

Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Northeastern University
Shillman Hall, 115 Forsyth Street, Room 220, Boston, MA
June 7, 2006, 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Peter Rosen, Chair, welcomed all.

The minutes of the March 1, 2006 meeting were approved.

Nominating Committee

The Advisory Council has four seats on the Partnership, two voting members and two voting alternate members. The current voting alternate members are Greg Ketchen and Bill Hale. There are 2 vacant seats for voting members on the Partnership, because both Marianne Farrington and Linda Smith-Mooney have stepped down.

A nominating committee was formed of the entire group present. The floor was opened for nominations. Greg Ketchen and Charlie Norris were nominated as voting partners. There was unanimous approval of the nominations. There is still a vacancy for one voting alternate.

Community Outreach

Pat Morss announced that winners were chosen for the 2005 photo contest and were in the process of notifying winners. It is hoped that the winning photos will be displayed at Spectacle Island. This years contest will focus on Spectacle Island.

Park Updates

Bruce Jacobson, National Park Service, said that Spectacle Island is scheduled to open on June 24. There will be direct ferry service from Long Wharf, Boston and the island will also be serviced by the inter-island water shuttle. There will also be access from Thompson Island on Saturdays. The marina fees are still being negotiated. DCR has hired rangers and lifeguards to staff the island; NPS has also hired one ranger,

The dock project is nearing completion. ADA floats have been installed on Lovells, Grape, and Bumpkin.

Bruce said that there is no new news regarding the proposed liquefied natural gas facility on Outer Brewster Island. The state legislation has been taken off the table.

Bruce reported that the Peddocks Island utility project continues to move forward. There will be no camping on this island this summer, because of construction activities. The island will be open for day-use.

Bruce announced that ferry service to Georges Island began on May 6, with hourly service to Georges Island. June 24 is the summer kick-off, starting this date there will be ferry service to Georges Island every half-hour from Long Wharf on weekends, and water shuttle service and camping will begin. There will be four to five runs to Spectacle Island. There will only be one inter-island shuttle this year due to financial constraints. It is hoped that the cost of the shuttle will be covered by the contribution of \$2.25 on each

ferry ticket. Karen O'Donnell, Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands (FBHI), suggested the park look into the possibility of supporting the shuttle system through a Boston entertainment tax.

There will be day-time and sunset Discovery Cruises offered during the week.

Public Comment

Steve Marcus, FBHI, said that the Friends are struggling to support themselves. He stated that they have historically relied on boat trips to fund much of their organization, and that revenues are down. Boat costs are up, there is more competition and now the trip to Spectacle just got cancelled by the DCR even though they got all the required permits in advance.

There was a question about public access to Gallops Island. Bruce replied the status of Gallops remains unchanged; it is still closed because of asbestos. The NPS and DCR are trying to get funding for a study of what needs to be done. The study is expected to cost in the area of \$80k and early estimates of the clean-up exceed \$8M.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30PM.

Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council
6/7/06 Meeting Attendance

VOTING MEMBERS and interest group

1. Jennifer Bender, ENV	
2. Kurt Bornheim, MUN	
3. Maureen Cavanaugh, B&C	
4. Mary Corcoran, EDU	
5. Theresa Czerepica, COM	
6. Peter Davidoff, B&C	
7. Sean Glennon, MUN	
8. Bill Hale, ADV	X
9. Seth Kaplan, ENV	
10. Greg Ketchen, B&C	
11. Paul King, ADV	
12. Dottie Merrill, EDU	
13. Chris Montgomery, NA	
14. Charlie Norris, ADV	X
15. Ed Norton, COM	
16. Linda Poolaw, NA	
17. Bill Reardon, MUN	
18. Peter Rosen, Chair, EDU	X
19. John Sam Sapiel, NA	
20. Ellen Silverman, B&C	
21. Claudia Smith-Reid, Vice Chair, COM	
22. Bettina Washington, NA	
23. Lauri Webster, ENV	X
24. Matt Wolfe, ADV	
25. Vacant Seat, ENV	
26. Vacant Seat, MUN	
27. Vacant Seat, COM	
28. Vacant Seat, EDU	

Interest Groups

ADV – Boston Harbor Related Advocacy
 B&C – Business & Commercial
 COM – Community Groups
 EDU – Education and Cultural
 ENV – Environmental Organizations
 MUN – Municipalities
 NA – Native American

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Ex officio (Education)

Russ Bowles	
Carl Johnson	
Dottie Merrill	
Pat Morss	X
David Weinstein	
Jack Wiggin	

Ex officio (Community)

L'Merchie Fraiser	
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Ex officio (Advocacy)

Vivien Li	
Suzanne Gall Marsh	
Karen O'Donnell	X

Ex officio (Environmental)

John Dinga	
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Ex officio (Municipalities)

Daniel Ryan Congressman Michael Capuano	
Corrine Young Congressman William Delahunt	

Ex officio (Native American)

Edith Andrews	
Mary Anne Hendricks	
Gil Solomon	

OTHERS

Bruce Jacobson	X
Larissa Fawkner	
Kelly Fellner	
Diane Haynes	
Susan Kane	
Steve Marcus	X
Karl Pastore	
Jessica Patrick	
Jim Peters	
Tom Powers	
Mary Raczko	X
Chuck Smythe	