



EAST PROVIDENCE WATERFRONT DISTRICT COMMISSION

Waterfront Commission Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 18, 2023 – 6:30 PM City Hall, Room 306

Commissioners present:

William Fazioli, Chair
Tim Conley
Jeanne Boyle
Steve Amoroso
Domenic Pontarelli
David O'Connell
James Moran
Keith A. Brynes

Voting Members Absent:

Jennifer Griffith
Mike Walker, Commerce RI
Peter Willey
Steve Hardcastle
Manny Barrows

Staff present:

Raymond Lavey, Executive Director
Amy Goins, Legal Counsel
Glenn Fontecchio, Staff Architect

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Chairman Fazioli provided opening remarks, welcoming Planning Director Keith A. Brynes as an ex officio member of the Commission.

2. OLD BUSINESS

Vote: Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 16, 2023 meeting

Motion to approve minutes of February 16, 2023 made by S. Amoroso, Seconded by D. O'Connell.
Motions passes unanimously.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Informational presentation on proposed 9-hole golf course for property at 500 Veterans Memorial Parkway, formerly known as Metacomet.

Paul Pisano who works with Marshall Properties provided a presentation to the Commission. Mr. Pisano explained to the Commission that his team has hired a landscape architect to create a concept plan for a 9-hole golf course.

There was a discussion regarding State permits that need to be obtained for the golf course and who will be managing the golf operations. Mr. Pisano informed the Commission that his team is in discussion with the necessary State agencies and is identifying who will manage the golf course.

There was a discussion on the phasing of this project. Mr. Pisano informed the Commission that work on the golf course is seasonal and they are seeking to work on the golf course during summer months.

Chairman Fazioli asked members of the public if they had any questions.

There was public discussion regarding the amount of the property that will not be developed, the Waterfront District zoning ordinance, permits, fencing, and wildlife.

Mr. Pisano informed the public that about half of the parcel will not be developed. John Restivo, attorney representing the property owner, explained the zoning ordinance referenced by the public referred to structures but that the discussion on the meeting docket was regarding earthwork and not the construction of structures.

4. STAFF REPORT

Executive Director R. Lavey provided an update to the Commission on recent meetings he has had and on the progress of recent development in the Waterfront District.

5. VOTE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by S. Amoroso, seconded by D. Pontarelli. Motion passes unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND LAVEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR