

Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council
Seventh Meeting Minutes
March 4, 1999, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Exchange Conference Center, One Fish Pier, Boston
As Corrected

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

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

Opening Comments

Jack gave thanks to Massport for providing the space and refreshments for the meeting, and added that he was thrilled with the large turnout.

Annual Report

The draft annual report was distributed for comment. Suzanne Gall Marsh and Claudia Smith-Reid have volunteered to put together the report in the final form. It should be ready by the next meeting.

Report from the National Park Service (NPS)

George Price introduced the NPS and the Island Alliance staff at the meeting. He was also very pleased with the turnout, reflecting that systems are becoming more organized for getting the word out. He gave an overview of the park's management structure. He announced two projects that have recently been approved, 103K for pier repairs and 66.5K for restroom upgrades on Thompson Island.

Planning Alternatives

The Planning Committee presented alternatives to the Partnership at the February 10 meeting. Alternatives are required for the environmental impact statement, and a preferred alternative will become the plan for the park. The Advisory Council had a study session about the two alternatives, A & B on February 23. After the study session, a draft comment letter to the Partnership was created. The Planning Committee received an advance copy of this letter, and developed Alternative C incorporating many of the comments.

Election

The team leaders announced their nominations:

Interest Group	Nominee	Nominee for ex-officio
Advocacy	Karen O'Donnell Peddock's Island Assoc.	Seth Caplan, CLF*
Business & Commercial	Greg Ketchen	
Community Groups	Tom Lindberg Reconfirm Sha-King Alston replacing Samira Al-Ghuiyy	
Education & Cultural	Suki Padawar, NE Aquarium***	David Weinstein, Nick Haddad
Environmental Organizations		
Municipalities	David Calnan	Jay Kiely, Rep. Capuano's Office
Native American Interests	Steven Comer	
Chair of Advisory Council	Jack Wiggin	N/A
Vice-Chair of Advisory Council	Suzanne Gall Marsh	N/A

*He needs to check with CLF before accepting the nomination

***There is already a member of the New England Aquarium on the Advisory Council. The bylaws do not restrict having more than one member from a particular organization, but it has been the policy up to this point not to. There was a discussion about the policy that was tabled until the next meeting.

New Business

The MWRA submitted an application to the Browne Fund to support the memorial project on Deer Island. The Advisory Council was asked to endorse a letter showing support for the funding proposal. There was a motion to approve the letter. There was discussion and the motion was withdrawn. The subject was tabled until next meeting.

Phil Lemnios outlined a Massport proposal for an additional runway at Logan Airport. Phil feels the resulting increase of airtraffic could adversely affect the island experience. George Price stated that the park legislation prohibits the Partnership from legally impacting the operation or maintenance of Logan unlike other national park areas, which have restricted "overflights". There will be a 60-day period for public comment. John Silver, Federal Aviation Agency, was present and offered his services if people have questions or concerns. Phil requested time on the agenda of the next Advisory Council meeting for this topic, and the request was granted.

The proposal to add Snake Island to the park was discussed. Snake Island is mostly grassland and has two resident species of birds that are on the endangered species list. Snake Island was part of the State Park and was originally on the list to be included in the national park area. For unknown reasons Snake Island fell off the list and was not included in the legislation that established the park. The Winthrop Board of Selectmen are in favor of Snake Island joining the park. This would be a minor boundary adjustment allowed by the current legislation. Joe Ferrino made a motion to add Snake Island to the Boston Harbor Islands federal legislation which was seconded by Mary Corcoran. **The motion was carried.**

Closing Statements

The preferred meeting times were discussed. The next year's meeting schedule was discussed. It was decided that the times should be split evenly between 4-6 PM and 6-8 PM. The meeting dates were set as follows:

Thursday, April 8, 1999, 4:00-6:00 PM

Thursday, June 3, 1999, 6:00-8:00 PM

Thursday, September 9, 1999, 4:00-6:00 PM

Thursday, December 9, 1999, 6:00-8:00 PM

Thursday, March 2, 2000, 4:00-6:00 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Next Meeting – Thursday, April 8, 1999, 4:00-6:00 PM

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 Attendance

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

Ex officio (municipalities)

Robert Varaitis Congressman Joseph Kennedy	
Jim Cantwell Congressman Delahunt	
Frederick Clark Congressman Joseph Moakley	
David Soule/Mark Racicot MAPC MAPC	X MR

Ex officio (Native American)

John Brown III	
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