

Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Northeastern University, 231 Forsythe Hall, Boston, MA
September 5, 2007, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Peter Rosen, Co-Chair, welcomed all. The minutes of the June 6 meeting were reviewed.

Report Card Project

The council reviewed the idea of preparing an annual report to the partnership evaluating the state of the park. After discussion, it was agreed the report this year should be of smaller scope than the 2006 review of the park's strategic 5-year plan. The council planned to proceed by identifying the park's priority issues to narrow down on key issues the whole council could focus on. There was agreement for this to be a worthwhile project; it needs it needs to generate dialogue and action from the Advisory Council and the Partnership.

The first step in the process -is to identify topics the whole council considers top priorities. Members will be asked to identify their top 3 priorities concerning the park, looking at it from the perspective of their particular interest group. A lead was identified for each interest group: Jen Ferre, Pat Morss, Greg Ketchen, David Kales, Bill Reardon and Claudia Smith-Reid. The lead will contact other members of their interest group to encourage them to respond to the request for input. These responses will be compiled and compared to see if there are common concerns of the council as a whole. A study session will be scheduled in late October or November to review priorities with the hope of finalizing the report at the December meeting.

Members present discussed several potential topics: Rehabilitate/demolish cottages, restore the parade ground, stabilize the fort, and add a toilet on middle head on Peddocks; improve water transportation systems; address engineering issues of beach and marina placement on Spectacle; reopen Gallops; step up marketing and public relations efforts; extend season through fall; and protect resources on Rainsford.

Members discussed other ways for the Advisory Council members to be effective advising the Partnership. There was general agreement that members are most effective by participating in Partnership committee meetings. It was felt a different approach was needed, a way to relate information back to the whole council.

Park Update

Bruce Jacobson, NPS, reported Corey, McPherson Nash was chosen as the consultant for the Boston Harbor Islands branding initiative. A strategy will be developed to brand the park and raise the visibility of Island Alliance. The strategy will be implemented over the next two years. Bruce invited all attendees to the Marketing Committee meeting on September 11.

Bruce announced the upcoming summer institute for Native youth. Youth will be engaged in many workshops and will learn techniques of recording oral histories from their communities through video production.

Bruce reported the status of the President's Centennial Initiative. This initiative is an ambitious challenge to raise \$3 billion for the National Parks Service's 100th anniversary in 2016. He said it involves a \$1 billion increase in base funding for parks, \$1 billion in private donations, and \$1 billion in federal match of those donations. Congress would need to pass authorizing legislation for the initiative to be funded, but plans are moving forward. Parks were asked to submit up to five projects. Boston Harbor Islands submitted five projects, of which, two were announced as

eligible for Centennial matching funds. The first, for an eco-family camp on Peddocks Island; the second, for the all-taxa biodiversity inventory (ATBI).

Bruce said the Education Committee is working with the Marketing Committee and Harpers Ferry National Historic Park to develop an updated information brochure and map based on the NPS "Unigrid System" format.

Jen Ferre mentioned the Stellwagon Bank Foundation is hosting a 3-day kayak trip from Boston Harbor to Gloucester to raise awareness of the sanctuary.

David Kales announced the release of his new book *The Boston Harbor Islands: A History of an Urban Wilderness*.

Greg Ketchen reported the Annual Advisory Council meeting in March was well attended.

Peddocks Island was suggested as a location for the next outing for the council.

Public Comment

There was no additional public comment.

The meeting was adjourned.

Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council
9/5/07 Meeting Attendance

VOTING MEMBERS and interest group

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

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	
David Weinstein	
Jack Wiggin	

Ex officio (Business & Commercial)

Maria Freddura	
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Ex officio (Advocacy)

Vivien Li	
Suzanne Gall Marsh	

Ex officio (Environmental)

John Dinga	
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Ex officio (Municipalities)

Daniel Ryan Congressman	
Michael Capuano	
Kathy Melia Congressman	
William Delahunt	

Ex officio (Native American)

Edith Andrews	
Mary Anne Hendricks	
Gil Solomon	

OTHERS

Marc Albert, NPS	
Sheila Colwell, NPS	
Bruce Jacobson, NPS	X
Kelly Fellner, NPS	
Alex Hall, DCR	
Diane Haynes, IA	
Susan Kane, DCR	
Steve Marcus, FBHI	X
Jim Peters, MCIA	
Tom Powers, IA	
Mary Raczko, NPS	X
Chuck Smythe, NPS	

MCIA – MA Commission on Indian Affairs
 DCR – Department of Conservation and Recreation

FBHI – Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands
 IA – Island Alliance
 NPS – National Park Service