



Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance

Working Waterfront Task Force Meeting

AGENDA

November 15, 2011

10am to 12pm

Hudson River Foundation
17 Battery Place, Suite 915
New York, NY 10004

1) Welcome and Introductions - 15 minutes

Roland Lewis, President and CEO, MWA

What we hope to get out of this meeting

- *Update on permitting reform*
- *Feedback on establishing a One-Stop-Shop for permitting assistance*
- *Presentation and update on Maritime Retention in New York City*
- *Presentation and update on Dredging task forces*
- *Discussing New York City's Waterfront Action Agenda – Is it complete? What should be prioritized?*

2) One Stop Permitting Shop – 30 minutes

Roland Lewis and Katie Axt, EDC

- **Summary of efforts to date on permitting reform and establishing a One Stop Shop for permitting assistance**
- **Discussion and feedback about:**
 - o *Ideas from permittees on types of user services that would be helpful in a One Stop Shop*
 - o *Optimal level of assistance from a One Stop Shop*
 - o *Types of One Stop Shop services*
 - o *Ideas for funding for a One Stop Shop*
 - o *Lessons learned from permitting process that would apply to One Stop Shop services*

3) Presentation and update on maritime retention in New York City – 15 minutes

Andrew Genn, NYC Economic Development Corporation

4) Presentation and update from the NY-NJ Dredged Material Strategic Planning Group – 15 minutes

John Tavolaro, US Army Corp of Engineers

5) Discussion about Implementation of the NYC Comprehensive Waterfront Plan and the NYC Waterfront Action Agenda – 35 minutes

Roland Lewis

- *What is missing, what is good, what should be added*

- Did the Comprehensive Waterfront Plan address the following issues?

- *Wetlands mitigation regulations*
- *The 50% rule*
- *The application of shading restrictions*
- *Determination of when wetlands impacts can or cannot be avoided*
- *The lack of opportunity of wetlands banking to benefit SMIA's*
- *The perception that there is an "in-kind" rule requiring permittees to build new structures with outdated materials*
- *NYSDEC's definitions of what is a necessary project or what parts of projects are necessary or functionally necessary*

6) Short updates: Harbor Coalition, MWA 2012 Waterfront Conference – 10 minutes



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One Stop Shop Questions for Discussion

- What content in a One Stop Shop would your company find most helpful?
- Would online resources be helpful and if so which ones?
- What types of assistance would be best for your company? Would it be more helpful to have a live person to talk to or would, for example, online resources be sufficient?
- Where should this kind of assistance be housed?
- What are your ideas for start up funding and ongoing staff funding for a One Stop Shop?

2011–2012 Projects in the Comprehensive Waterfront Plan & Waterfront Action Agenda

Goal 3:

Support economic development activity on the working waterfront

Encourage the expansion of container shipping:

2011

- **Red Hook, Brooklyn:** Market the Container Terminal as a distribution hub for containerized cargo destined for East of Hudson businesses. (EDC)

2012

- **Sunset Park, Brooklyn:** Coordinate with the Port Authority on its Cross Harbor Freight Movement Environmental Impact Statement to ensure that transportation improvement alternatives fully account for expansion of container shipping. (EDC)
- **New York Container Terminal, Staten Island:** Complete environmental review for expanding container handling capacity, which will create approximately 300 jobs upon completion. (EDC)

Sustain economic development activity on the working waterfront by investing over \$170 million

2011

- Develop maritime skills apprentice program in partnership with **SUNY Maritime College** (EDC/SBS)
- Assist the **Urban Assembly New York Harbor School's** efforts to have its Career and Technical Education program formally designated by the New York State Education Department's Board of Regents, which will secure ongoing funding for training the city's future maritime workforce. (DOE)
- Establish Task Force to focus on mooring tie-ups, "gray-water" discharge prohibition, Marine Highways, dredge material management, vessel repair capacity, and in-kind bulkhead replacement policies. (EDC)
- **Replace and lower Anchorage Channel Tap Water Siphons** to facilitate deepening of the harbor shipping channel. (EDC/DEP)
- **Red Hook:** Provide additional berthing locations to commercial vessels along the north side of Atlantic Basin. (EDC)

2012

- **Sunset Park:** Complete rehabilitation of South Brooklyn Marine Terminal to receive ships and barges, creating 400 new jobs. (EDC)

Goal 7:

Improve governmental regulation, coordination, and oversight of the waterfront and waterways.

Reform governmental regulation of the waterfront and waterways:

2011

- **Establish In-Water Permitting Task Force** to focus on developing permitting guidance documents, written mitigation policies and standards, a "one-stop-shop" for in-water permitting, and a training program for applicants. (EDC)
- **Establish In-Water Design Guidelines Task Force** to focus on design and construction practices and develop guidelines that minimize environmental impact, ensure structural resiliency of in-water structures, and accommodate vessel tie-up. (EDC)

2012

- **Develop wetlands mitigation bank** and/or in-lieu fee program to promote more effective mitigation projects. (Mayor's Office)

New York City Waterfront Management Advisory Board

Members Selected by the City

- Ms. Susan Bellinson, *Soundwatch*
- Ms. Paula Berry, *NYC & Company Foundation, Inc.*
- Mr. Eric Goldstein, *Natural Resources Defense Council*
- Mr. Edward Kelly, *Maritime Association of the Port of NY/NJ*
- Mr. Roland Lewis, *Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance*
- Capt. Andrew McGovern, *United NY/NJ Sandy Hook Pilots*
- Mr. Michael Northrop, *Rockefeller Brothers Fund*
- Mr. Olaf Olsen, *New York City District Council of Carpenters*
- Ms. Peggy Shepard, *WEACT for Environmental Justice*
- Mr. Henry Wan, *Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival in New York*
- Mr. Carl Weisbrod, *New York University*
- Mr. Robert Yaro, *Regional Plan Association-New York*

WMAB Structure as defined by the City:

