

MINUTES
BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS ADVISORY COUNCIL
FOURTH MEETING JULY 7, 1998, 4:00 - 6.00 PM
PIEMONTE ROOM, BOSTON CITY HALL

The Forth meeting of the Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council was called to order by Jack Wiggin, Chair.

Fourteen of the 28 Advisory Council members were present (see attached attendance sheet).

Rob Moir introduced the members of the Harbor Visions Crew, who were in attendance at the meeting.

The council discussed the letter to John Brown by George Price, offering him a seat as an Ex-officio member of the Advisory Council. Mr. Brown is very pleased by the offer and has accepted.

Jack Wiggin gave an overview of the June 29th - Study Session Meeting, which focused on organization and communications.

Make note of meeting matrix:

July 21 - Marketing Committee

July 28 - Planning Meeting (Planners Focus Group)

August 11 - Water Planning Meeting - Transportation

September 10, December 3, March 4 - Next Advisory Council Meetings - tentative timing 4.00 - 6.00 pm for now

March - Annual Elections

Planning Update

Sarah Peskin and Barbara Mackey of the NPS gave an overview of the BHI Integrated Management Plan. They touched on several aspects of the plan including the park's resources and how to balance and enjoy them. They provided a summary of the public workshop comments in the areas of access, development, cultural resources, natural resources, current uses, educational uses, experiences, marketing, management, and financing. They also highlighted the importance of water transportation, and the National Park service will be working through focus groups to pull things together.

One large concern was how the Advisory Council could assist the process. The council helps by representing an enormous body of public opinion, and can be of great assistance with community outreach.

There is scheduled an August 14 - Youth Focus Group to help the planning process.

Island Alliance Update

Kathy Abbott, Executive Director, addressed the group and gave an overview of the goals of the Island Alliance and how it is doing thus far. Eventually, the Island Alliance should be a vehicle for revenue generation, to give money back to the park. Last year, the operating budget was \$145,000, and this year it is \$535,000. For next year, there is \$370,000 committed in cash already. The process is slow, but steady.

Progress this summer has been great. On July 22 and August 19 there will be a jazz festival on George's; the Memorial Day weekend concert was last minute, but a big hit; Peddock's is currently undergoing a \$100,000 pro-bono feasibility status report; the MDC received a \$25,000 grant for a new roof on the Visitor's Center.

Discussion: the council discussed the potential revenue generating plans and ideas. Some of the focuses should be island destinations, water transport, and mainland gateways.

Report from the National Park Service

George Price gave a quick update and handed out the latest meeting schedules, orientation trip dates, handout of the great piece done in East Boston. Rangers are now on staff at the park. All of the letters formally appointing voting partners and alternates have been received.

Report from Partnership Representatives

Edith Andrews reported that the partnership discussed that water transportation must be better and safer, and briefed the council on the presentation to be done by Charles Norris on July 14th, Room 900 BRA, 8:30 - 10:00 AM. Also, the nominating committee has agreed to renominate Peter Webber and Cathy Douglas Stone as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively. The council is concerned with the slowness of the Partnership's progress in general. A motion was made and passed unanimously to pass along the Council's concerns regarding the Partnership's progress and the issues surrounding water transportation.

Claudia Smith-Reid distributed and discussed a draft flow-chart of the relationship between the Partnership and the Advisory Council and operating structure the Council.

The Advisory Council Chair will draft a letter to instruct Representatives of each interest group to keep others informed of meetings, suggestions, and other vital information.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting September 10, 1998, 4:00pm - 6.00PM.

Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council
 July 7, 1998 Meeting
 Attendance

1. Samira Al-Ghuiyy	
2. Edith Andrews	X
3. Regina, Burke	X
4. David Calnan	
5. Mary Corcoran	X
6. Stephen Comer	X
7. Peter Davidoff	X
8. John Dinga	
9. Bernie Dreiblatt	
10. Joe Ferrino	
11. William D. Glezentanner	X
12. Jim Hewitt	
13. Greg Ketchem	X
14. Phil Lemnios	X
15. John Lewis	X
16. Vivien Li	X
17. Tom Lindberg	
18. Bernice Mader	
19. Suzanne Gall Marsh	X
20. Ed McCabe	
21. Rob Moir	X
22. Sherman Morss	X
23. John Sam Sapiel	
24. Richard Clark Shaner	X
25. Claudia Smith-Reid	X
26. Lawrence Snake	
27. Marcie Tyre	
28. Jack Wiggin	X

Ex officio

Nancy Gromosky Congressman Kennedy	
Linnea Ovans Congressman Delahunt	X
David Soule/Mark Racicot MAPC MAPC	X (DS)

George Price	X
Bruce Jacobson	
Kathy Abbott	X

