



**Downtown Waterfront Municipal Harbor Planning
Advisory Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, April 24, 2013
BRA Board Room, Boston City Hall

Attendees

Advisory Group:

Jack Hart, Bud Ris, Vivien Li, Lorraine Downey, Joanne Hayes-Rines, Richard Meyer, Bob Venuti, Suzanne Lavoie, Bruce Berman, Joe Gambino, Cassius Cash, Louis Elisa, Valerie Burns, Rick Dimino, Lois Siegelman

City of Boston:

Richard McGuinness, BRA; Lauren Shurtleff, BRA; Stephanie Krueel, City of Boston Environment Department

Consultant Team:

Matthew Littell, Utile; Meera Deean, Utile; Tom Skinner, Durand & Anastas; Bob Durand, Durand & Anastas

Government Representatives:

Valerie Gingrich, CZM; Brad Washburn, CZM; Ronald Killian, MassDOT; Kristin Abbott, Councilor Linehan's Office; Hugh Hawthorne, NPS; Andrea Langhauser, DEP

Members of the Public:

Lara Rosenberg, Rick Moore, Sarah Walker, Carolyn Spicer, Sy Mintz, Steven Comen, Emily Dahlgaard, Thomas Nally, Mike Durand, Andrew Denkwerth, Alison Nolan, Yanni Tsipis, Chris Fincham, Ros Cardad, Bill Walker, Kevin Ahearn, Laura Jasinski, Stephanie Horn, Anthony Horn, Victor Brogna, Mary Holland, Russ Trydes, Brian Doherty

Meeting Summary

Richard McGuinness opened the meeting and indicated all Advisory Committee meetings would be open to the general public and there will be an opportunity for questions at the end of the meeting. He then provided some background on harbor planning in Boston and discussed the current planning effort for the Downtown Waterfront.

Committee Chairman Jack Hart welcomed the group and then consultant team member Tom Skinner presented a tutorial on the state's Chapter 91 Regulations and the Municipal Harbor Planning process. Topics covered included the history of the regulations, water dependent and non-water dependent uses, waterfront development dimension and use standards, facilities of public and private tenancy, as well as the mechanics and intent of the Municipal Harbor Planning process.

Rick Dimino, A Better City, inquired as to whether the MHP would inform the zoning component of the planning effort. Rich McGuinness noted that it is not necessary for the MHP to be complete prior to zoning; there may be options to complete the zoning prior to completion of the MHP and then modify the zoning later, or wait and rezone at a later time.

Bud Ris, New England Aquarium, raised the possibility of legislative changes to Chapter 91, and whether such changes would impact the process. Rich McGuinness responded that if changes are promulgated then they will apply.

Victor Brogna, NEWRA, inquired as to whether the 50% open space requirement is based upon the parcel delineation provided by the City's Assessing Department. Rich McGuinness indicated that for Chapter 91 the standard is based upon what is filed by the developer of the property which could be different.

Chris Fincham, resident, requested that staff provide the analysis of how Atlantic Wharf met the Chapter 91 and Municipal Harbor Planning requirements. Rich McGuinness stated that the information would be furnished prior to the next meeting.