

## **AMERICA'S CUP WORLD SERIES HOST COMMITTEE**

### **MEETING OF LOGISTICS SUBCOMMITTEE**

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

**April 20, 2012**

The America's Cup World Series Host Logistics Subcommittee met on Thursday, April 20, 2012 in a public session beginning at 4:00 PM at the Newport Police Station, 120 Broadway, Newport, Rhode Island.

The following committee members were in attendance: Ms. Jane Howington (Chair), Mr. Paul Harden, Mr. Harry Winthrop

Others attending: Mr. Bill Munger, Mr. Kevin Clapp, Ms. Bari George, Mr. John Gobis, Cpt. Peter Connerton, Ms. Annette Bourboniere, Mr. Matt Gineo, Cpt. Peter Calo, Mr. Joe Dias, Ms. Sherri Carrera, Mr. Mike Martin, Ms. Cynthia Peckham

Also attending: Ms. Susan Maffei Plowden from the America's Cup World Series (ACWS)

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

Ms. Howington opened the meeting and had the group at the table introduce themselves

Ms. Maffei Plowden updated the subcommittee on the events going on in Naples. She mentioned that tickets to the Newport events will be available next week.

#### **MINUTES FROM APRIL 5, 2012**

Minutes from the April 5, 2012 will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.

#### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Mr. Harden said that they are working on selecting an Event Coordinator from the proposals they have received. The RFP for shuttle buses will close on April 23, 2012. They are also working on hiring a private securities company and porta johns provider.

Mr. Harden gave updates on banners and containers. He said that he would like to form a task force for signage (where should it go, what should it say) and asked for volunteers.

Mr. Gobis discussed using smart phone applications for parking. This app would show parking areas throughout the city. The company doing this is not asking for compensation, only for publicity. The app could also serve as a tool for parking

payments. Satellite parking lots would also be included in the app. Real time availability is not available for this app so message boards would be essential in keeping the public informed of available parking. Mr. Gobis suggested reaching out to Lamar Advertising to use their digital billboards.

Bicycle transportation was discussed. Mr. Gobis and Ms. George suggested working with the local bike shops to coordinate with the Bed & Breakfasts to do a bike share. A temporary bike lane was discussed to get bikes off the main roads. Bike racks will not be available but it was suggested that a cable be run through part of Ft. Adams along with valet bike parking. Ms. George mentioned that the ACWS teams depend on bikes for transportation so they plan on making a map available for their use. A dedicated park and bike area is also being considered. Lower Thames Street was brought up and the possibility of bikes going the wrong way. Ms. George said they will be guiding cyclists away from this area.

Mr. Dias said the RIPTA dock will be in place shortly; this will allow two boats to unload at a time rather than just one.

More bicycle discussion followed. Parking at Rogers High School was taken into consideration.

Ms. Howington asked that the following topics be addressed in the near future:

- The chosen trucking company should connect with police
- Event Coordinator to meet with bus and shuttle companies
- Parking/Satellite parking
- Signage: a task force needs to be formed

Ms. Maffei Plowden asked about pricing for transportation. Mr. Harden said the parking fees are still under discussion.

Handicapped shuttles were discussed.

#### CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned, future meeting date to be advised.