

AMERICA'S CUP WORLD SERIES HOST COMMITTEE
MEETING OF EXPLORATION ZONE AND ENVIRONMENTAL/SUSTAINABILITY
SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS
PUBLIC SESSION
FEBRUARY 27, 2012

The America's Cup World Series Host Exploration Zone and Environmental/Sustainability Subcommittees met on Monday, February 27, 2012, in Public Session, beginning at 3:30pm, at the Newport Police Station, 120 Broadway, Newport, RI 02840 pursuant to notice of the meeting to all subcommittee members, and public notice of the meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto, as required by the By-Laws of the Corporation and applicable Rhode Island law.

The following subcommittee members were in attendance: Ms. Donna Kelly (Chair of Activity Zone Subcommittee), Ms. Annie Brett (Chair of Environment/Sustainability Subcommittee), Ms. Janet Coit (Chair of Environmental/Sustainability Subcommittee, Ms. Cindy Alten-Delotto, and Mr. Robert McCormack

The following staff members were in attendance: Mr. Brad Read, Ms. Sue Maffei Plowden

Others attending and their affiliation:

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| Ms. Lauren Carson | Newport Energy & Environment |
| Ms. Katie Barker | Sail Newport |
| Ms. Wendy Mackie | RI Marine Trades Association |
| Ms. Jen Cornwell | RI Marine Trades Association |
| Ms. Lauren Killea | URI Graduate School of Oceanography |
| Mr. Kyle Hence | Newport Energy & Environment |
| Mr. Ron Gagnon | RIDEM |
| Ms. Nancy Deutsch | Sail Newport |
| Ms. Hilary Wiech | Sailors for the Sea |

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Brad Read called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM with introductions. Minutes from the February 10, 2012 meeting were approved

Ms. Kelly explained the renaming of the "Activity Zone" to be called the Exploration Zone for the event.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Ms. Kelly and Mr. Read have met with URI Graduate School of Oceanography about their participation in the event. They will serve as a cornerstone to the Exploration Zone

and will provide lectures, presentations, exhibits, animals, weather science, climate change, ocean exploration and will cater to a large demographic, hopefully serving ages 1-100.

The other aspects to be included in the Exploration Zone:

- History of Sailing: utilizing Oliver Hazard Perry RI, IYRS(perhaps have IYRS students on site boat-building), AC Hall of Fame
- Sailing & Youth
 - Sail Newport to run a large-scale youth regatta on the Tuesday of the event; they hope to tie in an international component with the racing teams
 - Daily sailing festival will be held in (6) of SN's J22s for the public to have the opportunity to get sailing
- Whimsical - exploring the possibility of adding this aspect to fill time/space between racing
 - Recycled Art
 - Street Performers
 - Dance

The America's Cup Event Authority (ACEA) recently completed another tour of Ft. Adams to discuss available space and use during the event.

- Rob McCormack from Ft. Adams Trust explained that there are new areas of the Fort that have just been discovered and unveiled. Their hope is to have the opportunity to show "the masses" the Fort during this event. Ms. Coit reiterated the importance of showcasing Fort Adams.

Mr. Read explained that there will be a detailed schedule of events for each day of the ACWS which will outline all aspects for each day.

Ms. Brett gave an overview of the Environmental/Sustainability aspect of the ACWS event.

- Operational aspects will be discussed
- Outline what Clean Regattas requirements are
- What should be showcased at this event
- Sailors for the Sea is working on the regatta requirement list for this regatta, the percentages and exact details are still being firmed up with ACEA.

Mr. Read asked about the sourcing of local food for the concessions:

- This is handled through the catering RFP which is going out this week from ACEA but will be looking to highlight local RI resources.

Mr. Read asked for a clarification of the Clean Regattas Requirements. Ms. Brett explained the following:

- There are 19 Best Practices, some of which are:
 - Reduce the impact of the event on land and water
 - Composting and recycling
 - Sustainable food, served on biodegradable plates, etc.
 - Reduce use of plastics

- Hull cleaning (use of soaps, etc.)
- Target waste, food, pollution and outreach at all Clean Regattas
- The America's Cup World Series will have some new goals that Sailors for the Sea are working on with ACEA to hopefully achieve a new standard for future events.
- There is a ranking system for clean regattas:
 - 5 best practices achieved = Bronze
 - 10 best practices achieved = Silver
 - 15 best practices achieved = Gold

Ms. Maffei Plowden gave an update of the site plans at Fort Adams. A detailed description of layout and plans was explained with the use of an aerial photo. All the details are still a work in progress. There will be 10 teams from 8 countries and 12 boats total; races will run from 2:00 p.m. -4:30 p.m. on race days.

- Eisenhower House is in discussions to be utilized as well, perhaps for more parking or as a "tailgating" ticket. The ticket charge for this will likely be comparable to Fort Adams, nothing is official yet.
- Fort Wetherill is also still being discussed. It will likely just be open each day until it reaches capacity and people will be alerted through road signage.

The Exploration Zone and Environmental/Sustainability Subcommittees split off into two groups for further discussion and brainstorming.

CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Exploration Zone subcommittee will be at 3:30 PM on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at Sail Newport.

The next meeting of the Environmental/Sustainability subcommittee will be at 3:00PM on Monday, March 19, 2012 at the RI DEM offices in Providence.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.