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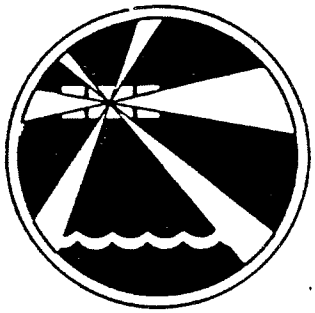

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NOTICE

THE NEXT COLUMBIA POINT ASSOCIATES

BOARD MEETING

CHAIRED BY GEIGER GIBSON COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

WILL BE HELD AT 8 A.M.
(Continental breakfast at 7:45 a.m.)

ON

THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 19, 1998

AT

GEIGER GIBSON HEALTH CENTER
250 MT. VERNON STREET
DORCHESTER, MA

(Health Center located directly across from St. Christopher's Church or next door to The Bayside Exposition Center parking lot)

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The Boston Globe

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Dever School

Geiger - Gibson Community Health Center

Harbor Point Apartments Community

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John W. McCormack Middle School

Massachusetts Archives at Columbia Point

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University of Massachusetts Boston

COLUMBIA POINT ASSOCIATES
For Community Planning and Services

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 1998 MEETING

1. The September 17, 1998 meeting, chaired by Corcoran Jennison Companies, was held in the Waterfront Ballroom at the Bayside Exposition Center; the meeting was called to order at 8:07 am.

Attendance:

	Name	Organization	Phone
1.	Otile McManus	Corcoran Jennison	822-7367
2.	Claire Barrett	CB&A	492-4996
3.	Maria Stanwich	JFK Library	929-1206
4.	Ann Marie Gourley	JFK Library	929-1226
5.	Dan McDuffie	BTU Health/Welfare Fund	288-0500
6.	Fr. Joseph Fahey	BC High	436-8900
7.	Mary Fox	St. Christopher's	436-7273
8.	Dorothy Harris	St. Christopher's	436-7273
9.	Brian Toomey	Geiger-Gibson	288-1140
10.	George McDonough	UMass Boston	287-5043
11.	Forrest Speck	UMass Boston	287-5050
12.	Zehra Schneider Graham	UMass Boston	287-5445
13.	Eric Mitchell	Walter Denney Youth Center	822-3701
14.	Stephanie Moura	MWRA	242-6000
15.	Jeff McLaughlin	MWRA	242-6000
16.	Mike Collins	MWRA	242-6000
17.	Jay Doyle	ICF Kaiser	539-7700

2. The minutes of the May 21, 1998 meeting were approved after Forrest Speck corrected Jean McCormick's statement that only four trucks from the Boston Water and Sewer Department travel to and from the Pump House on a daily basis. Speck said he doesn't know what the correct number is, but it is more than four.

3. Jeff McLaughlin, Stephanie Moura and Mike Collins of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority reported on the authority's plans to upgrade the Combined Sewer Overflow [CSO] treatment facilities at Fox Point as part of its long-term plan for region-wide CSO control. The upgrade is required under the federal court order in the Boston Harbor case to reduce the effects of chlorine currently used at the CSOs. The MWRA has been sampling the CSO flows during severe rain to determine how effective the current disinfection process is and how much chlorine is present in the discharge.

   Moura explained that chlorinization of sewage is required to reduce bacteria to acceptable levels, but that chlorine can be toxic to marine life. Although the MWRA had been hopeful that recent sampling would reveal that chlorine levels were not high enough to warrant the new facility, that did not prove to be the case.

   Using map of the area to illustrate the discussion, Moura told the CPA that the locations where such a facility can be effectively sited are limited and that a site adjacent to the Savin Hill Yacht Club has been identified as optimal. She said the MWRA has met with residential neighbors, who have expressed serious concerns about the proposed location of the facility. As a result the MWRA will delay submitting material for the portion of the Environmental Impact Statement pertaining to the Fox Point facility until it can further assuage community concerns that range from aesthetic to NIMBY questions.

   The project team planned to show renderings of the proposed facility to area residents at a meeting on Thursday evening, September 17th, but they were not available for the CPA meeting. MWRA project manager Mike Collins explained that the MWRA is exploring ways to make the facility as aesthetically pleasing as possible including Colonial style architecture that would relate to the design of the existing buildings at the Savin Hill Yacht Club or siting some of new facility below grade. In addition, the authority will share more information with the community about the relative merits and disadvantages of several alternative locations for the facility.

   Fr. Fahey, who was present at the August community meeting which was held at BC High, noted that there also was concern about the fact that the facility had been proposed for a site where the Metropolitan District Commission had planned to put several new benches and amenities as part of the agency's Morrissey Boulevard reconstruction plan.

4. Claire Barrett, a transportation consultant, and Jay Doyle of ICF Kaiser Engineering, gave a report on the Urban Ring to the CPA membership.The

- Otile McManus announced that Brian Toomey of the Geiger-Gibson Health Center had agreed to chair the CPA for the next term from November of 1998 through September of 1999. The chair passes alphabetically by CPA member organization and although the Dever School was slated to be next up, the school has a new principal. Eric Johnson, who has replaced Nydia Mendez, thought it made sense to pass for a year to give himself time to get adjusted to his new post and familiarize himself with the CPA.

  Meetings for the upcoming term are scheduled for the third Thursday of every other month except during the summer: November 19th, January 21st, March 18th, May 20th and September 23d.

- Fr. Joseph Fahey announced that he had submitted his resignation as the principal of Boston College High School, effective at the end of the school year. He told the CPA that he was a candidate for the presidency of Holy Cross.

- Forrest Speck told the group that UMass was sponsoring another session of Forum for the 21st Century to be held that same afternoon on the subject of pilot and charter schools.

- Forrest Speck introduced Zehra Schneider Graham of UMass and said she would be speaking at a future CPA meeting on the plans that have been developed at the university for disposing of hazardous waste material.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

proposed transit system that would ring the area from Logan Airport, through Chelsea, Everett, Somerville, Cambridge, the Fenway, Brookline, Roxbury, the South End and into Columbia Point-UMass is currently the subject of a $5.1 million major investment study.

Barrett prefaced the presentation by noting that the mayors of the six communities had signed a compact supporting the circumferential route, which is notable in and of itself. As the plan has been disseminated for discussion throughout the affected region, there has also been very positive public response for the project to date, she said, which stands in contrast to other major infrastructure and development projects.

Doyle explained that the Urban Ring would improve accessibility and reduce subway congestion along its route. It would also create new economic and development opportunities for the cities that it passes through and would also serve to link business, medical and educational institutions that are situated along the route.

Doyle pointed out that there are several different technologies that are being explored and evaluated as possibilities for service along the route including conventional buses, transit way buses, light rail and rapid transit. In addition, several different alternative routes and river crossings are being studied. He noted that the urban ring could be phased in progressively and would not require major disruption like the Big Dig, although a tunnel would eventually be required under the Charles River.

5. There were several brief items of old and new business:

- Otile McManus reported that there had been a rape behind the JFK Library on Labor Day giving a certain urgency to the question of the when the MDC and UMass will conclude negotiations on the East Line extension to Old Harbor Park across the Calf Pasture. She told the CPA membership that Joe Orfant of the MDC said that the walkway project, as well as the West Link, which will connect Old Harbor Park to Carson Beach along the shore behind the Bayside Exposition Center, had been delayed by contract considerations.

- George McDonough reported that the Old Colony stop at JFK/UMass is in final design and the project is slightly ahead of schedule with the service slated to begin two years from now in September of the year 2000.