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Board of Directors Meeting

13 April 2005

6 p.m.

Faneuil Hall Marketplace

Attendance: Fred R. Moore (presiding), Barry D. Andelman, Richard Arena, John Hostage, Romin Koebel, Ernest V. Loewenstein and Barry M. Steinberg.

Pre-meeting discussion:

1. Romin Koebel: Presenting excerpts from the Regional Transportation Advisory Council (RTAC) meeting minutes dated 9 March 2005 (See Appendix 1 below).

2. Barry M. Steinberg: The Massachusetts Bay Railroad Enthusiasts mailed more than 1000 *Callboy* newsletters containing the APT Annual Meeting announcement.

3. Romin spoke with

- Richard Doyle, Federal Transit Administration regional administrator.
- Jenna Dorn, FTA national administrator.
- Fred Salvucci.
- He attended the meeting of the Mayor's Task Force on Completion of the CA/T Project, re the proposal for development on air rights in the South Bay Interchange area.

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting (9 March 2005) were approved as written.

2. Officers' Reports.

A. John Hostage, Treasurer.

We have had roughly 25 replies to our Annual Meeting mailing to date.

B. Fred R. Moore, President: At today's RTAC meeting, the APT handbills were well-received.

3. Old Business. The Board met as a committee of the whole to apportion

The APT Annual Meeting to-do list and function assignments:

A. The venue has been arranged, the Harvard Club on Commonwealth Ave. in Boston, 11 May 2005. The Harvard Club supplies directional signs within the building. No APT ushers necessary.

B. The catering arrangements and specifics must be tied down by 4 May (B. Andelman), based on replies to our mailing and publicity.

C. Sign-in sheets: **Pre-registrants** should be listed and they simply review their information (J. Hostage will prepare these sheets).

Walk-ins should be on a separate sheet (B. Steinberg will reformat the attendance sheet and send via e-mail a copy to Fred for review and copying). There will be a long table with two sign-in lines. B. Steinberg supplies an original of the previous annual meeting minutes to Fred for copying and availability at the meeting, so they can be approved by the membership. Per our agreement with the Massachusetts Bay Railroad Enthusiasts, the MBRRE will supply us with 50 excursion fliers available for pickup (more if needed, presumably).

D. A cash bar equipped with change (B. Steinberg will bring in two cigar boxes for meeting use).
R. Arena will provide a stock of change.

E. B. Andelman contacts Andy Rubel for copies of *Car-Free*® for sale.

F. Hors d'oeuvres are arranged on a table (Harvard Club).

G. Cash bar: Waiter for both soft and hard drinks (Harvard Club). You go to the cashier and get tickets for hard drinks.

H. Sign-in table attendants: We get two teenagers. R. Arena will supply the labor (to be paid \$10/hour). Index cards will be made available for questions from the audience following Gov. Dukakis' address (R. Arena). These questions will be submitted at sign-in.

I. Press Releases.

(1) E. Loewenstein composes a press release.

(2) B. Andelman contacts the Boston Globe (Starts & Stops and also the Calendar).

(3) J. Hostage puts the press releases on the web site.

(4) R. Arena contacts NARP.

(5) The Boston Herald, the Metro and the Patriot Ledger are contacted by (?).

J. The 'Framework' diagram is sent for enlargement and reproduction to R. Arena by B. Steinberg.

K. An enlargement of the meeting flier by R. Arena.

L. The Annual Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

(1) Welcome (F. Moore). Officers will submit their individual annual reports to Fred for compilation and verbal delivery at the meeting. There will not be individual officers' reports.

(2) A slate of candidates for directors is presented to the meeting and nominated. Fred will solicit other nominations: Candidates will be nominated and seconded by third parties from the membership.

(3) Election of the new Board. Fred will talk with Romin about the possibility of Romin re-running as an APT officer.

(4) Recess the General Meeting, convene a meeting of the newly-elected Board, which elects new APT officers, then adjourns their Board Meeting.

(5) The General Meeting re-convenes. The President introduces the new officers.

(6) The President, or—preferably, a designee—introduces the Guest Speaker.

(7) Presentation of a token of our esteem to Gov. Dukakis. This will be procured by R. Arena.

(8) Before we start to lose the audience, we adjourn the meeting, but make everyone aware that we are available for impromptu discussions, rather than clearing the hall.

(9) To keep the meeting proceeding at an appropriate pace, B. Andelman will be the time 'enforcer'.

4. The meeting adjourned 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

BARRY M. STEINBERG

Clerk

APPENDIX 1: EXCERPTS FROM THE RTAC MEETING MINUTES, 9 March 2005.

Beverly Woods: Since vacant land is scarce in downtown Lowell and so much of it is designated as historic district, building a light rail system could be difficult. That is one of the reasons that bus rapid transit is being explored.

Fred Moore: Bus rapid transit? Isn't that an oxymoron?

Beverly Woods: BRT is the term being used by Jim Scanlon, the new LRTA Administrator. He also uses the MBTA's Silver Line as an example of BRT.

Romin Koebel: Is there any thought of converting the historical trolley system to a more comprehensive bus system [sic]?

Beverly Woods: Yes, and expanding it to several new locations as well due to the housing boom occurring in downtown Lowell.

Romin Koebel: Could this be a model for a Rose Kennedy Greenway trolley?

Beverly Woods: Yes, we believe so as one of the partners in the Lowell study is the Seashore Trolley Museum.

Romin Koebel: Is there any possibility that there could be an interurban transit system from Lowell to Boston?

Beverly Woods: Anything is possible, but FTA's New Starts Program, the likely source of funding for this, is very urban-oriented, so it could be difficult...

Romin Koebel: Will a shuttle bus from the MBTA Waverley Commuter Rail Station in Belmont to the MBTA Alewife Red Line Subway Station in Cambridge be a part of the Belmont, Lexington and Waltham Subregional Study?

Mary Ellen Sullivan: That is not known yet, as the scope of work is still being developed, but I will brief the Advisory Council on the final version.

Fred Moore: Will the Mid-North Shore Subregional Study, an offshoot of an earlier North Shore study, include a look at capacity expansion on radial roadways in Lynn and Saugus such as routes 1, 1A and 99, work that is prohibited by the Central Artery/Tunnel Project mitigation agreements?

Mary Ellen Sullivan: I don't know, but will get back to you with an answer and carry your comments back to the study's sponsors...

Romin Koebel: Based on the comments of others, I believe that a study of this area should be made a priority project...