

## East Boston PierPAC

August 21, 2018

Attendance:

Mary Berninger	Karen Buttiglieri	Connie Carbone	
Fran Carbone	Peter Cardinale	Jerry Deneumoustier	Mary
Hanlon	Bernardine Joslin	Sal LaMattina	Karen
Maddalena	Louise Montanino	Lucille Monuteaux	Rose Petraglia
	Frances Piantedosi	Bob Strelitz	
Melissa Tyler			

Excused:

Adrian Madaro

Absent:

David Halbert

Associate Members Present:

Michael Bruno	Tom Bruno	Mary Cole	Alex
DeFronzo	Lucille Drago	Margaret Farmer	
Lucille Reed	Mary Romano	Libby Scimeni	

Mary Berninger - We are going to switch the order of things from the agenda for one reason: So that we do not lose our quorum. Sometimes that happens and it is unavoidable. We have some things to vote on tonight. We are going to take the attendance, and then we are going into Executive Session. So, I ask that anyone who is an Associate member, not a voting member, please give us a few minutes outside.

Attendance was taken. (Sal LaMattina arrived after attendance was taken.)

Mary Berninger - Could we have a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

Bob Strelitz - Motion to go into Executive Session.

Rose Petraglia - Second.

Voted and passed.

(Executive Session was held. Regular meeting was resumed.)

Mary Berninger - We are going to go over the minutes from the last meeting. Any discussion, corrections, deletions.

Rose Petraglia - Correct her name on the attendance, not an associate.

Fran Carbone - Questioning if everyone had a ballot.

Karen Maddalena - Do not have a ballot.(A ballot was given to her.)

Bernardine Joslin - Motion to accept the minutes from July 17.

Connie Carbone - Second.

Voted and passed.

Mary Berninger - The next item is the Open Meeting Law forms that has to be signed by the voting members.

Richard Lynds - Annually we will try to stay up to date on the compliance items. We distributed to the membership, previously, information about the updates to the states Open Meeting Law. Because we

are established by the legislature, we are subject to the requirements of the Open Meeting Law. Our meetings have to be public, we have to have an accessible location, and they have to be available, at least by notice, within 48 hours of us holding a meeting. We actually comply with that. More so, we do it more than 48 hours in advance by providing our notice both on a web site, as well as a Facebook page, which is not required. But we do it as a courtesy, and as an outreach to the public. The notices are also sent to the Office of Administration and Finance that keeps all records of public notices. That is part of our Open Meeting Law requirements. In addition to the Open Meeting Law requirement, we have a meeting, deliberations, on matters that are not supposed to be held outside the room unless we do an Executive Session. Interestingly enough tonight we did have an Executive Session. That is a very limited opportunity to have a closed meeting. The limitations on the Executive Session are as follows. Everything that we discussed in an Executive Session will ultimately become public. It is just not public at the time we do it. Once the meeting minutes from the Executive Session are adopted we can vote to make them public, which we will. I can share with you that there were no state secrets that were held in Executive Session. It is more or less, to discuss candidly, issues related to personnel of the PAC. Specifically, Maria and her contract. These are things that typically would happen in Executive Session. All other parts of this meeting are required to be public. Members who are part of a public body are expected to acknowledge the requirement of the Open Meeting Law. That includes, specifically for members, to not deliberate or attempt to deliberate on matters. We do not have any major voting matters presently, but we will quite shortly. It is important that we are in compliance, and that is why members must acknowledge the requirements of the law. If there are any specific questions on compliance to the law, you can direct them to me, tonight or any time, or through the President. If there are no further questions on compliance to the Meeting Law requirements, I ask that you go ahead and fill out the certificate, and then submit them, so that Maria has them for the record. Any questions to the Open Meeting Law requirements? (A question came up on the date to be used when signing.)

Mary Berninger - The next item is the vacancy on the Board. We nominated for individuals last month. Lucille Reed, Mary Romano, Lucille Drago and Margaret Farmer. Also, last month I offered that they would each be able to speak for one minute to tell the group why they wanted to be on the Board.

Lucille Reed - First I want to thank you for nominating me, and at this time, because there is a fourth nominee, I am going to refuse the nomination.

Mary Berninger - Thank you for telling us.

Richard Lynds - In horse racing we call that a scratch.

Mary Berninger - Thank you for telling us, but you will still be an Associate member?

Lucille Reed - In the future, if I am nominated again, I might take it. It is not like I never want to be a member.

Mary Berninger - Thank you. Mary Romano.

Mary Romano - I am going to follow her. I am going to disqualify myself. Thanked Bernardine for the nomination.

Bob Strelitz - You are going to voluntarily demit, you are not going to disqualify yourself. You are perfectly qualified.

Mary Romano - No, I mean from the nomination, just this time.

Mary Berninger - Lucille Drago.

Lucille Drago - I am a life long resident of East Boston. I have deep roots in this community. My grandparents and my parents lived here. I am a property owner, but most of all I think that I have been coming here faithfully for 3 years, to these meetings, and I would like to be able to vote.

Mary Berninger - Thank you. Margaret.

Margaret Farmer - Thank you everyone for allowing me to be nominated. I really appreciate it. Sorry to say I have only been here 15 years, so for a lot of people that still means I am a new comer. I use a great many of the parks that we have here in East Boston and I see some of the ways that they are wonderful and there are also ways that I see that they can be improved. I would like to take that knowledge and use

it here to help make Piers Park Phase II the best that we possibly can. We talked about Piers Park Phase I (undistinguishable), schools of East Boston. I want to help it shine even brighter. I try to give back as much as I can to the community. I was the president of the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association for several years. I have been involved with the Greenway Committee. It is correct that I have not been as regular attendee at the meetings here. I am a board member for the East Boston Chamber of Commerce and for several years our meetings were held on Tuesday. So, now that they have been moved to the last Thursday of the month, I am very thrilled that I am able to join you here, and be a part of this wonderful journey making Piers Park Phase II happen. I would greatly appreciate your vote. Thank You.

Mary Berninger - Do we have to have a motion to start the voting?

Richard Lynds - No, it is an Agenda item.

Mary Berninger - If you will take the time now, for those of you who can vote, to vote and then Fran will collect then.

(Meeting paused while the ballots were collected by Fran and then counted by Bob Strelitz, Clerk. A side discussion occurred confirming the number of voting members present. There were no abstentions. 16 voters, 2 absentees, 1 opening. During this time the Open Meeting Law Certificates were also collected, and counted. Missing were Adrian Madaro and David Halbert, both absent. They will be sent the documents for their signatures.)

