



EAST PROVIDENCE WATERFRONT SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION

Design Review Committee Public Hearing Minutes- January 22, 2015

DRC John Gregory, DRC Chairman
Members: Jeanne Boyle, Executive Director
John Pesce

Staff: Roberta Groch, AICP- Planner

Consultants: Glen Fontecchio, Architectural Consultant
Sara Bradford, Landscape Architect/Consultant

Chairman Gregory called the hearing to order at 6:41PM.

1. **VOTE: Meeting Minutes-** A motion was made to approve the minutes from the Design Review Committee (DRC) meeting of January 15, 2015: the motion was seconded and unanimously approved, without discussion.
2. **Public Hearing- Village on the Waterfront development project**
481 Veteran's Memorial Parkway
Owner and Applicant: Chevron Land and Development Company
Assessors Map 17, Block 1, Parcel 1
Assessors Map 18, Block 1, Parcel 1
Assessor's Map 18, Block 2, Parcel 2
Zoning – Veteran's Memorial Parkway Waterfront Sub-District

Ms. Christine Engustian, Legal Counsel for the project, introduced the project team: Mr. Michael Hennessey, Principal, of Providence Realty Investment; Mr. Audie Osgood and Mr. Kevin Demers of DiPrete Engineering; Mr. Jay Szymanski of The Architectural Team (TAT); and Mr. John Carter of The John Carter Co.

Ms. Carla Baler of Chevron Land and Development Company gave an update on project remediation and plans for 2015.

Ms. Engustian introduced Mr. Kevin Demers, engineer, and discussed his education and experience.

VOTE: A motion was made to accept Mr. Demers' résumé as Exhibit #1: the motion was seconded and unanimously approved without discussion.

Mr. Demers gave a presentation regarding the changes made since the workshop held on December 10, 2014.

VOTE: A motion was made to accept a set of civil engineering, landscape, and Urban Coastal Greenway (UCG) plans entitled "Permit Modification Plans" as Exhibit #2: the motion was seconded and

unanimously approved without discussion.

VOTE: A motion was made to accept a set of drawings, elevations and perspectives also entitled “Permit Modification Plans” as Exhibit #3: the motion was seconded and unanimously approved without discussion.

Ms. Engustian introduced Mr. John Carter, landscape architect, and discussed his education and work experience.

VOTE: A motion was made to accept Mr. Carter’s résumé as Exhibit #4: the motion was seconded and unanimously approved without discussion.

Mr. Carter explained the changes that had been made to the landscaping within the project.

VOTE: A motion was made to accept a set of plans entitled “Permit Modification Landscape Plans” as Exhibit #5 and a set of plans entitled “Permit Modification UCG Landscape Plans” as Exhibit #6: the motion was seconded and unanimously approved without discussion.

Mr. Demers summarizes the items that were unchanged from the 2009 approved plans, as well as the deviations granted as part of the 2009 approval process.

VOTE: A motion was made to accept a letter to Ms. Boyle from Mr. Demers that provided responses to comments made by DRC members, DRC consultants, and City staff as Exhibit #7: the motion was seconded and unanimously approved without discussion.

VOTE: A motion was made to accept a printed version of the PowerPoint presentation shown at the hearing as Exhibit #8: the motion was seconded and unanimously approved without discussion.

No members of the public provided comment.

3. Adjournment

VOTE: A motion was made to close the hearing at 7:46PM: the motion was seconded and passed unanimously, without discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

JEANNE M. BOYLE
Executive Director

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