

Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
New England Aquarium
Central Wharf, Boston
June 4, 2003, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Greg Ketchen, Chair, welcomed all. There was not a quorum present (see attached attendance sheet). The approval of the March meeting minutes was tabled.

Nominations

The group discussed the nomination process. There were still some seats that have not been filled. Interest groups should contact Greg Ketchen with the nominations as soon as possible so that the election process can move forward.

Greg Ketchen reminded all that in March 2004, almost half the council seats will be open (instead of the usual 7 seats). The bylaws state that members can not serve more than 2 consecutive 3-year terms. Members that started the council with a 3-year term in March 1998, then served another 3-year term starting in March 2001, will be required to step down for a year before they will be eligible for a council seat again. During this year, members may stay active in the council as an ex-officio. They would be eligible for re-nomination in March 2005. Contact Greg Ketchen or George Price with any questions about this process.

Sam Sapiel stated that he thought the Native American interest group should be separate, and seats should not expire.

Community Outreach Program

Greg Ketchen said that the community outreach project is moving forward. During the process, it was identified that creating new programs was a priority. Jennifer Whitman listed some of the ideas that were generated. The council discussed many ideas for programs.

There was a great deal of interest in creating a PowerPoint presentation that could be used by members to promote the park in their community.

The group also discussed the importance of engaging and educating legislators and key policy makers.

Sam Sapiel expressed concern about Native American burial grounds being protected and about dogs being allowed on Deer Island.

Greg asked each of the interest groups to focus on an area of the plan:

Municipalities - legislative

Business and Commercial - presentations, retreats

Education – local legislators, promoting youth organizations, developing nature and history tours, presentations, write articles for newsletters

Native American – local legislators, history tours

Environmental – no members present

Advocacy – nature guided tours, signage, make contacts

Community – presentations, community involvement

Park Update

George Price, National Park Service, reported that the season has started. The state agencies are working through the budget issues and through the transition into one combined agency to manage the islands. We expect that all 6 state islands will be open for visitors this year. Spectacle Island visitor center is under construction, expected opening is 2004.

Public Comment

There was no public comment

The meeting was adjourned.

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Meeting Attendance

VOTING MEMBERS

1. Edith Andrews	
2. Regina Burke	
3. Stephen Comer	
4. Mary Corcoran, Vice Chair	X
5. Peter Davidoff	
6. Theresa Czerepica*	X
7. John Dinga	X
8. Bernie Dreiblatt	
9. Marianne Farrington*	
10. Joe Ferrino	X
11. Patricia Foley* (Krysten Lynch)	
12. Bill Hale*	X
13. Carl Johnson	
14. Seth Kaplan	
15. Greg Ketchen, Chair	X
16. John Lewis	
17. Vivien Li	
18. Suzanne Gall Marsh [^] LOA	
19. Chris McCabe*	
20. Ed McCabe	
21. Sherman Morss	
22. Linda Poolaw*	
23. Kristin Priscella*	
24. Bill Reardon*	
25. John Sam Sapiel	X
26. Claudia Smith-Reid	
27. Ben Walker*	
28. Jack Wiggin	X

[^]Leave of absence

* Does not have voting status yet

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Ex officio (Education)

Russ Bowles	
Johanna Mendillo	
Dotty Merrill	
Peter Rosen	
Linda Smith-Mooney	
David Weinstein	

Ex officio (Community)

Sha-King Alston	
Lorraine Downey	

Ex officio (Advocacy)

Karen O'Donnell	
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Ex officio (Environmental)

Bill Geizentanner	
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Ex officio (Municipalities)

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

Ex officio (Native American)

Hiawatha Brown	
Mildred McCowan	
Chris Montgomery	X

OTHERS

Kathy Abbott	
Sam Overton Bussell	
Bruce Jacobson	
Peter Lewenberg	X
George Price	X
Mary Raczko	X
Chuck Smythe	
Doug Welch	
Jennifer Whitman	X