Mary Berninger - The voting is done.

Bob Strelitz - The vote is 12 for Lucille Drago and 4 for Margaret Farmer. Congratulations to Lucille. (Round of applause.)

Mary Berninger - The next order of business is to discuss the Community Benefits Agreement that we have with Massport, under consideration, and as we discussed before, that agreement is in direct relation to the work that the Logan IAG did around the post construction here at the airport. Upon more review of it, I would like to recommend to this group that we accept the agreement. There is enough language in it, and talking at length with Massport since our last meeting, that gives us enough comfort that we know we will be able to create a park that will be comparable to Phase I, and there would be a mechanism that allowed us to go back if there was a cost overrun or something similar. I would like to have somebody, because we cannot change the agreement, and we have talked about that before, but in order to release the funds for the Senior Center, the additional payments to the Foundation, the Sound Proofing Program and the last one, Phase II which is fund to at the East Boston Foundation. We need to accept this and it needs to be signed on behalf of the community. I would like to ask somebody to please make a motion.

Fran Carbone - Make a motion to sign on.

Jerry Deneumoustier - Second.

Richard Lynds - So the motion is to accept the Community Benefits Agreement as presented to the PAC. So moved.

Mary Berninger - Any discussion? I would like a vote.

Vote taken and passed, non opposed.

Mary Berninger - That's wonderful. That is one thing we can put to rest. So, Anthony, would you relay that information to Mr. Glynn and to Liz.

Louise Montanino - Mr. Glynn? Isn't he leaving?

(Yes, but he hasn't yet.)

Mary Berninger - (To Anthony). Then set up a time that works with your schedule to sign it.

Karen Buttiglieri - I remember at the last meeting we were talking about, that for a couple of years, we did not get the \$75,000?

Mary Berninger - We are not at that point yet. That is not on that.

Richard Lynds - That is a separate item.

Karen Buttiglieri - Okay.

Mary Berninger - So now we are talking about the Operations, Security and Maintenance Agreement (OSM.) We sent information to the Port based on discussions we had in this group, and everything was sent, in its entirety, of what we discussed. I would ask Richard if he received an update from them.

Richard Lynds - I am dealing with their Senior Legal Counsel, Roberta Goto. She is the person who is assigned to this specific project for the re-negotiation of the OSM. They have reviewed all of our comments, and surprisingly, because it is a little different then, it was the last time we negotiated it, I haven't seen the redraft yet but the areas for clarification involved some minor details on legal language, and the response back was not on a lot of what we asked for. I am hoping to see a draft before the month's end that will have all of the requested changes that we made to the agreement. Once we do have that we will circulate it to the membership for further discussion. We will have a public meeting on that discussion as well to determine all of the ideas that we have come up with, for changes to the new agreement, to satisfy the membership with the concerns that we raised. In doing so, we will hopefully get to a final draft within the next 30 to 60 days. With respect to Karen's point I did raise that with them. We did go back and review it. It is actually 2 payments, \$150,000 total. That is something that I believe they are going to address in this next agreement as well. So the decision to correct that funding shortfall is something that they acknowledged exists. How they want to deal with it, whether immediately or done over time, is something they are going to look at. They certainly have acknowledged that that is an outstanding item, an open issue from the last agreement. It is 2 payments, and we did go back, and I know they reviewed that with their internal finance. They have concluded that it is a total of 2 payments. I think they have the years down as well. I think what Roberta had mentioned was, they just want to go back, and check the boxes on all of our finances for those years, which I believe they have. If they have everything in order then I think the procedure is to release it, but that is obviously an internal decision. But, I think that the only outstanding item was to confirm the financials were completed and we are up to speed on everything.

Mary Berninger - Questions.

Karen Maddalena - So what was the amount you quoted last meeting and what do we have right now? Before the \$75?

Fran Carbone - \$148,000

Richard Lynds - It is in the minutes. I don't know the exact number. \$225 million strikes me as the number because, that includes the \$75,000 that is coming to us in September. So \$150 (ish) is about the number we have.

Karen Maddalena - So then we get \$75 plus the \$75 is \$150.

Richard Lynds - We get \$75 coming in September and then the \$150 if they resolve the back payments.

Karen Buttiglieri - So that is \$225.

Karen Maddalena - So that is what the balance would come to?

Richard Lynds - It would be \$225 plus \$150, \$375.

Karen Maddalena - \$375 in the funds.

Richard Lynds - Our receivable, and the cash on hand should be about \$375.

Karen Maddalena - I have one other question. You have to file every year with the Attorney General?

Richard Lynds - We do.

Karen Maddalena - So how far is our filing up to date? 2017?

Fran Carbone - It is up to date, right up to snuff.

Richard Lynds - 2017 is filed.

Karen Maddalena - Okay. Thank you.

Richard Lynds - And with the IRS (Internal Revenue Service.)

Mary Berninger - And now since we discussed, and I had arbitration as another agenda item, but now that the Port has come to us and said they acknowledged the 2 missing payments, does anyone still want to discuss arbitration? It appears there is movement.

Richard Lynds - Unless they say no to it and they have not said no.

Bernardine Joslin - Can we charge them interest on the final payments?

Mary Berninger - I think we should table that until we see the new OSM and how they have addressed it. Any further discussion the OSM

Michael Bruno - Just a followup to the last meeting. I had requested that the proposed changes be made available to the public. Richie said that it would be posted to the website. The document still hasn't been posted.

Richard Lynds - I know you have made numerous requests for that, too. Our response to that is: let us get back the document. We do not have a document yet from the Port Authority. The document that we need is the document that would have all the changes in it. We made a request by way of letter, and that letter has not been responded to formally yet by the Port Authority. So when that is responded to.

Michael Bruno - That letter is what I am asking to see. With the changes.

Sal LaMattina - The letter that we sent to Massport?

Richard Lynds - Sure. I thought we passed out a copy of that letter.

Mary Berninger - We gave it to the voting members. We decided at a point and I know, as Richie has said, we have received several communications from you (Michael.) I think we should let it play out, let Massport answer what we have presented to them. You have our assurances that whatever was discussed in here as recommendations, all of those things, made their way into that letter.

Michael Bruno - So I would like to read the letter to know that that is what happened. I do not understand why the letter is not readily available.

Richard Lynds - So the concern that you have is that we are not advancing the interest of the Piers Park Sailing Center (PPSC) via our request to the Port Authority.

Michael Bruno - I participated in all of the meetings leading up to that letter being submitted. I have provided input. I would like to see that that input was captured.

