



EAST PROVIDENCE WATERFRONT DISTRICT COMMISSION

Waterfront Commission Hearing Minutes November 16, 2017

Attendees: William Fazioli, Acting Chairman
Stephen Hardcastle
John Pesce
Roy Coulombe
Peter Willey

Members absent: Jay Kern
Paul Moura
Luis Torrado

Ex-Officio: Diane Feather, Acting Planning Director

Staff: Pamela M. Sherrill, Executive Director

The meeting was called to order at 6:22 PM.

1. **Opening Remarks.** The Acting Chair opened the meeting and summarized Councilman Botelho's remarks on Waterfront Commission Efficacy at the November 7, 2017 City Council meeting. The Acting Chair has been asked to appear on the docket to address the council's concerns at the November 21, 2017 City Council meeting.
2. **Old Business**
 - A. **VOTE:** On a motion by Mr. Willey seconded by Mr. Pesce, the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of October 19, 2017.
3. **New Business**
 - A. **VOTE:** To approve signatories on four Washington Trust accounts: General Operating Account, SBA Grant Administration, SBA Loan Account, EDA 10 New Road Grant: William Fazioli, Steven Hardcastle and Pamela Sherrill. On a motion by Mr. Coulombe and seconded by Mr. Hardcastle, the Commission voted 5-0 to approve.
 - B. **Vote:** To open a designated Washington Trust account: *East Providence Waterfront District Commission Affordable Housing In-Lieu Fee Account* with William Fazioli, Steven Hardcastle and Pamela Sherrill as signatories. On a motion by Mr. Coulombe and seconded by Mr. Hardcastle, the Commission voted 5-0 to approve.
 - C. **Vote:** to approve the FY 2018 Budget. Ms. Sherrill outlined budget categories including the change in staff costs. On a motion by Mr. Coulombe and seconded by Mr. Hardcastle, the Commission voted 5-0 to approve. The Acting Chair directed Ms. Sherrill to post the budget on the Waterfront Commission website.



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D. Vote: to approve the annual meeting calendar for 2018. Meetings will be scheduled the third Thursday of the month, at 6:30 PM. On a motion by Mr. Coulombe and seconded by Mr. Hardcastle, the Commission voted 5-0 to approve.

4. Staff Report

Ms. Sherrill provided an update on the South Quay including positive discussions with Mark Hastings from the Genesee and Wyoming RR and Audie Osgood, DiPrete Engineering. Discussion followed on the positive momentum with G&W RR and the need to preserve CRMC's Type 6 industrial waters on a portion of the quay while opening up the remainder to mixed use. Ms. Sherrill will set up a meeting to discuss with Parag Agarwal, Associate Director for Planning at the RI Division of Planning prior to contacting CRMC to discuss. Ms. Feather indicated that the comprehensive plan is not state-approved because proposed mixed use is not consistent with Type 6 waters.

A meeting will be held November 20 with Senator Conley to discuss funding strategies for the I-195 eastbound on-ramp and the westbound off-ramp. Many of the waterfront stakeholders have been invited to attend.

General discussion followed regarding the need to partner any future requests for affordable housing in-lieu funding with an affordable housing project that needs gap financing.

Waterfront Commissioners will be issued identification badges. Commissioners will be notified of the addresses of upcoming applications so that they can make individual site visits.

Discussion followed regarding development opportunities for the Odd Fellows Hall and the former Hot Rods.

The next meeting is scheduled December 14 at 6:30 PM when Chevron will be presenting their re-envisioning plan. It is important to get the word out on the website, Facebook, and invite media as well as emailing and posting the agenda as required.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pamela M. Sherrill".

PAMELA M. SHERRILL, AICP

Executive Director

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