

SITE VISIT OF THE VISITOR SERVICES BOARD  
TO LOPES SQUARE/WATERFRONT PARK  
JUNE 24, 2003, 11:00 A.M.  
MINUTES

Present: Steve Melamed, Barbara Rushmore, Pasquale Natale, Lynne Davies.

Staff: Patricia Fitzpatrick, Tourism Director; Sandra Turner, Deputy DPW Director; Pam Hudson, Administrative Assistant

Others: Martha Lyon, Paysage; James Mack, Beautification Committee

Absent: Mick Rudd, Rose Basile

Absent with excuse: Michael Van Belle

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The attendees convened at Lopes Square at 11:15 A.M.

Martha Lyon opened the discussion by asking for input about the VSB's vision for Lopes Square itself. Discussion of traffic patterns, tour bus traffic and pedestrian crosswalks ensued. Martha raised the question of aesthetic values. Vegetation, trash, paving and curbing were discussed.

The consensus of the VSB is that the anchor and the locust trees should remain untouched, as should the footprint of the Square itself. Benches or other means should be considered to keep people from tripping over the anchor at night. Brick paving and planters, which are attractive and easily maintained, are acceptable to the Board. Sand-colored brick like that used at the Winthrop Street Cemetery was suggested.

The group walked on to the planted area adjacent to the MacMillan Plaque. This area is owned by the Pier Corporation, and any changes to it will have to be discussed with them. The VSB would like to see a space provided here for the beach wheelchair, as close as possible to the attendant's booth.

Moving on to the Provincetown Memorial Waterfront Park, Barbara explained that most of the trees are dedicated, and so must remain, but could be moved. It was pointed out that the area in front of, and adjacent to, the courtesy dock is heavily used for loading and unloading. The consensus of the VSB is that the design should take this use into consideration.

A walkway from the western end of Waterfront Park along the west edge of the parking lot was discussed. The suggestion was made that a fenced-off, four-foot wide walkway would be possible if the Town and Mr. Cabral each donated two feet for this purpose.

The location of the former bus station shelter has been suggested as a "Transportation Center" by the BOS and the DPW. It would have signage consistent with a Cape-wide transportation signage design.

David Guertin joined the group briefly and informed the VSB that 1) the courtesy float will not be moved but will be made handicapped accessible, and 2) the small former gas dock will remain, as this property is in litigation with the Bennett Estate.

Pasquale Natale stated that the arts community has about \$13,000 for "Art in Public Places" and plans to put out an RFP soon for one permanent piece.

Steve Melamed suggested that a "Welcome to Provincetown" sign be placed so as to be visible to visitors arriving by water, perhaps along the harbor wall. It was also suggested that brass plaques might be placed along the wall for each ship lost at sea with the date and the names of the sailors who perished. It was the consensus of the VSB that a memorial to those who have lost their lives at sea be part of the plan, as well as the AIDS Memorial.

The timeline for the project was discussed, and both Sandy and Martha felt that completion of the project by Memorial

Day is feasible, dependent on getting the appropriate approvals.

Steve pointed out that the VSB has previously expressed its desire that the historic walking trail be kept in mind during the design of this project, as it will begin in the waterfront area.

**The next meeting of the VSB will be on Tuesday, July 22, 2003 at 11:00 A.M. in the Judge Welsh Hearing Room. There will be NO meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup>.**

The group disbanded at 12:55 P.M. without convening at the Judge Welsh Hearing Room.