

East Providence Conservation Commission

April 29, 2010 Special Meeting
East Providence City Hall, Room 308
7:30 PM

Special Meeting Minutes

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

Call to Order

Chair L. Nik called the special meeting to order at 7:38 PM.

Special Meeting to Discuss Reconstruction of Boyden Heights Boardwalk

Wayne and Keith met with Ed Catelli and Tony Viera of the City Building Department onsite at the boardwalk. Ed indicated that they would begin reconstruction of a small section during May 3rd and 4th. They determined that the existing two main stringers on the boardwalk were not in good condition, but that a solution would be to add on sister 2x6 boards to strengthen and reinforce the existing stringers and provide more nailing surface for the deck boards. This will also reduce the number of needed cross-bracing. It was determined that a large group of folks will be needed to bring materials to the work site, as this is the most challenging aspect of the project. Wayne had also contacted the Parks Department to see if they could clear some vegetation in the immediate vicinity of the boardwalk to facilitate construction.

Next Steps - The Commission will assess needs for completing the project after the initial test phase to complete one section of the board walk is completed by the City Building Department. Wayne will contact Tony to see if he could attend a Commission meeting to further discuss construction sequencing and completion. The Commission will discuss at the May 18 meeting.

Adjournment

The Commission voted to adjourn the special meeting at 8:19 PM on a motion by J. Rose and seconded by J. Burrige.

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

Respectfully submitted,
James Boyd, Secretary