



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
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REPORT

RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION & HERITAGE COMMISSION
December 9, 2009

I. MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Robert Goff
Ms. Patrice O'Malley Hagan
Mr. Karst Hoogeboom
Dr. E. Pierre Morenon
Mr. Frederick C. Williamson, Chairman & SHPO

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Richard Greenwood, Deputy Director
Ms. Mercedes Monteiro, National Register Assistant
Mr. Edward F. Sanderson, Executive Director

GUESTS

Ms. Adriana Thomas, House Policy Office
Mr. Clark Schoettle, Providence Revolving Fund

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Robert E. Cusack
Mr. John Grosvenor, AIA
Mr. Michael Hebert, NR Review Board
John P. Leyden, State Building Commissioner
Dr. Patrick Malone
Dr. Ronald Onorato
Mr. Jared L. Rhodes, Chief of Statewide Planning representing Kevin Flynn
Dr. Patricia Rubertone
Mr. J. Michael Saul, Interim Executive Director, EDC
Dr. Michael Sullivan, Director DEM

II. AGENDA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was convened at 9:40 A.M. Mr. Sanderson announced that a quorum was not present, and due to the winter storm, it was unlikely that additional Commissioners would arrive. Dr. Onorato called from the highway to report he could not make the drive to Providence.

The Commissioners present decided to hold an informal meeting for the purpose of receiving information, particularly from Clark Schoettle who was present to make a presentation about the Providence Revolving fund.

2. Minutes of November 18, 2009

In the absence of a quorum, no action was taken to approve the Minutes.

3. Director's Report

a) Financial Reports for State Fiscal Year 2009 were distributed.

b) Information about redevelopment of the former Interstate 195 Corridor on the East Side of the Providence River was distributed. Mr. Sanderson expressed concern about proposals to allow six to eight story buildings on several parcels located within the College Hill Historic District. [This presentation was distributed by email to absent Commissioners.]

4. Report from the Providence Revolving Fund

Clark Schoettle, Executive Director, reported on Providence Revolving Fund projects. RIHPHC has loaned \$750,000 to PRF to be used as principal for loans originated by PRF. Since 1988, PRF has used RIHPHC funds to make 82 loans with a combined value of \$2,487,057. Mr. Schoettle presented information and slides showing PRF projects, and answered Commissioners' questions. It was the sense of the meeting that PRF under Mr. Schoettle's leadership is an outstanding program that is preserving the target historic neighborhoods of Elmwood and Broadway-Armory, helping to provide housing, and restoring attractive and significant 19th-century houses.

Written records of PRF projects are available for inspection, and annual audit reports are filed with the RIHPHC loan program.

5. Other Business

There was no other business.

6. Next meeting date: Wednesday January 13, 2010.

7. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

Minutes recorded by,

Edward F. Sanderson, Executive Director