

Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Partnership Office, 408 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 217, Boston, MA
Wednesday, December 3, 2008, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Peter Rosen, Co-Chair, welcomed all. The minutes of the September meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Draft Strategic Plan

Bruce Jacobson, NPS, reported that a strategic plan for the park is under development as per the request of the Partnership. This plan will include measurable goals and specific actions to accomplish the ideals contained in the general management plan. Although strategic plans typically span a 3-5 timeframe, the park's will be through 2016. This date was chosen because it will be the 20th anniversary of the national park area, the centennial of the National Park Service, and the tercentennial of Boston Light Station. Bruce distributed a copy of the internal Partnership discussion draft of the 2016 plan. The draft strategic plan is arranged around five themes: Stewardship; Environmental Leadership; Recreational Experience; Education; and Professional Excellence. Bruce encouraged Advisory Council members to attend focus meetings that will be held in January around the themes. All other committee meetings except for Operations will be suspended until after completion of the strategic plan. Bruce stressed that this was a very early draft, and there would be a formal public review period following this internal process, though he encouraged the council to weigh in as an organization.

The Council discussed at length how they could respond as an organization. It was decided that leads would be identified in each of the theme areas: Peter Rosen and Elizabeth Solomon for Education; Greg Ketchen and Maria Freddura for Stewardship; Mary Anne Hendricks for Recreational Experience; and Karen O'Donnell for Environmental Leadership. Council members will be instructed to send all comments to the appropriate lead. Leads in turn will consolidate comments and give them to Partnership representatives Greg Ketchen and Charlie Norris who will prepare a formal response for the Council.

Organizational Matters

Peter Rosen gave an update on membership status. There are currently several inactive official members and several vacancies. The council discussed. A motion was made to replace members that have not attended any meetings or substantially contributed to the work of the Council in the past year, with discretion of the Chair. **The motion was unanimously approved.** Advisory Council members were asked to recommend new potential members and forward their names and contact information to the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee will continue to plan for the annual meeting in March.

Park Updates

The public scoping meeting for replacing the pier on Georges Island sponsored by the Advisory Council in November was well attended. Boston Harbor Island Alliance is working with Department of Conservation & Recreation on plans to rehabilitate the guardhouse and chapel and demolish unsafe fort buildings on Peddocks Island and to upgrade public facilities in the administration building on Georges Island, including exhibits.

Public Comment

Steve Marcus, Volunteers and Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, announced they are hosting an annual boat trip on January 1, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council
12-3-08 Meeting Attendance

MEMBERS PRESENT (X)

	Via phone
1. Jennifer Bender,	
2. Kurt Bornheim	
3. Victor Brogna,	X
4. Maureen Cavanaugh,	X
5. Theresa Czerepica	X
6. Peter Davidoff	
7. Sean Glennon	X
8. Bill Hale	
9. Seth Kaplan	
10. Greg Ketchen	X
11. Steve Kirk	X
12. Dottie Merrill	X
13. Chris Montgomery	X
14. Charlie Norris	X
15. Pat Morss	X
16. Bill Reardon	X
17. Peter Rosen, Chair	X
18. Claudia Smith-Reid,	
19. Bettina Washington	
20. Lauri Webster	X
21. Matt Wolfe	
22. Vacant Seat	
23. Vacant Seat	
24. Vacant Seat	
25. Vacant Seat	
26. Vacant Seat	
27. Vacant Seat	
28. Vacant Seat	

*appointments pending

OTHERS PRESENT

Russ Bowles	
Carl Johnson	
David Weinstein	
Jack Wiggin	

Maria Freddura	X
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Vivien Li	
Suzanne Gall Marsh	

Daniel Ryan Congressman	
Michael Capuano	
Kathy Melia Congressman	
William Delahunt	

Edith Andrews	
Mary Anne Hendricks	X
Gil Solomon	

Marc Albert, NPS	
Richard Armenia, NPS	X
Kelly Fellner, NPS	
Alex Hall, DCR	
Diane Haynes, BHIA	X
Bruce Jacobson, NPS	X
Susan Kane, DCR	
Steve Marcus, FBHI	X
Tom Powers, BHIA	
Mary Raczko, NPS	X
Chuck Smythe, NPS	
Carol Thistle, BHIA	
Tara Weaver, NPS	X
Kristen Wyman, BHIA	X

MCIA – MA Commission on Indian Affairs

DCR – Department of Conservation and Recreation

FBHI – Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands

BHIA – Island Alliance

NPS – National Park Service

TIOBEC – Thompson Island Outward Bound Education Center