

AMERICA'S CUP WORLD SERIES HOST COMMITTEE

MEETING OF LOGISTICS SUBCOMMITTEE

PUBLIC SESSION

FEBRUARY 10, 2012

The America's Cup World Series Host Logistics Subcommittee met on Friday, February 10, 2012 in public session beginning at 3:00 p.m., at the Newport Police Station, 120 Broadway, Newport, Rhode Island.

The following committee members were in attendance: Ms. Jane Howington (Chair), Mr. Brad Read, Mr. Vincent Pattavina, Mr. Harry Winthrop, Mr. Bari George, Mr. Jack McVicker.

The following staff members were in attendance: Ms. Susan Maffei Plowden (ACAE),

Others attending and their affiliation:

Mr. Matt Geneo	Old Port Marine
Mr. Bill Munger	Conanicut Marina/Newport-Jamestown Ferry
Ms. Tina Dolen	Aquidneck Planning
Mr. Chris Witt	Aquidneck Planning
Mr. Shawn Brown	Town of Middletown
Mr. Edward Mello	Town of Jamestown
Sgt. Chris Hayes	Newport Police
Lt. Jose F. Costa	Newport Police
Mr. Paul O'Reilly	Newport Harbor
Mr. Chuck Moffitt	Newport Yachting Center
Ms. Michele Maker Palmieri	Newport Yachting Center
Mr. Mike Martin	Newport Yachting Center
Mr. Charles Beckers	RI Association of Railroad Passengers
Mr. Terry W. Hazel	Middletown Police
Rep. Peter Martin	State of RI
Mr. Peter Connerton	Newport Fire
Mr. Dan Dvorak	Newport Police
Ms. Lauren Carson	Newport Energy & Environment
Mr. Gary Silva	Newport Police
Ms. Kerri Jaffe	Newport Harbor
Ms. Nancy Deutsch	Sail Newport

Absent: Mr. Paul Harden

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS

Ms. Jane Howington opened the meeting at 3:00 PM. Mr. Brad Read explained the Host Committee role as being a liaison between the State of RI and the America's Cup Event

Authority (ACEA). He explained the America's Cup World Series (ACWS) as being globe-trotting regattas that do not lead to the America's Cup, but serve to promote it. The Newport event is the finale of the first round of the ACWS. The Logistics Committee's role is to look at previous Newport events and help make traffic flow smoothly to Ft. Adams State Park.

DISCUSSION

Containers are to arrive in Quonset on or about June 5, 2012. A question was raised regarding how to transport the containers from Quonset to Newport with bridges, tight streets, etc., and how this will impact the neighborhoods. Barge transport is a possibility, but cost is exponential. The waters are too shallow at Ft. Adams to bring the ships in directly. Another suggestion is for helicopters to airlift the containers. The latest thought is to truck the 75-80 containers over a two-day period. The trucks cannot travel at night, therefore, timing is essential. The Newport Police suggested leaving Quonset early in the morning, approximately 4-5:00 AM. The route through Newport would entail traveling down Farewell Street to America's Cup Boulevard, to Bellevue Avenue onto Ruggles Avenue. The trucks will follow the same route out of town at the end of the event. Mr. Harry Winthrop recommended that the schedule for the trucking of the containers be published. Cost estimates are needed for each scenario.

Event Traffic

There are 1,500 parking spaces at Ft. Adams State Park with satellite parking at the High School, Gaudet School, Newport Grand and the DOT (under the bridge). The buses would transport spectators to Perrotti Park for use of water taxis, and also directly to the event. The Perrotti Park shuttle would enhance the experience of the event and probably be a more efficient route. The issue with Perrotti Park is the narrow and one-way streets. Mr. Harden has reached out to the Newport Grand and DOT for use of their parking spaces. The plans for the US Open worked well; they had 40,000 people on the weekends, and 10,000-20,000 people per day during the week. An estimated number of spectators will be needed to determine the progression of each event day. It was suggested that 1,500 people per hour is possible for shuttling. RIEDC is using the number of 10,000 people per day as a guide. That is the capacity of Ft. Adams. It was pointed out that 10,000 people won't be in attendance one time. Satellite parking is available in Jamestown as well with transportation to Newport via water taxi. There will be 200 spaces at the Conanicut Marina and more parking at the commuter lot at the intersection of Route 1 and Route 138 in North Kingstown.

Electronic Message Boards will be needed. The Newport Police is working on obtaining as many as four. Jamestown Police stated that someone would have to maintain and coordinate the boards.

Ticket Sales

Tickets will go on sale a few months prior to event. A fee of approximately \$20 will cover parking and shuttles. Water taxis will set their own fares. A suggestion was made to make a pre-price package with the higher fares going to the more convenient parking.

It was asked if advanced tickets would be sold for parking at Ft. Adams State Park to prevent traffic jams. ACEA will have all the event tickets sales on their website. There will be a full ticket booth at Ft. Adams for event sales. Another suggestion was made to cut off ticket sales the day before each event to keep crowd numbers within control. Mr. Paul O'Reilly stated that tickets are crucial. Without a prior history we don't have the numbers, so the challenge will be estimating the amount. Ideally, all tickets would be sold in advance. There are plans to sell as many as possible upfront and wrap into parking. To avoid lines there should never be someone paying for parking while still in their vehicle. To keep things flowing, spectators should pay after they park. The estimation is 3 people per vehicle; however, weather will dictate the numbers as well.

VIP parking could include: clean port-o-johns, well-lit area, security. This should be advertised it to get people to purchase the package.

Bike Newport group is doing research and wants to be sure that bikes work in conjunction and with the flow of all transportation.

Communication

There will have to be radios between all forms of transport. The Newport Yachting Center uses walkie-talkies and Nextel phones.

The ACEA will take care of signage and parking within Ft. Adams State Park. The State of RI will take care of the parking, etc., outside of this area.

Small groups of the Logistics Subcommittee will be formed for:

- Containers transport
- Logistics of shuttles
- Parking
- Signage

Ms. Jane Howington will assemble these committees.

CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be at 3:00 PM on Friday, March 2, 2012 at the Newport Police Station.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 PM.