

## **East Providence Conservation Commission**

October 5, 2010 Meeting  
East Providence City Hall - Conference Room A  
7:30 PM

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Members present:** Lorraine Nik (Chair), Wayne Barnes, Frank Dias, Keith Gonsalves, and James Boyd (Secretary)

**Public in Attendance:** Paul and Alex Duarte (Eagle Scout)

### **Call to Order**

Chair L. Nik called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

Note: The Commission was holding this special meeting to discuss time-sensitive issues for the Boyden Heights Conservation Area boardwalk reconstruction, as the September 21 meeting had to be cancelled.

### **Review of Minutes**

The Commission will review the minutes from the August 17 meeting at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Chair Nik asked if Commission members would be amenable to discussing the Boyden Heights Conservation Area boardwalk reconstruction as the first item on the agenda in consideration of the public members in attendance for that matter. All Commission members agreed.

### **Continued Business**

Boyden Heights boardwalk reconstruction - Alex Duarte introduced himself and provided the Commissioners with an update on his proposed Eagle Scout project to assist in reconstructing the boardwalk. Wayne indicated that a work plan meeting was scheduled for October 13 to review materials and equipment with the City Engineer at the City garage. It was determined that one section of the railing with top cap and balusters would be completed to serve as a model for completion of the remainder of the project. It was agreed that the weekend of October 23-24 would be the date for completing the project. Wayne indicated that he would coordinate with City Engineer for getting materials delivered at the bike path so that the Scouts can transport materials to the boardwalk site. Commission members determined that final work day details would be discussed at the next regularly scheduled meeting (October 19).

### **Planning Department Update**

Hunts Mill project update - Tree clearing was completed during the week of September 27 for the vehicle access road and turn-around in the park interior.

Ten Mile River Fish Ladders - Wayne and Keith reported that a ribbon cutting ceremony was held earlier in the day, October 5th to celebrate the commencement of construction on the Hunts Mill and Turner Reservoir fish ladders. The contractor had begun lowering the reservoir level to facilitate construction, but water levels would have to be returned to normal levels by permit condition later in the fall. Work will be ongoing through 2011.

**Correspondence**

RI Tree Council - Letter soliciting membership in the RI Tree Council.

**New Business**

No new business

**Adjournment**

The Commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 PM on a motion by J. Boyd and seconded by K. Gonsalves.

**The next regularly scheduled Conservation Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 19 at 7:30 pm in Room A (1st floor) East Providence City Hall**

Respectfully submitted,  
James Boyd, Secretary