



EAST PROVIDENCE WATERFRONT DISTRICT COMMISSION

Waterfront Commission Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 7, 2020 - 4:00 PM

**A remote/virtual meeting was held in accordance with Governor Gina Raimondo's
EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-05, March 16, 2020, THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL EMERGENCY
DECLARATION - PUBLIC MEETINGS AND PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS.**

Commissioners present via video and audio:

William Fazioli, Chair	David O'Connell
Tim Conley, Vice Chair	David Sluter
Paul Moura, Secretary	Luis Torrado
Steven Hardcastle, Treasurer	Peter Willey
Jennifer Griffith	Mike Walker, Commerce RI
Domenic Pontarelli	

Absent:

Rick Lawson

Staff present via video and audio:

Pamela M. Sherrill, AICP, Executive Director
Chris Martin, Waterfront Planner
Amy Goins, Ursillo, Teitz & Ritch, Ltd., Legal Counsel

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

2. WATERFRONT COMMISSION ROLL CALL

Ms. Sherrill conducted a roll call to confirm quorum of voting members.

<i>Roll Call:</i>	William Fazioli, Chair	David O'Connell
	Tim Conley, Vice Chair	David Sluter
	Steven Hardcastle, Treasurer	Luis Torrado
	Jennifer Griffith	Peter Willey
	Domenic Pontarelli	Paul Moura, Secretary (joined at 4:16 PM)

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion: The Chair indicated that the remote meeting is a new system in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Chris Martin is serving as the Zoom host and is recording the meeting. The meeting is open to the public, please use the Chat feature to indicate if you would like to speak. Speakers are reminded to identify themselves. He then welcomed Amy Goins, Ursillo, Teitz & Ritch, Ltd., our new legal counsel. Ms. Goins asked if the Commission was able to procure a toll-free number for this meeting. Mr. Martin confirmed that he is looking into this with the city Zoom account. Mr. Fazioli indicated that the city is aware of this issue and is looking into it, especially for City Council meetings. Ms. Goins announced that the Governor extended the Executive Order 20-05 to May 8, 2020.

B. Vote: Confirm Daniel O’Connell as member of the Design Review Committee. Mr. O’Connell recused himself from the vote on advice of legal counsel. A motion was made by Mr. Willey and seconded by Mr. Hardcastle. Mr. O’Connell indicated that he has been involved with design for many years and looks forward to contributing to the reviews conducted by the Design Review Committee. Ms. Sherrill conducted a roll call vote. Seven voted affirmatively:

William Fazioli - Aye	David Sluter - Aye
Tim Conley - Aye	Luis Torrado - Aye
Steven Hardcastle - Aye	Peter Willey- Aye
Jennifer Griffith - Aye	[Mr. Pontarelli had dropped off the video meeting and did not vote]

The motion prevailed unanimously. The chair welcomed Mr. O’Connell to the Design Review Committee. The next DRC meeting is Thursday, April 9, 2020. Mr. Torrado confirmed with legal counsel that Mr. O’Connell’s recusal was only for the vote to approve him as a member of the DRC and that he would be a full voting member of that committee going forward.

4. VOTE: A motion was made by Mr. Hardcastle, seconded by Mr. Conley, to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was conducted:

William Fazioli - Aye	David Sluter - Aye
Tim Conley - Aye	Luis Torrado - Aye
Steven Hardcastle - Aye	Peter Willey- Aye
Jennifer Griffith - Aye	Mr. Moura joined the meeting at 4:16 and voted Aye

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 4:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

PAMELA SHERRILL, AICP, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR