



**CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
PLANNING BOARD
Approved Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: East Providence City Hall, 145 Taunton Avenue, Room 306

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order. Members present were Chairman Michael Robinson, Eric Crook, Greg Miller and Robert Gagnon. Director of Planning Keith A. Brynes and Assistant City Solicitor Joel Votolato were also present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Crook, the Board unanimously approved the January 13, 2025 minutes.

4. NEW BUSINESS

For discussion, consideration, and/or action (vote), regarding the following matters:

- A.** Public hearing to consider recommendations to the City Council on the proposed adoption of the new 2025 East Providence Comprehensive Plan. The preparation, revision, and adoption of this 2025 Comprehensive Plan are considered in accordance with the provisions of RIGL Chapter 22.2, the Rhode Island Comprehensive Planning & Land Use Regulation Act.

The proposed plan under consideration will update in its entirety the prior 2010 Comprehensive Plan, including the following chapters: Housing, Economic Development, City Services and Facilities, Transportation and Connectivity, Recreation, Natural Resources, Natural Hazards and Climate Change, History, Culture and the Arts, Sustainability, Waterfront District, Land Use, and Implementation.

The current version of the proposed plan varies in the following ways from the version considered at the Planning Board's 8/19/24 public hearing:

- Implementation Schedule now includes relevant Goals and Policies from chapters as well as current status of recommended Action Items. The plan's recommendations have not changed.
- The Future Land Use Map more accurately reflects the layout of the Silver Spring Golf Course located at 3303 Pawtucket Ave. (Assessor's Map 310, Block 7, Lots 4, 4.1 & 4.2 and Map 210, Block 3, Lot 7). Recommended land use for the golf course continues to be "Conservation / Parks."

Mr. Brynes provided an overview of the proposed changes to the plan's Implementation Schedule and Future Land Use Map. This is the Board's 2nd public hearing to consider recommending adoption of the new Comprehensive Plan. On August 26, 2024, the Board voted to recommend approval after making several minor changes based on comments from the public and board members. After the Board's previous hearing, additional minor changes to the draft plan were made which require this hearing by the Board prior to City Council's adoption. No other recommendations, map or text have been changed since the last hearing.

Chairman Robinson opened the hearing to public comment:

Heather Andrade stated that the plan should recognize Veterans Memorial Parkway as a historic resource to be protected and that the Parkway should be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

Dan Baudouin commented on elements of the plan including the historic nature of Veterans Memorial Parkway, updating the 2003 Waterfront Plan and the Metacomet Golf Course's status on the Future Land Use Map.

On motion by Mr. Crook, seconded by Mr. Miller, the Board voted unanimously to approve recommendation of the 2025 East Providence Comprehensive Plan, as revised, for City Council adoption.

5. ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman announced the next scheduled Planning Board meeting is April 14, 2025.

6. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Crook, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:36PM.

Cc: Mayor Roberto DaSilva
City Council
Director of Public Works
City Engineer
City Solicitor
Fire Chief
Zoning Officer