submit formal comments by August 1st the public comment deadline.

Report Card

Suzanne Gall Marsh asked for recommendations on preparing the survey of park operations. A sub-group will work on the questions for the survey to be used by council members, volunteers and park staff. Participation of council members will be crucial to success. BHC will provide passes for the council member's boat transportation to the islands for this survey. There was a suggestion to use a 1-5 grading system instead of letter grades. The survey must be quantitative and clear criteria should be established. Bruce Jacobson suggested using the goals on page 9 of the draft, to see if we were achieving them. The sub group will also collate results and report to Partnership in December. They will want to make it happen this year.

The council discussed the need for a system of reporting serious operations issues. George reminded all to use his office to funnel safety concerns or major incidents for immediate follow up.

Other Business

It was agreed that getting the state legislators interest was very important. A park tour should be organized. Right now they have been neglected, only the Washington legislators have been kept up to date.

The bronze map has been installed at the Discovery Center.

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Meeting Attendance

VOTING MEMBERS

1. Sha-King Alston	
2. Edith Andrews	
3. Regina Burke	X
4. David Calnan	
5. Stephen Comer	X
6. Mary Corcoran	X
7. Peter Davidoff	
8. John Dinga	X
9. Bernie Dreiblatt	X
10. Joe Ferrino	
11. William Giezentanner	X
12. Carl Johnson	
13. Seth Kaplan	
14. Greg Ketchen	
15. Phil Lemnios	X
16. John Lewis	
17. Vivien Li	
18. Tom Lindberg	
19. Bernice Mader (Represented by Elizabeth Harrington*)	EH
20. Suzanne Gall Marsh	X
21. Ed McCabe	
22. Rob Moir	X
23. Sherman Morss	X
24. Karen O'Donnell	X
25. John Sam Sapiel	
26. Claudia Smith Reid	X
27. Lawrence Snake	
28. Jack Wiggin	X

* NOT VOTING MEMBER

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Ex officio (education)

Nick Haddad	
Sukey Padawar	
David Weinstein	

Ex officio (municipalities)

Dan Condon Congressman William Delahunt	
Frederick Clark Congressman Joseph Moakley	
Jay Kiely Congressman Michael Capuano	
David Soule/Mark Racicot Metropolitan Area Planning Council	

Ex officio (Native American)

John Brown III	
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OTHERS

Kathy Abbott	
Lorraine Downey	
Bruce Jacobson	X
Peter Lewenberg	X
Kim Mitchell	
George Price	X
Mary Raczko	X