

City of East Providence Crescent Park Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes for November 21, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:31 pm by Bruce Rogers

II. ROLL CALL

In attendance:

Bruce Rogers, Joan Hanrahan-Miller, Donna McMahon, Stephen Costa, Benjamin Schwartz, Mike Kennedy, David Luiz, Joseph Grilo, Dennis Thibeault, Catherine Vieira Baker, and Tracy Johnson

III. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes by Stephen Costa, second by Joseph Grilo

All in favor.

IV. CONTINUED BUSINESS

a. New Building: Update given by Tracy Johnson. The Mayor is interested in moving the new building across the street. He asked that the deeds to Crescent Park (former Larisa Park) be reviewed for possible locations to build and has placed this project on hold until it is determined if it can in fact be moved.

b. 2023 Tree Lighting: The Carousel is decorated, and the tree is up. Baked goods donated by Scialos Bakery, Dunkin Donuts and

various vendors and volunteers. Photographs by Amy.

c. Bylaws: Bruce Rogers suggested to review at next meeting. Motion made to table to next meeting by Joseph Grilo, second by Donna McMahon. All in favor.

d. 2024 Fundraising

1. Dine Out Events: Discussion on whether to continue these events. We will need suggested restaurants and contacts.

Next scheduled is Rosa's Tavern on January 24, 2024. We did well with Miller's Roast Beef and Davenport's.

Tracy Johnson to provide letters for restaurants. Motion made to continue Dine Out Events by Stephen Costa, second by Joseph Grilo and Mike Kennedy. All in favor.

2. Movies in the Park: Friday nights – June 28, August 23 and October 11 of 2024

Motion made to continue by Stephen Costa, second by Mike Kennedy/Donna McMahon. All in favor.

3. Summerfest: A Chairperson is needed July 18 to 21 of 2024. Sponsors and Entertainment are needed. Tracy Johnson needs help. Chairs for the event are Bruce Rogers and Mike Kennedy, and Tracy Johnson to help.

4. Food and Wine Pairing:

Chair is Catherine Vieira Baker, and other duties will be subdivided as we get closer. We will select a date at our next meeting in January. It has been suggested for September 2024.

5. Pumpkin Fest: This will be October 5, 2024, with a rain date of October 6, 2024, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Tracy Johnson is Chair. All other duties will be assigned as we get closer to the date.

6. Trunk or Treat: This event will again be with Team No Filter. Date to be determined.

7. 2024 Tree Lighting: Date to be determined. Chair to be Joseph Grilo. Details to be determined at a later date.

8. Winterfest Collaboration: N/A

9. Line Dancing: Chair to be Catherine Vieira Baker. Details to be researched and reported back.

V. NEW BUSINESS: None

VI. ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm by Stephen Costa, Second by Joseph Grilo. All in favor.