

Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
New England Aquarium
Central Wharf, Boston, MA
June 5, 2002, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Greg Ketchen, Chair, welcomed all. Nine voting members of the 28-member Advisory Council were present (see attached attendance sheet). There was not a quorum.

Community Outreach Initiative

Greg Ketchen stated that one important function of the Advisory Council is public outreach. The council is a vehicle to not only bring park information to the constituencies of the individual member organizations and to the broader public, but to also bring the public comment back to the Boston Harbor Islands Partnership.

Island Alliance has been actively assisting the council by searching for funding to support the council's community outreach. Kathy Abbott said that she was approached by a funder that showed interest. Further research led to a proposal from the Interaction Institute for Social Change on a plan for improving outreach efforts. Greg said that this proposal was presented at a prior meeting of the council (see attached). He asked if the focus on the public outreach was the direction the council would like to go in, and the council was supportive. The council discussed the proposal from the Interaction Institute for Social Change at length. There was general support from the council for pursuing funding for the proposal, though differing opinions were expressed about spending money on a consultant. If the funding is received, it was planned that a small core team of about 6 people, including members of the Advisory Council, would work with the consultant as a design team of the outreach plan. The design team will be in communication with the larger Advisory Council during the process. It was hoped that this planning process would support funding for the implementation of the plan. Greg made a motion that the council support the initiative to develop an outreach program using the proposal from the Interaction Institute for Social Change as the framework.

The motion was unanimously passed.

Interest Groups

The council broke off into interest groups to review their membership, and work plans. There were changes made to the education and community groups goals and objectives. There are still vacant seats in the municipality group, and the community group and the environmental group still has not submitted a nomination for the expiring seat. This needs to be finalized as soon as possible.

Park Updates

Bruce Jacobson announced that funding proposals have been submitted through the NPS system that included infrastructure needs at Peddocks and docks and floats for several islands. He was hopeful that the NPS could continue to support capital projects.

Bruce reported that the general management plan was still in the last stages of design. Once approved it will be posted on the website and 3000 copies will be printed.

The Biodiversity seminar and public events were successfully completed.

Mary Raczko gave a summary of park events planned for the season. She distributed the event brochure and described the searchable database of events that can be found at the web page www.BostonIslands.com/events. She asked that all events be submitted to Kelly Fellner for posting.

Peter Lewenberg reported on the status of the Managing by Results Initiative of the state with MDC and DEM. He invited all questions and comments to be directed to him.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM

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Meeting Attendance

VOTING MEMBERS

1. Edith Andrews	
2. Regina Burke	X
3. Stephen Comer	
4. Mary Corcoran, Vice Chair	X
5. Peter Davidoff	
6. John Dinga	
7. Bernie Dreibratt	
8. Joe Ferrino	X
9. Patricia Foley* (Ben Kelly)	X
10. William Giezentanner	
11. Bill Hale	X
12. Carl Johnson	
13. Seth Kaplan	
14. Greg Ketchen, Chair	X
15. Phil Lemnios	
16. John Lewis	X
17. Vivien Li	
18. Vacant Seat, Community	
19. Vacant Seat, Municipalities	
20. Suzanne Gall Marsh	^LOA
21. Ellen McBride*	
22. Ed McCabe	X
23. Sherman Morss	X
24. Linda Poolaw*	
25. Bill Reardon*	X
26. John Sam Sapiel	
27. Claudia Smith-Reid	
28. Jack Wiggin	X

^Leave of absence

* Does not have voting status yet

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Ex officio (Education)

Russ Bowles	
Dotty Merrill	
Rob Moir	
Sukey Padawar	
Peter Rosen	
David Weinstein	X

Ex officio (Community)

Sha-King Alston	
Lorraine Downey	

Ex officio (Environmental)

Marci Tyre	
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Ex officio (Municipalities)

Dan Condon Congressman William Delahunt	
Jim Gordon Congressman Stephen Lynch	
Gregg Nolan Congressman Michael Capuano	
Mark Racicot Metropolitan Area Planning Council	

Ex officio (Native American)

Hiawatha Brown	
Mildred McCowan	
Chris Montgomery	X

OTHERS

Kathy Abbott	X
Bruce Jacobson	X
Peter Lewenberg	X
George Price	
Mary Raczko	X
Doug Welch	