



EAST PROVIDENCE WATERFRONT DISTRICT COMMISSION

Waterfront Commission Meeting Minutes Thursday, October 19, 2023 – 6:30 PM City Hall, Room 306

Commissioners present:

William Fazioli, Chair
Tim Conley
Mike Walker
Manny Barrows
David O'Connell
Steve Amoroso
Domenic Pontarelli
Jennifer Griffith

Voting Members Absent:

Jeanne Boyle
Peter Willey

Staff present:

Raymond Lavey, Executive Director
Amy Goins, Legal Counsel
Keith A. Brynes, Director of Planning and
Economic Development

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

2. OLD BUSINESS

Vote: Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 17, 2023 meeting

Motion to approve minutes of August 17, 2023 made by M. Barrows, seconded by S. Hardcastle.
Motions passes unanimously.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2023 Update on Kettle Point TIF Performance

Chairman Fazioli provided an update on the Kettle Point TIF. The Commission receives an assessment report from the third party administrator of the TIF funds, and the 2023 report demonstrated the City received more in tax revenue than was originally projected. In 2023, the City received over \$800,000 in tax revenue from that development.

On a motion by Mr. Hardcastle, seconded by Mr. Barrows, the Commission unanimously voted to accept the 2023 Kettle Point TIF Performance report.

B. Preliminary Discussion on updating Waterfront regulations to conform to new legislation passed by Rhode Island General Assembly

Planning Director Keith A. Brynes explained to the Commission that the Rhode Island General Assembly

adopted a number of new bills that require the City and Waterfront Commission to update legislation to conform to the new state laws.

Director Brynes explained the process to make the required legislative updates to conform to Rhode Island General Law include a meeting before the Planning Board followed by the City Council.

C. Appointment of commission members to Design Review Committee

Chairman Fazioli requested the Commission appoint additional members to the Design Review Committee as advisory members in addition to the existing standing members. The Waterfront regulations suggest appointees with backgrounds in finance, professional development, and engineering serve in these roles.

On a motion by Mr. Hardcastle, Seconded by Ms. Griffith, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Manny Barrows, Jeanne Boyle, and Peter Willey who have experience in finance, professional development, and engineering, to the Design Review Committee.

4. STAFF REPORT

Executive Director R. Lavey provided his staff report to the Commission providing updates on recent meetings over the past two months.

5. VOTE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by D. O'Connell, seconded by S.Hardcastle. Motion passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND LAVEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR