

Wharf District Council October 18, 2022 Meeting

- Leventhal Center and Zoom attendees
 - 6 people in-person and 40 people on zoom

The first Wharf District Council Meeting that is both in-person and on zoom.

A special thank you to Gary Robison and Norm Meisner from Harbor Towers for the special equipment and set-up of the zoom link and Stephen Johnston, GM Boston Harbor Hotel, for use of the Leventhal Center.

The meeting was recorded and is available on the Wharf District Council website

www.wharfdistrictcouncil.org

WDC President Marc Margulies welcomed everyone and opened the meeting

- **Boston Police A-1 Monthly Report**- no update at this meeting

- **New England Aquarium – Rick Musiol Jr, Vice President External Affairs and Luz Arregoces presenting**

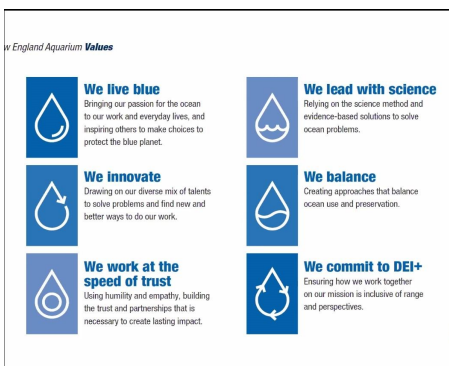


Next event:

Neighbor night Monday October 24th at 6PM. To sign up

<https://mailchi.mp/neaq/join-the-new-england-aquarium-for-neighbor-night>

Located at Central Wharf and Quincy shipyard- for animal care facilities
53 years at Central Wharf



Primary Goals and Mission

Advance animal and ocean health

- We use science to study and solve problems
- Right whale and sea turtles

Promote Responsible Use

- Use of the ocean has a conservation focus

Inspire and Develop Advocates

- Diversify and inspire people to do something to advocate for ocean protections

Partner to Build Resilient Communities

- Create neighborhoods that are resilient, natural and economic activity. Ensuring that everyone is involved determining what the waterfront

WDC is PIONEERING the effort to work on the neighborhood wide planning for climate change resiliency.

Q: Can you tell us about the Quincy facility?

A: Quincy is the animal care facility - not open to the public

Sea turtle rescue work is done here and animals quarantine before coming to main building

Last season we saw over 500 sea turtles come to the facility.

Q: Are there still community classes offered at the NEAQ?

A: Community and learning department is now the conservation and learning department, which was affected by the pandemic. We are looking at the strategy and looking to build a team to offer classes again.

Q: How can WDC be best neighbors to NEAQ?

A: -Volunteer, larregoces@NEAQ.com for info

-Public Lecture series

-Follow on social media and learn about what we are doing

15,000 species call NEAQ home

Q: Will there be movie in IMAX?

A: The Simon theater is former IMAX theater - renovated before the pandemic.

There is a robust offering of movies available

Q: The aquarium previously offered sustainable seafood dinners, will they be back?

A: Stay tuned- NEAQ lost 40% of staff during pandemic- we aren't quite there yet but will get there and will eventually host dinners again.

Q: What is the work being done at the building?

A: Due to a significant gift from the commonwealth there are renovations to facade and HVAC work going on. The facade was more work than originally anticipated but will be done

- **Moon Love Café at 107 State Street – Emily Oudomsouk, Owner**

Apply to ZBA for license for “Takeout “

· “ I love being on State Street & look forward to being part of this amazing neighborhood!”

Opening bubble tea and dessert shop

- Bubble tea is a milk based tea and offering Vietnamese Iced Coffee and Thai Tea
- Shop is designed to eat in but the majority of Bubble tea shops are mainly takeout.
- Former Crush Pizza location and prior to Upper Crust Pizzeria
- Currently open as dine in only and applying for variance for the permit to offer takeout.

Q: Are you currently open?

A: Not yet

Q: What are the hours

A: Initially 11-6 but will plan to open earlier for breakfast and 7 days a week

Q:What are the desserts

A: Croffles - croissant waffles with fruit topping

Taiyaki- Fish-shaped waffle w/red bean paste inside will offer other fillings as well

Q: Almond or Oat milk available?

A: Plan to have both available

All fresh ingredients. Always fresh.

- **Climate Resilience Project Update – Derek Anderson, Arup, Associate**

Currently working on workshops with Waterfront property owners

400 Atlantic & DPW

Still collecting comments on the WDC website:

<https://www.wharfdistrictcouncil.org/climate-evaluation-criteria>

Important part of the process, encourage everyone to add comments.

Everyone on the call please offer comments.

Aiming for January completion date on this project

Q:Have you worked with the Aquarium? If so, what are the resolutions?

A: Absolutely - we met multiple times and including them in process

For resolutions we are collecting info to work out resolutions

Comment: Chuck Lagasse introduction, owns and operates Boston Harbor marinas along the Wharf District coastline .

- Just Purchased Long term lease from Rowes Wharf to Aquarium- have worked on Boston waterfront well over decade. Offers to meet with WDC climate resiliency task force and discuss plans, short term and long term.
 - Just finished a breakwater at Pier 6 in Charlestown. It is the first cat 5 hurricane rated breakwater in Boston
 - It will knock a 7-10 foot wave down wave and storm surge up to over 15 feet
-
- **Neighborhood Services Update – Ciara D’Amico – Neighborhood Services Liaison**
N.End Halloween Party 230-630
Sat 10/29 Battery St Halloween party 1-3PM
Voting in person early voting 10/22-11/4 boston.gov for updates

- **Executive Session**

Unanimously voted in support of Moon Love Cafe to offer takeout at the location at 107 State St. Letter of support will be written.

November Wharf District Council Meeting is Tuesday November 15, 5-7pm
- Will be the same hybrid format, in person and zoom.

Featured Speaker: State Senator Lydia Edwards