

**CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**Minutes of May 16th, 2019  
Held In Conference Room A**

Present were Daniel Corria, Michelle Martins Botelho, Dominic Leonardo, Melissa Linhares, Scott Haggerty and James Moran (staff).

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. Mr. Moran informed the Commission that Chairman Killian has been out of town and unable to attend and that Fred Radway would not be able to make the meeting due to illness. He indicated however, that there were still sufficient members present to attain a quorum for the meeting.

The Commission welcomed new member Melissa Linhares and each member introduced themselves. Ms. Linhares discussed her professional credentials and discussed how she would like to assist in the promotion of economic development vitality in the community as a member of the Commission. Mr. Moran indicated that Melissa's expertise in public relations, marketing and web based technology would be a valuable asset to the group.

**New Business**

**Agenda Item 1. Approval of April 18, 2019 Minutes**

On a Motion by Ms. Martins Botelho and Seconded by Mr. Leonardo, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the April 18, 2019 Minutes, as submitted.

**Agenda Item 2. Follow-up discussion on joint meeting with the Waterfront District Commission;**

The Commission discussed last month's joint meeting with the Waterfront District Commission and the encouragement of a cooperative working relationship with the Economic Development Commission that was expressed by Waterfront District Commission Chairman William Fazioli. The Economic Development Commission will receive requests from the Commission from time to time requesting an advisory opinion on major economic development related projects that are happening within the Waterfront District. At the meeting, both commissions also discussed and were supportive of conducting a joint study of the economic impact of the proposed music venue in East Providence, including consideration of the multiplier effect this type of use would have on the local and regional economy.

**Agenda Item 3. Discussion on Henderson Bridge Project;**

Mr. Moran updated the Commission on the latest developments on the Henderson Bridge Project and the meetings that have occurred between the City and RIDOT to develop the current alignment of the bridge and the consideration of a double roundabout on the City of East Providence side of the bridge. Mr. Moran indicated that there was a significant amount of right-of-way land that will generate substantial economic investment once it becomes available for development. Final design should be completed by early fall and construction of the

improvements would commence by 2020. It is likely that the project would be completed within the next two years.

There was no other business discussed.

**Adjourn:** The Commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm

Signed: *James Moran*  
Recording Secretary