

East Providence Conservation Commission

January 15, 2013
City Hall, East Providence
7:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Members present: Lorraine Nik (Chair), John Rose (Vice Chair), Wayne Barnes, John Burridge, Marie Esten, Keith Gonsalves, and James Boyd (Secretary)

Member Absent: None

Public present: None

Call to Order - Chair L. Nik called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

Review of Minutes - The Commission voted to approve the December 18, 2012 meeting minutes with corrections on a motion to accept by M. Esten and seconded by J. Burridge.

Public Comment - None

Planning Department Update

City Planning Department - W. Barnes advised the Commission about the recent Planning Department relocation in City Hall as part of City and School department consolidation efforts. The Planning Department will be officially located on the 2nd floor in City Hall after the move in February.

Correspondence - no correspondence

Old Business

2013 Land and Water Summit - The 2013 conference will be held again at URI on March 9th. W. Barnes indicated that he cannot attend this year due to a schedule conflict.

Commission appointment schedule - All members are current except J. Boyd, as his appointment expired on January 1, 2013. He advised the Commission that he will be contacting his City Council representative in Ward 1, James Briden, to seek reappointment to the Commission.

New Business

Election of Officers - A motion was made by M. Esten and seconded by J. Burridge to elect the current slate of officers for 2013. Chair L. Nik, Vice-chair J. Rose and Secretary J. Boyd all indicated that they would serve for the 2013 term. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

2013 Commission Priorities and Work Plan - The Commission discussed the following projects as part of the yearly work plan:

1. Complete the Boyden Heights Boardwalk stairway
2. Earth Day Cleanup - April 20th, Boyden Heights shoreline along the Providence River
3. Boyden Heights historic research
4. Boyden Heights historic interpretive sign panel

5. Hunt's Mill summer trail project
6. Other City conservation areas

Commission Member Items

The Commission discussed developing a revised map to catalog City open space. The map could be posted to the Commission web page and be a resource for residents and visitors seeking to explore open space in East Providence.

Adjournment

The Commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM on a motion by J. Boyd and seconded by J. Burridge.

The next regularly scheduled Conservation Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 7:30 pm in Room A (1st floor) East Providence City Hall.

Respectfully submitted, James Boyd, Secretary