

**Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
New England Aquarium
Central Wharf, Boston
September 1, 2004, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

Greg Ketchen, Chair, welcomed all. There was not a quorum present (see attached attendance sheet). Greg introduced Tom Powers, the new President of the Island Alliance.

Outreach Program

Greg Ketchen said that Island Alliance received a grant for \$25k for the outreach program to facilitate community groups going to the islands. Greg encouraged the council members to get involved.

Greg reported on on-going outreach programs council members are working on. They received donated cameras and gave them to the BEAN program for the youth to use to submit photos to the council-sponsored contest. They have just gotten the photos back and will pick winners soon. Pat Morss' photo exhibit is currently at the Moakley US Courthouse, and is slated to move to Spectacle Island when it opens. Greg said that the Marriott Custom House, through Ellen Silverman, is involved with offering guests trips to Little Brewster. John Dinga is the mooring manager for the islands.

Spectacle Island

George Price, NPS, stated that though we hope that Spectacle Island will open on the target date of June 26, there are still several construction issues to be sorted out before the transfer of ownership from the Central Artery to the city and state can occur. The city and state, though anxious to take ownership, do not feel that they can move forward with the transfer with the island in its current state.

The legislation that would allow Island Alliance to manage the island is still stuck in the legislature and has not yet passed. Planning efforts continue. Interpretive staff have been hired for the island from both the DCR and NPS. They are working on creating a self-guided tour, gathering interpretive material and planning for the preliminary exhibits. Staff from University of Massachusetts have been maintaining the marina. The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands have had a frustrating time planning a spring tour of the island, but have finally received permission to hold it.

The Advisory Council is working on ways to support programming for Spectacle on the opening day and for the other Family Fun days. Pat Morss and Greg Ketchen are working on a photography contest and creating an exhibit for the visitor center.

Park Pavilion

George Price gave an update on the park pavilion project on Parcel 14 of the Rose Kennedy Greenway. He presented an overview of the current plans for the station.

Park Updates

George Price gave an update on the water transportation. Harbor Express won the 5-year contract and has started servicing the islands. Banners, directional signs and a ticket booth are

in place on Long Wharf. He said that the boats this year are smaller (approximately 150 passengers) than the Boston Harbor Cruises boats were (300-500 passengers), but they are faster. Harbor Express is committed to covering the peak times with additional vessels. If boats are full, another boat should arrive shortly after. George stated that he will be the contact for any boat issues and concerns. He requested that people report to him immediately any safety related issues so that they can be resolved effectively. He invited people to also contact him about any serious problems as they occur.

George announced that there is a dock project underway. The NPS received funding for \$413k to repair failing docks. Another \$2.25M is expected from a transportation bill for permanent ADA accessible docks.

Holly Richardson, DCR, reported that with assistance from Harbor Express, the ramp on Georges has been repaired. She said that a replica of a Rodman Cannon was made for Georges Island and will be delivered to the island this season. They have volunteers working on clearing trails and readying the campsites. Holly said that the clivas units on Georges, Lovells and Peddocks have all been cleaned out for the season.

Holly reported that the water line to Georges is not operational. She also stated that there was release of fuel oil at Georges. Most of it was contained and much of the oil was recovered. Engineers from DCR worked with Department of Environmental Protection and Safe Harbors on the clean-up and are acting proactively to prevent another occurrence.

Seth Kaplan said that the Advisory Council should be re-evaluating its role, with all these operational issues at hand they need to figure out how the Council can improve conditions at the park.

Captain Lou stated what an important group that private boaters are to the park and that it is important to do more for them.

George Price said he continues to work on various Native American issues. Plans are in place to begin a curriculum project. Gil Solomon asked about having a Native American exhibit on Spectacle Island.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council

9/1/2004 Meeting Attendance

VOTING MEMBERS

1. Kurt Bornheim	
2. Stephen Comer	
3. Theresa Czerepica	X
4. John Dinga	X
5. Bernie Dreiblatt	
6. Marianne Farrington Heather Deschenes	
7. Joe Ferrino	
8. L. Fraiser	
9. Bill Hale	X
10. Carl Johnson	
11. Seth Kaplan	
12. Greg Ketchen, <i>Chair</i>	X
13. Paul King	X
14. John Lewis	
15. Vivien Li	
16. Krysten Lynch	
17. Ed McCabe	
18. Keith McClearn	
19. Pat Morss, <i>Vice Chair</i>	X
20. Linda Poolaw	
21. Kristin Priscella	
22. Bill Reardon	X
23. Peter Rosen	X
24. Ellen Silverman	X
25. Linda Smith Mooney	X
26. Ben Walker	
27. Bettina Washington	X
28. Vacant Seat	

^Leave of absence

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Ex officio (Education)

Russ Bowles	
Mary Corcoran	X
Dotty Merrill	X
David Weinstein	
Jack Wiggin	

Ex officio (Community)

Claudia Smith Reid	X
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Ex officio (Business and Commercial)

Peter Davidoff	
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Ex officio (Advocacy)

Suzanne Gall Marsh [^] LOA	
Karen O'Donnell	X

Ex officio (Environmental)

Bill Geizentanner	
Lauri Webster	

Ex officio (Municipalities)

Jim Gordon	
Congressman Stephen Lynch	
Daniel Ryan	
Congressman Michael Capuano	
Corrine Young	
Congressman William Delahunt	

Ex officio (Native American)

Edith Andrews	
Hiawatha Brown	
Mildred McCowan	
Chris Montgomery	X
Sam Sapiel	
Gil Solomon	

OTHERS

Bruce Jacobson	X
Kelly Fellner	X
Diane Haynes	X
Steve Marcus	
Karl Pastore	X
Jim Peters	X
Tom Powers	X
George Price	
Mary Raczko	X
Chuck Smythe	
Doug Welch	