Richard Lynds - So the request that went to the Port Authority specifically requested that they increase the \$75,000 to an amount that they are going to ask us to take on.

Michael Bruno - I don't know why you (undistinguishable) payments.

Mary Berninger - Michael, please let him finish. He is answering you.

Richard Lynds - We were asked to consider funding the PPSC. We had a very robust discussion on that in several meetings. My recollection was that this Board wanted to include that if we were going to be asked to fund the PPSC, going forward, that we increase the level funding that we receive from the Port Authority above \$75,000. That request was made, and that is part of the request that is pending before the Port Authority. They have not responded to that yet, and, what I mean by not responding, I do not have anything in writing yet on our request. When I have that, I will be happy to share their response with everybody.

Karen Buttiglieri - So what is the thing you are asking?

Michael Bruno - According to the Open Meeting Laws, Section 22, the letter that was prepared by the PAC and submitted to Massport needs to be made available to the public. That is what I am asking to see.

Richard Lynds - Are you making a Public Records request?

Michael Bruno - That is not required.

Richard Lynds - Are you asking for a copy of the letter?

Michael Bruno - Well, I have on multiple occasions.

Richard Lynds - So, I am saying, no, you asked it be posted to the website. If you want a copy of the letter you can make that request and we will give you a copy of the letter.

Michael Bruno - I have made that request in writing.

Richard Lynds - Then we will forward it to you.  
Michael Bruno - Thank you.

Richard Lynds - And your concern is what? That we have not asked what we have said we were going to ask?

Michael Bruno - My concern is that the letter has not been made available.

Richard Lynds - I told you what the circumstances behind when we would release that letter, what that would be. When I had a response from the Port Authority we would provide that to you. We have not received a written response yet from the Port Authority.

Michael Bruno - I am not asking to see Massport's written response. I am asking to see what was submitted.

Richard Lynds - Okay.

Karen Maddalena - And there is nothing wrong with that.

Richard Lynds - I don't think anybody said there was. I had a response that I gave and the response was based upon the information that we were waiting for from the Port Authority. And when we had that we would provide it.

Fran Carbone - I don't know what the concern is. I am confused.

Karen Buttiglieri - I am confused. Just the letter?

Michael Bruno - I wasn't concerned until the letter was withheld. So, now I am starting to wonder what was in it.

Fran Carbone - What are you worried about?

Karen Maddalena - He wants to see what was written and he has a right to see it.

Fran Carbone - And, Richard said he will see it.

Karen Maddalena - He wants to see what was written, so give him a copy of the letter. He is asking for it so just give him a copy of the letter and be done with it.

Rose Petraglia - What is his concern for seeing it?

Karen Maddalena - He can tell you.

Karen Buttiglieri - I am just wondering. So do you want to see the letter to make sure that your input was included in it?

Michael Bruno - Yes.

Karen Buttiglieri - So, it is not so much that what was written as much as it is to make sure that the input from you, on your recommendations, was also included in that ask?

Michael Bruno - That's right.

Karen Buttiglieri - Okay. So that's a little different. Okay. Thank you.

Mary Berninger - Just a minute. Richie is pulling it up.

Fran Carbone - Why don't you read it out loud.

Richard Lynds - We did at a previous meeting.

Karen Buttiglieri - He is on the board of the Sailing Program. So he should be able to make that recommendation.

Karen Maddalena - Did members of the PierPAC get a copy of that letter?

Richard Lynds - We circulated it at the meeting.

Karen Maddalena - I don't remember getting one.

Richard Lynds - I can copy you on it. It was distributed at the meeting. It is dated July 17th.

Karen Maddalena - Can we find out if there are any other people that didn't get a copy of the letter? If anyone else wants one? Mary could you ask if anyone else did not get a copy?

Mary Berninger - Could we just send a new email out and tag it?

Richard Lynds - I am sending it to you, Maria.

Mary Berninger - We have been sending the minutes, and other things and sometimes people say they get them, and sometime they don't. Check your emails, watch for it, and then we will all be on the same page.

Richard Lynds - I just sent it to you Michael, and I sent it to Karen as well.

Mary Berninger - So we have no further discussion? Does anyone have anything else on the OSM? I am going to jump to Old Business and it is going to be in 2 parts. Last month we discussed again the PPSC's Grant request that had been voted on in a previous month. It was requested that it be added to this month's agenda. I did what the group requested. I sent a letter to Mr. Glynn, and I explained to him that we were revisiting an earlier decision by the PAC, and it would probably happen today. The letter in response says:

This letter is in response to your letter dated July 28 regarding authorization of a PierPAC expenditure of \$25,000 for the Piers Park Sailing Center in the event that the PAC Board so votes. Pursuant to the Second East Boston Piers Waterfront Park Operation, Maintenance and Security Agreement the PAC may request reasonable expenses related to the PAC's support of activity in the park. Should the PAC make such a request the Massachusetts Port Authority will authorize the PAC's expenditure request for the purposes stated in the agreement. The Authority generously supports the Piers Park Sailing Center. In the last 2 years alone, the Authority's support, together with the PAC's funding, is approximately \$235,358.

I just wanted you to know that the letter went and the response that came back. If somebody would like to make a motion on how you would like to handle the Grant request.

Sal LaMattina - I make a motion that we give a Grant of \$25,00 to the Sailing Center.  
Bob Strelitz - Second.

Mary Berninger - Any discussion on the Grant? At this time I would like to reiterate that I think that it is inappropriate, given our judiciary responsibility. My interpretation of the by-laws is that such Grants or funding request are not mandatory for any particular organization. It is, what I like to call an e.g., such as; if funds are available, if it doesn't interfere with what we are doing, which is our main mission to build, and support the parks. Does anyone else have anything to add?

Karen Maddalena - Would like to say that we set a precedent when we were funding the program that was eliminated by the Y. Before that was eliminated, PierPAC was paying for that program, on a yearly basis. There was a precedent set.

Sal LaMattina - But, I think in our by-laws, it says we could pay for programming in the park.

Mary Berninger - Yes. It is just not mandatory.

Sal LaMattina - It is not mandatory, but if we want to.

Karen Buttiglieri - I actually support Sal's request for a couple of reasons. I just think that this program was fully funded before 911, and they used to have complete support from Massport. They do not have it any longer. The restrictions that they actually put on the group by not having certain fundraisers that include beer and wine, actually do limit the way that they can raise funds. So, I understand that they've contributed the \$230,000, but I am sure that most of it is because they are factoring in that they support the program with hiring East Boston youth, which is their responsibility as living in our neighborhood. That is my opinion. So, I think to have a program that not only builds self confidence, but we provide free sailing to our East Boston Youths, that for us to not give them the \$25,000, and for the possibility of this group to have to fold at some point because of lack of funds, to me, is very sad. I would like to go on record, and say that I support Sal's request.

