

I-195 REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION

MEETING OF COMMISSION **PUBLIC SESSION** **OCTOBER 20, 2014**

The I-195 Redevelopment District (the "District") Commission (the "Commission") met on Monday, October 20, 2014 in Public Session, beginning at 5 P.M., at the offices of the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation, located at 315 Iron Horse Way, Suite 101, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to a notice of the meeting to all Commissioners and public notice of the meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto, as required by applicable Rhode Island law.

The following Commissioners were present and participated throughout the meeting: Chairperson Colin Kane, Dr. Barrett Bready, Ms. Barbara Hunger, Ms. Diana Johnson, Mr. John Kelly, and Mr. Mark Ryan. Also present was non-voting Commissioner Mr. Ruben Flores-Marzan.

Commissioner Michael Van Leesten was absent.

Also present were Ms. Jan Brodie, District Executive Director, Ms. Kate Holguin, District Project Associate, and Mr. Charles F. Rogers of Edwards Wildman Palmer LLP, legal counsel to the District.

Chairperson Kane called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

Chairperson Kane stated that the minutes of the public session of September 15, 2014 had been distributed to the Commissioners and asked if there were any comments or corrections.

There being none, upon motion duly made and seconded, the following vote was adopted:

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the public meeting held on September 15, 2014 as submitted.

Voting in favor of the foregoing were: Chairperson Kane, Dr. Bready, Ms. Hunger, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Kelly, and Mr. Ryan.

Voting against the foregoing were: None.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 8, 2014

Chairperson Kane stated that the minutes of the public session of October 8, 2014 had been distributed to the Commissioners and asked if there were any comments or corrections.

There being none, upon motion duly made and seconded, the following vote was adopted:

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the public meeting held on October 8, 2014 as submitted.

Voting in favor of the foregoing were: Chairperson Kane, Dr. Bready, Ms. Hunger, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Kelly, and Mr. Ryan.

Voting against the foregoing were: None.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Brodie provided a summary of her recent activities as follows:

- a. Work continues on advancing proposals for development of District property.
- b. The park and bridge designs continue moving forward. The Parks Design Subcommittee has met five times in the last two months, and went on one site visit to Lowell. A summary of these meetings and recommendations for park design will be discussed later in the meeting.
- c. Permitting and review processes continue to be developed and drafts of Rules and Regulations and permitting processes are moving closer to a final stage for review by the Legal Issues Subcommittee before a recommendation will be made to the full Commission. Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions (CC&R's), including assessments for parks maintenance, will follow.
- d. A Remedial Action Work Plan for District property has been approved by RIDEM and signed.
- e. The next round of interim use installations have gone up. A press event was held last Friday to celebrate the completion of the 2014 program of the "Creative Mile".
- f. Upcoming: Commission staff will be collaborating with the City on writing a proposal for a Bloomberg Philanthropies public art grant for \$1M. The Providence Preservation Society will be hosting a symposium in early November with I-195 featured on one of the panels.

4. UPDATE AND PRESENTATION FROM PARKS DESIGN SUBCOMMITTEE

The Parks Design Subcommittee gave an update on their meetings over the last three months. A bullet point list of recommendations from the Subcommittee was distributed to the Commission prior to the meeting. It was suggested that another Parks Design Subcommittee meeting be scheduled to discuss some recent macro-design concerns, including such issues as

bridge height, boat access under the bridge, and grading in the West Side Park to insure river views.

5. UPDATE FROM LEGAL ISSUES SUBCOMMITTEE

The Legal Issues Subcommittee reported that it had nothing new to report to the Commission.

6. REVIEW AND VOTE ON PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR 2015 COMMISSION MEETINGS

Chairperson Kane reviewed the proposed 2015 meeting schedule for the Commission. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following vote was adopted:

VOTED: To approve the proposed 2015 Commission meeting schedule as proposed.

Voting in favor of the foregoing were: Chairperson Kane, Dr. Bready, Ms. Hunger, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Kelly, and Mr. Ryan.

Voting against the foregoing were: None.

7. REVIEW OF STATUS OF PROPOSALS TO PURCHASE AND DEVELOP DISTRICT PROPERTY

Chairperson Kane noted that, pursuant to the notice of the meeting, the Commission would go into Executive Session in order to discuss proposals to purchase and develop District property.

Accordingly, upon motion duly made and seconded, the following vote was adopted:

VOTED: To go into Closed Session, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Rhode Island General Laws Section 42-46-5(a) (the Open Meetings Law) in order to discuss proposals to purchase and develop District property.

Voting in favor of the foregoing were: Chairperson Kane, Dr. Bready, Ms. Hunger, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Kelly, and Mr. Ryan.

Voting against the foregoing were: None.

Members of the public were then asked to leave the boardroom for the Closed Session, and members of the Commission and staff entered into closed session at 5:50 PM.

The Public Session was reconvened at 7:00 PM.

Chairperson Kane reported that the discussion during the Closed Session was confined to discussion of proposals to purchase and develop District property and that no votes were taken. The Commission voted to end the Closed Session, maintain the Closed Session records and reconvene the Public Session.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following vote was adopted:

VOTED: That pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws Section 42-46-4, Section 42-46-5 and Section 42-46-7, the Open Meetings Act, the minutes of the Closed Session shall not be made available to the public, except as to the portions of such minutes as the Commission ratifies and reports in Public Session of this meeting.

Voting in favor of the foregoing were: Chairperson Kane, Dr. Bready, Ms. Hunger, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Kelly, and Mr. Ryan.

Voting against the foregoing were: None.

8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT/AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2014 MEETING

The next Commission meeting is Monday, November 17.

There being no further business in the Public Session, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

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Colin P. Kane
Chairperson

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission will be held at **Rhode Island Commerce Corporation, 315 Iron Horse Way, Providence, Rhode Island**, on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014**, beginning at 5 P.M., for the following purposes:

I. PUBLIC SESSION

1. Welcome by Chairperson: Chairperson Colin Kane.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the Commission Public Session Meeting Held on September 15, 2014.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the Commission Public Session Meeting Held on October 8, 2014.
4. Executive Director's Report – Review of Activities During Past Month and Business Plan for the Period September – December 2014.
5. Update and Presentation from Parks Design Subcommittee.
6. Summary and Recommendation by the Legal Issues Subcommittee Regarding the City of Providence Revised Zoning Ordinance.
7. Summary and Recommendation by the Legal Issues Subcommittee Regarding the revised Rules and Regulations by The Law Office of William Conley, including Permit Mapping by Fuss & O'Neill.
8. Review of Proposed Schedule for 2015 Commission Meetings and Vote.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

To consider and act upon such matters as may be considered at a meeting closed to the public pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws, Section 42-46-5(a) (the Open Meetings Law), specifically matters permitted to be so considered under subsection (5) (acquisition and disposition of public property).

9. Approval of the Minutes of the Commission Executive Session Meeting Held on September 15, 2014.
10. Approval of the Minutes of the Commission Executive Session Meeting Held on October 8, 2014.
11. Review of Status of Proposals to Purchase and Develop District Property.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

12. Chairman's Report – Review of Activities in Past Month and Proposed Future Activities/
Tentative Agenda for November 17, 2014 Meeting.
13. Vote to Adjourn.

The location is accessible to the handicapped. Those requesting interpreter services must notify the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission at (401) 383-5900 forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting. Also, for the hearing impaired, assisted listening devices are available onsite, without notice, at this location.