



**Providence Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission**

Jorge O. Elorza, Mayor

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

**Regular meeting of the Providence Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission**

**February 18, 2015, 5:00 PM**

444 Westminster Street

Providence, RI 02903

401-680-8400

**Overseeing Body:** City of Providence Department of Planning and Development

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Members present: Eric Weis, Jef Nickerson, Matt Moritz, Jenn Steinfeld

Members absent: Michelle Cortes-Harkins

Ex-Officio members present: Martina Haggerty, William Bombard

Staff and officials present: Mayor Jorge Elorza, Sheila Dormody, Bonnie Nickerson, Robert Azar, Margit Liander, Nate Urso, Ellen Cynar

Eric Weis called meeting to order at 5:11pm.

Eric Weis asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the January commission meeting. Jef Nickerson made a motion to approve. Motion was seconded by Matt Moritz. All voted in favor.

Eric Weis welcomed attendees to the meeting, recognized various staff and officials present, and introduced Bonnie Nickerson, Director of Planning and Development.

Bonnie Nickerson welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Mayor Jorge Elorza.

Mayor Jorge Elorza made opening remarks and announced that he will be making every Friday a “bike to work” day and that he will be biking to work on Fridays. Mayor Elorza also announced two upcoming initiatives: the City’s participation in the Mayor’s Challenge issued by USDOT and an upcoming visit from the League of American Bicyclists (LAB) in April for a Bicycle Friendly Communities visit. Mayor Elorza stated that the LAB has identified Providence as a priority city for achieving bicycle friendly community status this coming year.

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Eric Weis thanked Mayor Elorza and announced that the public forum portion of the meeting would be beginning. Mr. Weis asked that people sign up on the sign in sheet to speak and to make sure that they speak clearly and loudly as to be well heard.

The meeting was then opened to public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

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Respectfully submitted by Martina Haggerty.