

MINUTES
BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS ADVISORY COUNCIL
FIRST MEETING MARCH 10, 1998, 4:00 – 6:00 PM
EXCHANGE CONFERENCE CENTER, FISH PIER, SOUTH BOSTON

The first official meeting of the Advisory Council was called to order by George Price. George introduced Peter Webber, Chairman of the Boston Harbor Islands Partnership.

Peter Webber introduced members of the Partnership present: Cathleen Douglas Stone, City of Boston, Cathy Abbott, Island Alliance, Terry Savage, National Park Service and Rick Lombardi, representing Trudy Coxe, Massachusetts Water Resources Authority.

Peter thanked Jim Doolin and Massport for the meeting facility and reception. He thanked all involved in making this day happen. He welcomed and congratulated the Advisory Council members on their appointments and reiterated the unifying mission of the Partnership and the Advisory Council – management and preservation of the significant natural, cultural and historic resources of the Islands.

Introductions

Advisory Council members introduced themselves. Present were:

Native American Interests

Edith Andrews, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head
Stephen Comer, Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians
John Sam Sapiel, Penobscot Nation
Lawrence Snake, Delaware Tribe of Western Oklahoma

Municipalities

David Calnan, Hingham
Philip Lemnios, Hull
Bernice Mader, Quincy

Ex-Officio (Municipalities)

Linnea Ovans, Congressman Delahunt's Office
David Soule, Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Boston Harbor Islands Related Advocacy

Suzanne Gall-Marsh, Friends of Boston Harbor Islands
Vivien Li, The Boston Harbor Association
Rob Moir, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay

Business and Commercial

Regina Burke, Hull Chamber of Commerce
Peter Davidoff, Bosport Docking LCC Constitution Marina
Greg Ketchen, New England Aquarium.

Environmental Organizations

John Dinga, Mass. Marine Educators
John Lewis, Sierra Club
Marcie Tyre, Seaside Environmental Alliance

Community Groups

Samira Al-Ghuiyy, Environmental Diversity Forum
Tom Lindberg, Jones Hill neighborhood Assoc
Claudia Smith-Reid, Roxbury Multi-Service Center

Educational and Cultural Group

Mary Corcoran, Mass. Bay Education Alliance
Pat Morss, USS Constitution Museum
Jack Wiggin, Urban Harbors Institute/UMass. Boston

Not present:

Bernie Dreiblat, Beacon Management Co., represents business and commercial.
Joe Ferrino, Town Hall of Winthrop, represents municipalities.
Jim Hewitt, Friends of the Lightship Nantucket, represents educational and cultural.
Ed McCabe, Hull Lifesaving Museum Maritime Program, represents community.
Richard Shaner, Fort Revere Park and Preservation Society, represents Boston Harbor Islands related advocacy.

Review of Letters, Orientation Binder

George Price informed the Council that the appointment letters were signed at 3:30 PM today by the Director of the National Park Service. Each member will receive an appointment letter and signed copy of the charter. Each Advisory Council member has a binder with information on the Federal Advisory Act, Boston Harbor Islands enabling legislation, first official meeting press release, draft by-laws, etc.

By-Laws Report

George Price initiated a discussion about the charter and by-laws. An ad-hoc committee was established at the last Advisory Council workshop to draft the by-laws. The committee has met three times. The by-laws will be presented to the Advisory Council at the April meeting. Phil Lemnios, who sits on the by-laws committee, outlined their three major objectives: to not be overly burdensome; to be easily understood; and to not be a hinderance to the Advisory Council.

The next by-laws subcommittee meeting is set for Wednesday, March 25 from 4 to 6 PM, location to be determined. The meeting is open to all Advisory Council members.

Offices and Partnerships

Claudia Smith-Reid and Tom Lindberg developed an information form for all Advisory Council members to fill out. This form will be used to ascertain Advisory Council members interested in leadership positions. George Price asked that the forms be

returned to his office no later than close of business on Wednesday, March 18. Please mail to: 408 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 228, Boston, MA 02110-3350 or fax to: 617/223-8671.

Phil Lemnios motioned to fill out forms and send to George Price by the middle of the following week. Those interested in leadership roles will have five minutes at the next Advisory Council meeting to “sell themselves.” Vote: 22 in favor, one opposed.

Bernice Mader motioned to amend speech time from five minutes to three minutes. Vote: all in favor.

A question was raised about the ability to vote by proxy, etc., at the next meeting without by-laws in place. Protocol advice was sought from Jim Lampke and Kathy Douglas Stone. Cathy suggested that the first official meetings may be considered informational. Sections of the proposed by-laws could be adopted if it is the will of the group.

Bernice Mader made the motion allowing the Advisory Council to communicate and vote via the following until by-laws are approved: proxy, fax, email, conference call, telephones. Vote: all in favor.

Potential Advisory Council Focus Meetings

George Price indicated this topic would be discussed more formally at the next Advisory Council meeting. He mentioned that there is no sunset clause (automatic two-year termination) and the Council will be involved in planning and implementation of plan. There will be opportunity to do focus group work on the following topics: transportation, education, Native American, etc.

Next Meeting

The next Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 16 from 4 to 6 PM, location to be determined. (NB: this time was changed to 6 - 8 PM)

Other Business

None

Adjourn

Cathleen Douglas Stone spoke on behalf of the Partnership and said....” it is wonderful to have such a diverse group so interested and knowledgeable about the Islands. The Partnership will benefit from the wisdom of all assembled. Thank you.”

Reception courtesy of Massport.