Mary Berninger - Any more discussion?

Karen Maddalena - I would like to also say that I support Sal; what Sal is proposing to do, and based on the fact that we now know that we have \$325,000.

Fran Carbone - We do not have that yet.

Karen Maddalena - Projected, but it will be coming.

Richard Lynds - We have said in the past that is not the basis to give money. Not withstanding the great job the PPSC does. Just because you have the money doesn't mean that it creates the opportunity to become a Grant making organization. There is a Grant making organization in East Boston that just got approved for another \$5 million dollars. That organization is the intended organization for grant recipients. So on the one point, because we have the money, is not the reason to spend it.

Sal LaMattina - It is in our by-laws that we could provide funding for programs, so I think we should be doing it all the time. Once that park is built, we get money, we should have programs. We should have the Y come down here so we can do programs for the community.

Richard Lynds - The request to amend the OSM Agreement speaks to that specifically. And it specifically states to increase the bottom line or eliminate the provision that would limit it to the \$75,000. So, if they increase the amount of contribution they want to make to the park, then that is something they should do. But, they shouldn't do it based upon the historic level funding, that has never changed; the minimum \$75,000. Karen are you a member of Air Inc.?

Karen Maddalena - Yes.

Richard Lynds - And what do they get a year?

Karen Maddalena - We are still waiting.

Richard Lynds - But, their contract is for \$75,000 a year.

Karen Maddalena - We haven't gotten it, like you, are waiting, and we are still waiting.

Richard Lynds - Right. But, they are contracted for \$75,000 a year. Do they make contributions to any other organizations in the community?

Karen Maddalena - (Undistinguishable, too many people talking.) We are discussing PierPAC, not Air Inc.

Richard Lynds - My point is that, just because you have the money, doesn't necessarily mean that you actually have the money. Air Inc. is a great example of being committed for \$75,000, and not getting it, and then they are going to be limited to what they can do.

Karen Maddalena - Richard, I can't speak for the whole group. All I am saying is that I think we should concentrate on the discussion right now and not Air Inc. We should concentrate on what our mission is.

Richard Lynds - Air Inc. has a specific mission, just as we do.

Bernardine Joslin - Can I ask a question regarding Air Inc.? Karen, if they sent in a letter asking Air Inc. for a donation towards the sailing center are they going to be refused?

Karen Maddalena - I don't know. I can't speak for the whole group.

Bernardine Joslin - You have been on that committee for years.

Karen Maddalena - I still can't speak for the group. I am just one person, a member of the committee. We are deviating.

Richard Lynds - In defense of Karen's point. A request to Air Inc. probably would be refused because it is probably not within their scope of what they do.

Karen Maddalena - What their mission is.

Richard Lynds - However, I believe Air Inc.'s contract also allows them to make other expenditures beyond its original scope, because they have that catch all language in there. The point I was trying to make was not to throw Air Inc. in as being another source of funding. The point being is that they have a limited amount of funding that is set through their agreement. If Air Inc. was then going to be asked to then fund other things, above what their original commitment was, the appropriate step is to have the Port Authority increase its commitment to Air Inc. so that organization could make them. I am not

saying that the group should not do that. What I am saying is that the step should be to amend the OSM, increase the contribution to the group, and then the group would have the ability to do that. That's the difference.

Sal LaMattina - After we vote on this motion we could do that.

Richard Lynds - It is up to the PAC.

Sal LaMattina - In our by-laws it says we can pay for concerts and everything.

Richard Lynds - You can do whatever you want as the authority.

Mary Berninger - I think the voting members of this group, it is incumbent upon those members, on those individuals, to remember that they should not do things that expose the PAC in any negative way with regard to it's funding, the way it is used, for the future needs of the park planning. I can't stress that enough. But, should the vote be in the affirmative, you have the letter from Mr. Glynn and I hope that puts it to bed, and I am being quite honest. I hope that puts to bed the Sailing Center discussion for the near future. We have a lot to do other than just the Sailing Center needs. Any further discussion. This is for the membership. Discussion on the motion.

Melissa Tyler - I wanted to know; the \$230,000 was donated when? This year for the program or over time?

Mary Berninger - Over the past 2 years.

Melissa Tyler - They did or they didn't get that to you (to Alex)?

Alex DeFronzo - Massport over the last 2 years has significantly increased the amount of support that they give to the Sailing Center. \$140,000 of that per year is 'in kind' for the donation of us not having to pay rent.

Mary Berninger - And if you had go and raise that \$140,000?

Sal LaMattina - This is for the neighborhood, these are our kids.

Mary Berninger - But that is not the point of this discussion.

Sal LaMattina - The point of it is hundreds of kids from East Boston, and a whole lot of kids, teenagers, work in that program. They are our kids.

Richard Lynds - I don't think anybody is saying that. I think what they are saying is that the mechanism by which this is being requested. So, what was the contribution from the East Boston Foundation last year or this most recent contribution?

Alex DeFronzo - \$25,000 a year

Richard Lynds - The request of \$25,000. This is just so you can put things on par. So we have \$75,000 a year funding for this and you have a \$25,000 request. This is 1/3 of total budget. You have the East Boston Foundation that right now has \$500,000 a year to give out Grants, but obviously more Grants to give out. So, it is a much smaller request, percentage wise, going to the Foundation. The Foundation now has more funds available, and likely would be in a position to do more. All I am saying is that we made the request to amend the OSM Agreement. We have asked the Port Authority. I am not saying not to do it. It is saying, do it the way the agreement should be structured so you have the funds to make it available. Are you going to say yes to one and no to the other? Because now you are a Grant making organization, not the Project Advisory Committee. I think you have to just realize the context of what you are voting on. The vote here is going to say that you are giving 1/3 of what the Port Authority is giving this organization. If the Port Authority is not willing to increase its amount each year, which, and I believe they should, no disrespect to the Port Authority, I think they should give us more money if they want the Sailing Center, so we can help, if they do not want to help the Center. Then we could have the discretion do that, but the Port Authority hasn't done that yet.

Melissa Tyler - Sorry, I did miss a couple of meetings. The last time I was here, and we discussed this, we were talking about the Port Authority, had volunteered that we would give this money. I don't think that we should give this money as a donation until they give us more money to give to them. If you set a precedent now by saying okay, they are going to say that we will give it to them anyway.

Mary Berninger - In answer to that. I heard from 2 staff members from the Port Authority. So, now I had a 'he said, he said' etc. That, was not said at all, to come to the PAC to do it. So now I am at the point that I do not know what actually transpired. So they cancel each other out, and I would hope that we are getting a true historical sense of what happened in conversations, because otherwise it is anecdotal. There is no way to prove it. Can we move to vote on the motion? Any further discussion before I close it.

Bob Strelitz - Anthony, thank goodness you are here. Do you have any idea what this PierPAC is going to be required to spend for consultant services in the process of our obligation to Piers Park II?

Anthony Guerriero - No, I do not. I wasn't involved with Piers Park Phase I. What you did in terms of hiring consultants. Professional and personally, I do not think you need that. That is my personal, professional opinion because you are going to have such a long process, and the PAC has the right to do that.

Bob Strelitz - A right to do what?

Anthony Guerriero - I mean if you are suggesting that at some point in time between now and 12 months the PAC wants to, and I think you are asking me, hire a consultant to review design to Piers Park II, you have a right to do that.

Karen Buttiglieri - He is asking if we have to pay for it.

Anthony Guerriero - You hired your own consultant for Phase I.

Richard Lynds - But that was Casendino on process. What we are talking about is engineering, design review, pier review. All of those issues, Sal, are things that we are going to be responsible to do.

Sal LaMattina - No. Those are things that Massport will be paying for.

Richard Lynds - No. They are going to do it to design their park. We need to review it, and if we are going to do it on behalf of the community, that's on us.

Sal LaMattina - If we disagree with them on something.

Richard Lynds - Whether we disagree with them or not informed. Perfect example, and I do not want to create a tangent here, is the blast fence. You had your own consultant on the blast fence, right? When we wanted to review the necessity of not only taking the blast fence out, it was a decision on construction. In order to do that it was up to us to get our own consultant. We were a community that did not have the money to do that. We forced the Port Authority to step to the table and give us the money to pay the consultant. The consultant had to review the studies and review the reports. If they are coming up with a proposal, and I do not know if we are going to agree or disagree, I hope we all agree. And if they come up with something, and say to us 'this is the only way to we can design this' or 'we can't or won't do this'. Don't we want to be in a position to say, let us review that? We want to be able to say that. Not just take a 'yes' or 'no' for an answer. That is our position.

Sal LaMattina - Richie, I understand that. Right now we have money in the account. \$25,000 will go a long way to help this guy, towards his quest, to raise \$500,000. So, hopefully, that program will be there for years and years to come. So let's help him out.

Richard Lynds - I think the OSM should also be amended to increase the amount the Port Authority gives us.

Mary Berninger - This is the last question, because I am trying to keep this to a reasonable length of time.

Karen Maddalena - We should have our chance to express ourselves.

Mary Berninger - We have a lot to do on the agenda.

Karen Maddalena - Mary, give us the courtesy to discuss this. When we were asking for this \$25,000, this isn't on a yearly basis. This is a one time deal. Not \$25,000 a year; \$25,000 once.

Fran Carbone - We did say that last year.

Mary Berninger - This is the second time. Yes, we said it last year. That that would be it. So, here we are the second year, and it is reflected in some of the notes. When are they coming back again?

Karen Maddalena - You have it in your mind that you don't want it, you are not being neutral. You do not want to give them the \$25,000. You're just cutting it short.

Sal LaMattina - Lets just move on it.

Mary Berninger - Karen, if you follow the minutes, we had this conversation last month. If I was cutting conversation short, usually it is 15 pages, this month it was 22. If anything, we spend an inordinate amount of time on the PPSC, at the exclusion, some nights, of other matters.

Louise Montanino - I just want to make a point to understand. They are asking for \$25,000, and I have nothing against the sailing, I think it is great. That is 1/3 of the money we have. What if 2 other organizations came in and wanted \$25,000 too? So are we obligated to give all the \$75,000 that we have.

Sal LaMattina - No.

Louise Montanino - Well why not? We are going to give to one, we have to give to everybody.

Sal LaMattina - You can vote against it.

Karen Buttiglieri - I get what you are saying, but in the same token; this program is on our park. It is on our park, and it has been there from the time that the park was there. For us not to fund it, for me, is sad. It's a very sad day that we wouldn't consider funding this program. That's my opinion, and trust me, I get it. I get the money aspect of it, but in the same token, if they were able to raise the funds like the other sailing programs do, and be able to have small parties, and be able to have, 4 or 5 times a year with the beer and wine, have a small party, they could raise \$30,000, \$25,000 at a time. They don't have that option. They are allowing young kids, in our neighborhood, to learn how to sail. To me that is amazing. Its sort of like golfing. It's a rich man's sport, and we are allowing these kids, when they finally become independent, that if someone is going sailing, they can go, and they know how to do it. To me it is just a wonderful program, and I am going to try to support it, and advocate for it as long as I can.

Mary Berninger - Michael, we are going to limit the discussion to the voting members.

Michael Bruno - I have a comment that is relevant to the voting members.

Mary Berninger - Michael, we are going to limit the discussion. We are just discussing this about the Grant.

Michael Bruno - Is this not a public meeting?

Richard Lynds - There is a discussion on the motion, Michael. So, if you want to go to Roberts Rules of Order, you can look it up. Discussion on the motion is limited to the membership of the organization. I understand, I appreciate you want to cite public meeting, and disagree with us. I get that. But, this is a discussion on the motion.

Michael Bruno - Questioned why Richie was allowed to talk.

Mary Berninger - he is our counsel

Louise Montanino - We are also trying to build an addition to the beautiful park that we have. That is going to be something for all of the people of East Boston, not just for the children. So, it's not that we are taking away from one. We can't do that.

Karen Maddalena - It is for kids, adults, seniors, and handicaps; it is not just for kids.

Louise Montanino - But, the adults have to pay for it. It is my understanding that it is not free to the adults.

Alex DeFronzo - We can (undistinguishable) to East Boston residents.

Karen Maddalena - I want to clear up a misconception that she has. You are saying we are getting \$50,000, \$75,000 and \$25,000, but that is projected money that is going to be coming in. We are going

to have, in the account, \$325,000. So, even if we took \$25,000, just once, we are still going to have \$300,000 to pay for consultants.

Louise Montanino - Well, don't count your chickens before they hatch. Wait till we get the money.

Michael Bruno - Mary, there has been a misrepresentation. I feel you have to clear the record for them. Mary Berninger - Well you clearly do not want to acknowledge that I am having the discussion be for the voting members.

Michael Bruno - But, this is a misrepresentation to the voting members.

Karen Maddalena - Let him tell you what he wants to say.

Richard Lynds - We are on a discussion on the motion.

Bernardine Joslin - (Made a comment regarding the previous discussions. Made the statement it was a public open meeting. And encouraged Michael to speak.)

Richard Lynds - Withdraw the motion and we can talk.

Mary Berninger - Can we withdraw the motion? Karen do you want to withdraw your motion or whoever made the motion. Sal, you made the motion. Can you withdraw your motion so Michael can talk.

Sal LaMattina - I withdraw my motion.

Karen Maddalena - Second.

Michael Bruno - So, there has been a lot of discussion about, is this a one time payment, a precedent for the future, and Richie has represented that in the edits that were submitted to Massport to changes to the agreement. He has asked for additional funding to support programming on top of the \$75,000, which is true, that is in the letter that was submitted, but, also in the letter there is language to delete the ability for the PAC to support programming in the park, if Massport chooses not to increase funding. So essentially what that means is, the decision that is being made today is based on the \$75,000 in funding. Either Massport will consider to keep that dollar amount, in which case Richie's proposal, the PAC is proposing that, the PAC can no longer fund programming in the park, going forward, or Massport will increase the \$75,000, and then that increase, theoretically, will be available for programming in the park. Louise Montanino - I understood that.

Mary Berninger - I did too.

Fran Carbone - I understood that.

Sal LaMattina - I didn't understand that. I want to make sure we are allowed to pass Grants.

Richard Lynds - Then people need to read the memo that I submit, when I submit the memo based on the conversations that I had.

Sal LaMattina - Shame on me then.

Richard Lynds - Time out. This is part and parcel the reason why we need Massport's response, because in context you need to see the language as being proposed as edited. I haven't seen that yet. When we receive that fact, that is going to be the subject for further discussion of this group. That doesn't make it final. When the language comes back from the Port Authority, that is a further discussion. We don't have that yet. We are asking them to consider the items that we have requested, to look at that in context of the agreement, and to send us back a draft. We do not have that yet. So, it is critically important, so that Michael, you do not have to come back here and say I have misrepresented things to my client. You are certainly taking this discussion, and allowing it to be basically focused for the last 30 minutes on Piers Park Sailing, when we do have other things we have to deal with. I think it would have been incredibly important to have the response from the Port Authority so we could have a very robust discussion on what the OSM Agreement is. I am a strong believer in funding for the PPSC, and if it is going to come through this organization, Massport should increase it. I have had this conversation with their legal counsel. It makes all the sense in the world, but they shouldn't expect us to, and everybody who is having the conversations about doing this for the kids, the importance of this to the kids, I don't disagree

with any of that. Please do not misconstrue my comments as that. What we are also losing sight of is, the minimum for the PAC, and the reason I raise the Air Inc as an example, is, that it is not guaranteed. We are not getting that every time. We do not know if we are going to get that ever again. We don't know if someday, the Port Authority might say, 5 or 10 years from now, we are dropping you down to \$25,000 or \$10,000. We don't know if that is going to happen, and we can't predict the future. So, what we are saying is that this is based upon what we have received historically, and what we have, and what the level funding has been. If we are going to continue to fund programs, and do things outside of the scope of what this organization typically, typically does, increase the funding. I don't think that is a bad thing. I think it is a good thing. But, don't necessarily put it on the back of the organization to give up one third of what its annual expected revenue would be, to give grants. It was not what the intent of that was when it was originally put in place.

Mary Berninger - I would like it to be known to that, when I spoke, at length, last week with Massport, I made it very clear, and I actually used the language, 'I am going to take off my PAC hat right now', because I firmly believe, when I am in these meetings or representing the PAC, when I am in discussion with the Port, that I have to do what is the best for this organization. So, when I took off that hat, I said to them, you all should know that I never changed my stance post 911. That in my heart, I believe that the Port should fully fund it, return to the 250. I have never changed my stance on that, as a resident, and a mother in this community. But, once I assumed a role in this organization, it was important to look at it in a broader sense. I would not want anyone to leave this room and think that I don't support that sailing center. As a matter of fact, I have supported the sailing center with my own personal funds. Some of what has occurred in the past month with different things makes me rethink whether that will happen in the future because of the acrimony, and bombastic actions and words with some people. I just want Karen, and others, to know I support that organization for the children. Whatever happens in the future whether their administrative, hierarchy changes, I am still going to think that that is one of the best programs in the community. However, when I am working as a PAC member, it is a different way for me to look at it. Please, don't anyone leave this room thinking that I don't support the Piers Park Sailing Center, because nothing could be further from the truth. May I have the motion, then, to look at the Grant request? Can we start that again and we can move to the vote? Sal, do you want to reopen it again now that the discussion is done?

Alex DeFronzo - Could I say one more thing. I know you were on the founding board of the sailing center Mary.

Mary Berninger - No I wasn't. I think I was in the second iteration.

Alex DeFronzo - What I mean to say is you have played a huge role.

Mary Berninger - I know I have, and I resent it if anybody would dare to think that I don't support that program.

Karen Maddalena - Nobody has said that.

Mary Berninger - Well, actually Karen you did. Actually, you said, made it clear, that I was against giving it. I just want you to know that I am not against the sailing center. But, I would like to go to making a motion.

Alex DeFronzo - I know the sailing center wouldn't exist without the PAC, and wouldn't exist without Massport. I just want to say that everybody, I know, has been out there, and doing a lot for us, especially a couple of years ago when things got really bad. I am grateful for that, and I do not want that to be forgotten.

Sal LaMattina - I make a motion that we give a Grant of \$25,000 for the sailing center.

Bob Strelitz - Second.

Mary Berninger - Any discussion, but I think we have beat it to death. All those in favor of the \$25,000, please raise your hands so she can count.

(Discussion on the vote.).

Mary Berninger - The Grant passes 14 to 3. The motion passed. The next order of business is to pick a date in September to do some more tours of parks starting with the Navy Fuel Pier. Anthony, do you have a date in mind?

Anthony Guerriero - When we met last month, we got into a discussion about a possible Saturday in September. We thought the first weekend was Labor Day and election weekend, but we can make ourselves available. Marion Pressley and someone from Kleinfelder will be on that tour. Ned and I shared that with you last time. A Saturday at 9 or 10am.

Mary Berninger - Sept. 8 or Sept. 15.

Margaret Farmer - There is a high potential that the East Boston Chamber is going to be doing a restaurant crawl that day, the 15th. Just an FYI.

Bernardine Joslin - Motion to do it on the 8th.

Fran Carbone - That is too close to the long weekend.

Mary Berninger - If we get later and later we might have to deal with the weather.

Karen Buttiglieri - Didn't we ask about a Sunday morning?

Mary Berninger - No, it was a Saturday. How many would be able to make themselves available on September 8th.

(Discussion on the 8th, vote taken and the discussion turned to the possibility of the 15th.)

Fran Carbone - What do they do on a crawl?

Margaret Farmer - We encourage people to go to different restaurants. So that they try them. A restaurant might do appetizers, and it is half off if you drink certain types of beer, etc. The reason we are doing it in September is because it is a huge move in month, and the object is to get everyone to go out and try a lot of places.

Karen Buttiglieri - What are the hours we are going to do the tour? And what time will it end?

Anthony Guerriero - Between 9 and 10.

Mary Berninger - I would think we would get back around 4. We are having lunch part way through.

Fran Carbone - The 15th okay?

Mary Berninger - How many can go on the 15th? (Asked how many could go on the 15th.) Well, it looks like the 15th works. Anthony, we talked about splitting it again. Massport can do the bus and everything. And, if the PAC could have the expenditure, now that we have the debit card, we'll do dinner. So, September 15th, meeting at the Fuel Pier.

Fran Carbone - The Fuel Pier is so out of the way. Why there?

Mary Berninger - Because Karen wants to show everyone the Fuel Pier. We are going to the next item now because it is 7:46. We are going to continue with Old Business, and under that, I wanted to give Massport the opportunity to give a little more information. 2 weeks ago I received an invitation to have a couple of people come. David wasn't available, Sal was available, and we went down to Phase I and we walked around with Kleinfelder, Massport staff, a lot of the subs with Kleinfelder, Marion Pressley, Jason, Anthony and Ned. I have to tell you, I have so many notes about it. Anthony and Ned have notes too. It was a great first meeting with all of those people. I have my notes to give you some information, and Anthony does, too.

Anthony Guerriero - At the last meeting we talked about data collection. It has so many different meanings. We talked to Pressley Assoc. and Kleinfelder, reached out to Mary, and we wanted to look at Phase I, which is 23 years old now. See what works and what doesn't work. A lot of you have been really good about identifying broken benches or those needing painting. The broken light fixtures, trees

dying off, etc. Bernardine raised a good point about the pavers, and how the tree roots took over. So Mary and Sal represented the PAC. I was there with Jason, Chris Zuffante, and Chris McKenzie, park managers, and they know that place inside out. We walked the park for a little over 2 hours. There was some good activity. From Alex's shop that the ICA had a good crew of people coming in and out. The guys, Zuffante and McKenzie who manage the park, talked about what works and what doesn't. For example; if you go into the parking lot of Phase I, the berm that had been there 20 years ago was taken off. But, they have done a lot of new plantings, to have color year round. It also increased the sight lines. So when you are approaching and parking in the lot, you can see over the berm into the water and the skyline of Boston. If you are walking into the park, to your right where the splash fountain and kiddie pool is, that is opened up. You have great sight line and it is perfect for the Port Officers. Trees have died off, and they talked about what type of trees last. With the Harborwalk, Karen, you and I have had multiple talks about that. The trees get beat up there, not only the main element and fertilizer, it's the wind, the salt and the weather. They trees just get killed off. I think that Mary brought a unique perspective as a parent, and bringing your kids down there, and uses of the sailing center, but just overall observing of who comes in and out. Great that Sal was there, and I was looking at him as an elected official because Sal is not only a member of the PAC, but Sal, over a 15 year period, would call me with different request from his constituency. That was a really good walk through. We talked about different types of granite, what works and doesn't work. What really impressed me was that, and I think Sal and Mary would agree, they listened. They didn't try to direct us in any one direction. Marion was great, she listened, she gave us a little bit of context on history. We went to the Community Room, we talked about different options, but they listened. They never interrupted anybody. We spitballed, talked about maybe different types of ideas, things that were discussed here, and they listened to us. I found that very encouraging. I represent you and the Port Authority. So I get a little bit nervous having done all of these other open spaces, and when you are dealing with landscape architects or engineers, that is their baby, that is their job. They know better than you, and that may be the case at some point, but they listened to us and I found that encouraging. Also, last week, Kleinfelder did data collection. We thought it was a good idea to have Kleinfelder hire a couple of kids who were bilingual, that was my request, to go to Bremen St. and Piers Park. The use of the parks are very different. Piers Park is 18 acres, it is impacted by the Y, the T, and the library. Some of that data I received today, and I would like to share it with you. They did it last Friday. They talked with 88 visitors. 52 at Piers Park, and 36 at Bremen St. were surveyed out of a total of 130 to 200 that were counted as being present at both parks. More than 1/2 the visitors interviewed at each park, were from outside of East Boston. 1/4 of those at Bremen St. were from Revere. We have talked about that, incessantly, since Bremen St. has been opened. Sal, you remember all of the buses coming in from Malden. This is interesting, particularly because it is Bremen over Piers Park. Households that use the parks is mostly adult and children, a few teens and seniors. This was done 11:00 to 3:00. Visitors most commonly drove to the parks, followed up, closely, by walking, and that's very telling. Visitors generally had nice things to say about both parks, the cleanliness in the playground, the use of Piers Park. Some noted prohibited activities, ball sports, limited parking, and the hours, are some of the downside. They talked about the bathrooms, some wanting more, some said they were adequate. Very diverse interest as to what will happen on Phase II, and seemed excited about there may be active recreation opportunities. I wanted to make sure we did this in the summer, when the parks were full, because you have a lot of families. We are going back in September when the kids are back in school so we can see who is using the park when the kids are back to school. There were 2 teams, one team at Piers Park and 1 at Bremen St.  
(Anthony was asked to reiterate the numbers for members.)

Karen Buttiglieri - I was going to recommend a weekend, a Saturday to see the ratio on a weekend.  
Anthony Guerriero - We might do it for October. The funny thing is that you do by learning. They were going to be there for three days, but, there is no body there for 3 days. You have to do it in the early morning, because I really wanted them to interact with the parents. The walk is from the Y, the senior walkers that may be out at that time. It is school vacation, so you are going to see a lot of kids riding their bikes on the Greenway. The programming going on at both the library, and the Y. That interaction was really helpful, and because through the experiences that Sal and I have had, you have the Saugus YMCA sending kids down to Piers Park, and, also, Malden.

Sal LaMattina - What is amazing, when I was working with the kids of Maverick, we used to go to the suburbs to use the parks. Now they are coming here.

Mary Berninger - I think it is great because it is bringing people into our community, and it is highlighting us in a way that never was. I would like to add one thing. I spoke with the 2 Chris's on Eastie Pride Day. And by the way, phenomenal job, Sal LaMattina, on Pride Day.

Sal LaMattina - Chris is awesome.

Anthony Guerriero - McKenzie, Property Manager, and Zuffante.

Mary Berninger - He said that he enjoyed the meeting that we had last week. I have notes and you have notes. He said something that was interesting, and it dovetailed what you said. They are the ones who maintain the parcels. They know what works best, and what doesn't. So some of the things that have been put in back 20 years ago, haven't been successful for many reasons. Sometimes they are trying to fix something that shouldn't be fixed, but changing it because it is not appropriate. Whatever happens to be, because some of the stuff is failing. He said they were happy that Marion, and they listened. They need to hear that too. It can be fine to design something that looks good on paper, but if it is not viable, why are we spending good money after bad. That, I thought, was a really, positive thing.

Karen Buttiglieri - Are they able to come to more things, to give more input?

Anthony Guerriero - Yes, McKenzie was a landscaper so he really knows the ins and outs of what lasts and what doesn't. Chris Zuffante is great also. So, I think that, when that time comes, I could definitely have them do that. They are going to review all of the designs and plans anyway.

Mary Berninger - Something did come up when we were in the community room. Sal and Anthony were there. Some of us were surprised. I have always been under the impression that the fence that runs between the 2 parcels, and you can see it now because it has the green netting, I thought that delineated the 2 parks and Marion was insistent, and she said no, it's not. Where the sailing center is, the lawn is Phase II. (Sal and Anthony both said it was the first they ever heard of it.) We questioned her on it, and she dug her heels in on it. I am going back to look at the board myself. If that's the case, it will work well, not to put the new building on the other side of that fence because if not it gives us all that room for fields. Chris did say to remember when doing the fields, it would have to be synthetic surfaces, because it is going to be used in a different manner. Right now the passive lawn works because the kids don't have cleats on it. They are not running around digging it up. He said especially with a multi use field, it is going to have to be synthetic.

Margaret Farmer - I think they have a lot of different synthetics now.

Anthony Guerriero - Kudos to Sal. Eastie Pride Day was terrific even with the over cast weather. Everyone was there, candidates, the East Boston elected officials, etc. You cut the cake before the rain, which was great. Thanks for your comments about Tom Glynn. The other 2 major moves in East Boston. Mary and I went to a dinner for Fr. John Nazzaro. He is going to Chicago on a sabbatical to the seminary, and then he will be heading up the Ramsey School, St. John Roscoe in Ramsey, which is a monster football program. He is going to be their principal. East Boston bred and Savio grad. It means a lot to a lot of people. (Comments on where the dinner was held, who attended,etc.) Tom Glynn announced his retirement on Wednesday. Tom had a really successful tenure here at Massport, and I think we can all agree to that. Sal had a lot of kind words to say. A lot of the projects that we worked on together, whether as the PAC or different community groups, Tom was a part of those. John Pranckevicius CFO will be the interim director starting November. John is a good guy, he is a Worcester boy, has been with Massport for almost 10 years, and he is the Massport representative on the Foundation. He has great familiarity with the PAC, and other East Boston organizations. It is good to have someone who understands community input, and that's a real plus. Looking forward to the data collection. We have a tradition that when a person from the PAC passes away we recognize them as a virtual member of the PAC. So, Jerry, a plaque for Marie has been ordered and will be installed as soon as I get it. When it comes in, I'll call Mary, and we will go down to pick out a bench. I will follow up with Mary about the tour. We want to go on the 15, and we will provide the bus.

Mary Berninger - And, if you will, get a date for the signing. Do it next month.

Anthony Guerriero - We are going to meet at the Navy Fuel Pier. I will have a bus waiting for everyone in the East Boston Shipyard. It is a quick walk through the gate.

Mary Berninger - Would you ask the Shipyard, because it is a Saturday, to just leave some spaces and say we could park there.

Margaret Farmer - Marginal St. is pretty open.

Mary Berninger - The walk from there to the Fuel Pier might be an issue.

Margaret Farmer - Questioning who oversees the hiring of the new CEO for Massport.

Anthony Guerriero - The Board. It is appointed by the Governor, but there will be a search. The Board will start a search process. They will hire a search agency to do that. They will come in with candidates, and they will be interviewed, like any other organization. The Board will make a recommendation, and once the Board approves that, it goes to the Governor's desk for his final approval.

Mary Berninger - Under New Business. I just want everyone to be aware that starting next month you will notice a change on the agenda. It is going to be a timed agenda. We will set aside so much time for each item, and try to keep to that so we are not here so late, and losing people, especially when we have voting. We need to hold the quorum as best we can, and the timed agenda will help with that. Especially going into the winter months. It gets dark early. Any other new business.

Karen Maddalena - I would like to request. We talked about hiring a consultant. Is there any way we could do a job description, or a brief description of what the duties of the consultant would be that we would be hiring.

Mary Berninger - It would have to be task specific, so I presume we would have to wait, and then draw up what the parameters would be that we want them to address.

Karen Maddalena - How about a conceptual job description?

Mary Berninger - Right, but if we do not know what we are asking them to do, I think it is premature.

Karen Buttiglieri - I agree.

Mary Berninger - Anyone else have any thoughts on that?

Margaret Farmer - Is there a particular type of consultant that you are concerned about?

Karen Maddalena - No. It is just that when we have discussion, and it is rightfully so, that we talked about having some money that we set aside to pay for consultants. I would just like to know, conceptually, what the (undistinguishable) would be. It doesn't have to be etched in stone. Just to give us an idea.

Mary Berninger - I will see if Richie has a template of that sort, that he may have used on other projects.

Karen Buttiglieri - I think as we go we will see what kind of consultants we will need, to be honest with you. More so than for us to have a description on a consultant. I think at that point, not right now. It is not a bad think to be pro-active, but I just think we need to know what we are going to be pro-active about.

Fran Carbone - Another thing. Marion is terrific. She guides us, right Sal? (Sal agreed that she is very good.) She tells us the do's and the don'ts, she is wonderful. What works, and what doesn't work.

Mary Berninger - Thanked the Secretary again for her work and everything she does for this group. Happy that her contract has been renewed and she is not going anywhere.

Jerry Deneumoustier - Motion to adjourn.

Fran Carbone - Second.

