



EAST PROVIDENCE WATERFRONT DISTRICT COMMISSION

Waterfront Commission Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 28, 2024 – 7:00 PM City Hall, City Council Chambers

Commissioners present:

William Fazioli, Chair
Domenic Pontarelli
David O'Connell
Jennifer Griffith
Steve Amoroso
Steve Hardcastle
Tim Conley
Robert Andrade

Members Absent:

Manny Barrows
Mike Walker, Commerce RI

Staff present:

Amy Goins, Legal Counsel
Keith Brynes, Director of Planning and
Economic Development

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Chairman Fazioli welcomed new commissioner Robert Andrade to the Commission.

2. OLD BUSINESS

Vote: Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 15, 2024 meeting

Motion to approve minutes of February 15, 2024 made by D. Pontarelli, Seconded by D. O'Connell.
Motions passes unanimously.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appoint two members to Design Review Committee

A motion by B. Fazioli, seconded by T. Conley, was made to appoint CT Narayanan to the Design Review Committee who has experience in financial services. Motion passes unanimous.

A motion by B. Fazioli, seconded by S. Amoroso, to appoint Jacques Afonso to the Design Review Committee who has experience in business administration, electrical engineering, and commercial construction. Motion passes unanimously.

B. Discuss and Act: Proposed Change of Regular Meeting Times for Waterfront Commission and Subcommittees from 6:30 to 7PM for remainder of 2024

On a motion by D. O'Connell, seconded by S. Amoroso, the Commission voted unanimously to conduct all meetings at 7PM for the remainder of 2024.

C. Approval of a transfer of \$103,625 for a drawdown of funds to Neighborworks Blackstone river Valley for the Ivy Place Development

Joe Garlick, Executive Director of Neighborworks Blackstone River Valley provided an update to the Commission on the 14 affordable housing units being built at the corner of Taunton Ave and Ivy Street.

A motion to transfer \$103,625 for a drawdown of funds to Neighborworks Blackstone river Valley for the Ivy Place Development was made by S. Hardcastle, seconded by T. Conley. Motion passes unanimously.

D. Public Hearing on Metacomet Property LLC's application for its proposed development located on 500 Veterans Memorial Parkway Assessor's Map 107, Block 15, Lot 1, and Map 107, Block 15, Lot 1-10. For Discussion only.

Attorney Josh Berlinsky, representing the applicant, introduced Deborah Cox, president of Public Archaeology Laboratory (PAL). Deborah Cox presented to the Commission the information on their archaeological monitoring of the property. Ms. Cox described PAL's process to complete a proposal of a scope of an archaeological survey. A proposal for an archaeological survey will require a permit from the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission.

Chairman Fazioli asked members of the public if they would like to participate in the public hearing.

Members of the public provided comments and questions on the topic of the information presented on the archaeological monitoring of the property and the process.

A member of the public asked questions relating to the impact of noise of the development.

On a motion by S. Amoroso, seconded by T. Conley, the Commission voted unanimously to continue the Public Hearing to April 18, 2024 at 7 PM.

4. STAFF REPORT

There was no staff report.

5. VOTE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by S. Amoroso, seconded by S. Hardcastle.

Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND LAVEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR