

East Providence Conservation Commission

April 20, 2010 Meeting
East Providence City Hall, Room 308
7:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Members present: Lorraine Nik (Chair), John Rose (Vice Chair), Wayne Barnes, Frank Dias, Keith Gonsalves, John Burridge, and James Boyd (Secretary)

Call to Order

Chair L. Nik called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

Review of Minutes

The Commission reviewed and approved the March 16 meeting minutes on a motion by K. Gonsalves and seconded by J. Rose.

Planning Department Update

FEMA Flood Recovery process - Wayne indicated that RI received over 19 inches of rain during a 5-week period beginning in late February until the end of March resulting in historic floods throughout the state. Approximately 800 City residents had filed claims with FEMA. In addition, the City was also in the process of filing claims with FEMA to cover equipment losses and sewer line repairs. Thus far, FEMA has been very responsive to resident and City inquiries.

Turner Reservoir Walkway - The recent floods resulted in some ramps being dislocated due to hydrostatic pressure. Some areas around two ramps settled and were too steep post-construction making them noncompliant with ADA standards. Modifications will be completed to correct for the ADA compliance issues and repair due to flood damage. The City is hopeful that the construction contract will obligate the contractor to make the necessary ADA repairs at no cost to the City.

Correspondence

CRMC application notice - Public notice of application (2010-03-012) for construction of revetment along the shoreline at White Avenue in Riverside.

Continued Business

Boyden Heights boardwalk reconstruction - Wayne updated the Commission on status of scheduling construction and indicated that he had been in contact with Ed Catelli of the City Building Department. Ed had indicated that he could schedule a Saturday workday with the Commission to facilitate reconstruction of the boardwalk. After discussion, it was determined that Wayne and Keith would meet with Ed onsite at the boardwalk to discuss what steps are necessary to complete the project. The Commission also determined that it should meet in special session immediately following the onsite meeting to discuss schedules and work plan and it was decided that April 29 would be most convenient for Commission members.

New Business

City Hazard Mitigation Plan - Wayne indicated that he needed to hold a public meeting for input on the draft hazard mitigation plan and suggested that it be included on the Commission agenda.

After discussion, it was determined that the public meeting could be held the same evening as the Commission meeting, but it would be scheduled to precede the Commission meeting.

National Trails Day - Wayne and Keith attended the Seekonk Trails Committee meeting on March 29 to discuss trail development and points of interest in the trail systems. Brown University (Lynn Carlson) has prepared detailed maps showing existing and proposed trails with connections between Seekonk and East Providence trail systems. National Trails Day will be June 5th, and the Commission will discuss at the May 18 meeting the possibility of setting up a table with information at Hunt's Mill.

Adjournment

The Commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 PM on a motion by K. Gonsalves and seconded by J. Rose.

The next Conservation Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18 at 7:30 PM, East Providence City Hall, Room A.

Respectfully submitted,
James Boyd, Secretary