



CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Minutes of May 18, 2023

Held in the Conference Room A, City Hall

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Botelho at 6:10 PM. Those identified as present were Chairwoman Botelho, Mr. Leonardo, Mr. Radway, Mr. Corria, Mr. Brun, Mr. McNelis, Mr. Moran, and Ms. McNamara.

II. Old Business:

- A.** Motion to approve March 16 Meeting minutes made by Mr. Brun, Seconded by D. Corria. The motion was unanimously approved.
- B.** Motion to approve April 6 Meeting minutes made by Mr. Corria, Seconded by Mr. Brun. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. New Business:

- 1. Discussion on Roger Brooks Assessment Findings and Suggestions Report regarding Tourism in East Providence**

Chairwoman Botelho provided a background on Roger Brooks' Assessment of tourism in East Providence, explaining the collaboration between Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, the City of East Providence, a theatre group, the Arts Council, Historical Society, and the Chamber of Commerce. The Commission discussed the report and different ways the City can effectively communicate tourism initiatives with residents.

IV. Staff Report

Mr. Leonardo discussed development updates with the Commission, that the sale of market rate parcels on Burnside and Hoppin Avenues have closed, and that there may be loan applications before the commission in the coming months.

V. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Leonardo, seconded by Mr. Radway, the Commission unanimously voted to

adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James Moran

Recording Secretary