



EAST PROVIDENCE WATERFRONT DISTRICT COMMISSION

Waterfront Commission Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 27, 2024 – 7:00 PM City Hall, Room 306

Commissioners present:

William Fazioli, Chair
Domenic Pontarello
David O'Connell
Jennifer Griffith
Steve Amoroso
Tim Conley

Members Absent:

Steve Hardcastle

Staff present:

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

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. OLD BUSINESS

Vote: Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 16, 2024 meeting

Motion to approve minutes of May 16, 2024 made by D. Pontarelli, Seconded by J. Griffith.
Motions passes unanimously.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Continuation of 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.

Josh Berlinsky, representing the applicant, presented to the Commission, providing an update that the Met Links Golf Course is now open, and provided an update on the multiple peer review studies of the project and their status.

Matt Mrva, Landscape Architect, provided an update regarding the site plan regarding the roadway, plantings and solar study. Keith Curran from Bohler Engineering provided an update on the utility plan.

Paul Bannon, traffic engineer, presented an update to the Commission on the traffic and circulation plan.

Paul Pisano presented to the Committee, discussing Phase 1A of the proposed development, which includes the golf course maintenance building.

Chairman Fazioli opened the public hearing portion of the public meeting. Members of the public provided comments to the Commission discussing the proposed maintenance building, design guidelines as it relates to Veterans Memorial Parkway, tree removal on the subject property, the boundaries of the Veterans Memorial Parkway, the levels of traffic of the proposed development, and the proposed connection between the Lyon Ave neighborhood and the East Bay Bike Path, and uploading peer review information to the waterfront website.

On a motion by D. Pontarelli, seconded by S. Amoros, the Commission voted unanimously to refer proposed phase 1A to the Planning Board for determination of consistency with the comprehensive plan and to continue the public hearing to the Waterfront Commission July 18th meeting.

B. FY 25 Budget Adoption – Discuss and Vote

Executive Director Raymond Lavey presented the FY 25 budget to the Commission.

4. STAFF REPORT

Executive Director R. Lavey provided an update to the Commission on recent meetings and other administrative activity over the past month.

Amy Goins provided an update to the Commission on updated regulations recently passed by the Rhode Island General Assembly.

5. VOTE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by D. Pontarelli, seconded by J. Griffin.

Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND LAVEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR