

MEMORANDUM

JULY 16, 2013

TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND
PETER MEADE, DIRECTOR

FROM: LAWRENCE MAMMOLI, DIRECTOR FOR ENGINEERING AND
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
MARK V. DONAHUE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ASSET MANAGEMENT
RICHARD MULLIGAN, SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER

SUBJECT: SHIPYARD PARK, CHARLESTOWN NAVY YARD: AUTHORIZATION
FOR TRANSFER OF PROPERTY

SUMMARY: This Memorandum requests that the Director be authorized to convey and/or transfer a portion of the property known as Shipyard Park in the Charlestown Navy Yard to the City of Boston.

BACKGROUND

In May 1979 the Boston Redevelopment Authority ("BRA") acquired the fee interest in Shipyard Park through a deed from the federal government after the closure of the former Charlestown Naval Yard (the property is referenced in the deed as the "Public Park Parcel"). The property consists of 16.22 acres, which includes the current landscaped park (approximately 8.9 acres), the concrete and steel piers known as Piers 3 and 4 and surrounding watersheet and Drydock #2 (collectively, the "Site"). The Site originally included Building #195, which was the Navy's pipe and pipefitting shop, which covered the entire area that is now the landscaped park. Also included was Building #123, the drydock's pump house, the promenade, or Harborwalk, surrounding Drydock #2 and a portion of Baxter Road leading to Pier 3.

SITE TRANSFER

The Site is presently owned and managed by the BRA.

For open space and playground uses, it is appropriate to transfer care, custody, control and maintenance of the current landscaped portion of the Site (approximately 8.9 acres) to the City of Boston. Piers 3 and 4 and Drydock #2 will remain under Authority ownership. Accordingly, when the property is ready or when otherwise appropriate, it is recommended that the Director be authorized to execute any and all agreements, etc. necessary for transfer, or conveyance, of the property to the City of Boston.

At the June 13, 2013 meeting, the BRA authorized the transfer of the Parcel 5 (a/k/a Parcel E in the New Development Area) for future open space and playground purposes to the City of Boston, transferring the landscaped portion of Shipyard Park is the next logical step.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Director be authorized to transfer Shipyard Park or a portion thereof to the City of Boston.

Appropriate votes follow:

VOTED: That the Director be, and hereby is, authorized to execute: (1) any and all agreements, deeds and instruments, as he may determine appropriate at his sole discretion, to transfer or convey the care, custody, control and maintenance, or fee, in the property at Shipyard Park of the Charlestown Navy Yard, to the City of Boston, acting through appropriate commissions, departments or divisions, including but not limited to, the Parks and Recreation Department; and (2) any and all agreements and instruments, as he may determine appropriate at his sole discretion, with any federal agencies, divisions or departments. All such agreements, deeds and instruments, may contain terms and conditions acceptable to the Director.