



Public Kick-Off Meeting #1 : Scribe Notes – Room 3

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Date:

Number of people in group: 16

Names and backgrounds of participants (if people are comfortable with sharing):

Alexandra Stella D'maris, Andree Robert, Annie McClelland, Axel Magnuson, Tracy O'Neil, Chad Ketchopulos, Diane Clark, Felica Webb, Jane Remsen, Linda McCarriston, Patti Page, Richard Jabba, TJ Ciarametaro, Tom Balf, Valerie Gilman, Zoe Mueller

Part I - Mapping Activity: Harbor strengths, weaknesses, opportunities

- **Harbor strengths** (areas on the harbor or development activity that is working well and should be maintained or protected)
- **Harbor weaknesses** (areas of concern or issues that can be improved upon or redeveloped)
- **Harbor opportunity** (areas and places that present potential for new ideas, visioning, and development).

Discussion One: Harbor strengths, weaknesses, opportunities

Individual comments:

Diane Clark: Much land is privately held. Where does money come from that supports harbor plan development [recommendations]? If you go to home owner, where does money come from to fix their docks. E.g. I was recently at Rocky Neck and saw flooding in many buildings.

Tracy O'Neil, What is the study area?

Axel Magnuson: Curious about industrial processing plants and how to prepare for seal level increases.

Valerie Gilman: Best opportunity was going out on the water with 5 grade class and experience the working water by pulling traps and other activities. These activities should be introduced to the residents at early age to help them understand importance of the harbor and waterfront.

Patti Page: Two conflicting reports out: LLRP and Harbor Plan. LLRP- Extends from Rogers to Middle Street and covers same territory as the harbor plan. LLRP is a gentrification plan for downtown. Any considerations to modify Roger St. should not be considered since it is in a DPA. E.g. Trailer trucks, and other use need Rogers Street to be accessible to support the waterfront industry. Wants harbor planning people to be aware [of these 2 conflicting reports]. DPA is shrinking due to SLR and zoning. Therefore, protect and support DPA. Recreational vessels outnumber commercial vessels. Weakness is holding commercial permit: no gear, no backbone. Need strength to support commercial. Main Street cries that it needs support, but every small commercial vessel is a small business that needs support.

(Tom Balf: can changes coexist?)

Patti Page: No, Rogers street cannot be touched. E.g. Tally's corner as a gateway cannot work. As example, Commercial striper permit for boat allow rec boat to occupy space but may never catch a striper. City allows any commercial license holder to dock in DPA. A recreational boat can afford to pay with discretionary income. MI Zoning takes primary commercial boats.

Valerie Gilman: If significant amount of boats have rec. lobster permits, is there a way to distinguish those that have a more commercial focus and livelihood?

Linda McCarriston: Looking at map and harbor as finite resource. Never gets bigger. Will deal with ocean level rise and climate change. Rogers street will be the boundary. Gentrification is horrible. E.g. Halibut Point. Preservation as a working harbor is important.

Tracy O'Neil. – Agrees w/Patti and Linda. Rogers Street is busy enough, and to interfere with the fishing port is not good. It will put a lot of people out of business.

Patti Page: DPA area should be considered as a marine industrial park. Marine sector is the city's largest sector. Other areas for cultural and tourist can be elsewhere in the City. Does not have to be seafood.

Valerie Gilman: May need clarification of facts at next meeting. Important to look at this factually and objectively.

Discussion:

Part II - Summary: 2-3 key harbor priorities

Key priorities discussion:

Show of Hands on the Choices:
