



Board of Park Commissioners

Regular Meeting

~ Agenda ~

May 7, 2025

8:30AM

Roger Williams Park Boathouse
1000 Elmwood Avenue, Providence

BOARD MEMBERS

Chairman Mayor Brett P. Smiley

Council President Pro-Tempore Juan M. Pichardo
Commissioner Randall Rice
Commissioner Justin Holland

Councilor Sue R. AnderBois
Commissioner Sara McConnell
Commissioner Elizabeth Gordon-Martin

This meeting was called to order at 8:33am.

PRESENT: Chairman Mayor Brett P. Smiley; Commissioner Justin Holland; Commissioner Elizabeth Gordon-Martin; Councilor Sue R. AnderBois.

ABSENT: Commissioner Sara McConnell; Council President Pro-Tempore Juan M. Pichardo; Commissioner Randall Rice.

Also present were Wendy Nilsson, Parks Superintendent; Hannah Falvey, Assistant to the Superintendent; Hannah Foye; Associate City Solicitor; and

APPROVAL OF MARCH 5, 2025 MEETING MINUTES.

On motion of Commissioner Elizabeth Gordon-Martin and seconded by Commissioner Justin Holland It is voted to approve the March 5, 2025 meeting minutes.

RESULT: Approved (**VOTE**) [**UNANIMOUS**]

MOVER: Commissioner Elizabeth Gordon-Martin.

SECONDER: Commissioner Justin Holland.

AYES: Councilor Sue R. AnderBois.

ABSENT: Commissioner Sara McConnell; Council President Pro-Tempore Juan M. Pichardo; Commissioner Randall Rice.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments were made at this time.

AUTHORIZATION TO WITHDRAW FUNDS FROM GOULD TRUST FOR THE RESTORATION OF ESEK HOPKINS HOUSE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PROVIDENCE PRESERVATION SOCIETY. Wendy Nilsson, Parks Superintendent. Discussion and vote.

AUTHORIZATION TO WITHDRAW FUNDS FROM CHARLES H. SMITH TRUST FOR BOTANICAL CENTER IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE. Lee Ann Freitas, Botanical Center Manager and Wendy Nilsson, Parks Superintendent. Discussion and Vote.

AUTHORIZATION TO WITHDRAW FUNDS FROM THE SAMUEL TINGLEY TRUST FOR FUTSAL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS AND PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT. Wendy Nilsson, Parks Superintendent. Discussion and vote.

AUTHORIZATION TO WITHDRAW FUNDS FROM THE ANNA MANN TRUST FOR ROGER WILLIAMS PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. Wendy Nilsson, Parks Superintendent. Discussion and vote.

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AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE NORTH BURIAL GROUND PERPETUAL CARE TRUST TO THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE FOR OPERATING COSTS. Annalisa Heppner, City Cemetery Director and Wendy Nilsson, Parks Superintendent. Discussion and vote.

Mayor Smiley introduced Items 5–9 (Exhibits A-E) and invited Superintendent Wendy Nilsson to review the proposed trust disbursements. She referred the Board to Exhibit A, which included details on each trust’s purpose, interest yields, prior withdrawals, and legal confirmation that requests align with intended uses.

For Item 5, Nilsson explained the Gould Trust would fund restoration of the Esek Hopkins House in partnership with the Providence Preservation Society, a successful 3-year collaboration. Item 6 proposes using the Smith Trust for improvements at Roger Williams Park Botanical Center. Item 7 calls for Tingley Trust funds to support futsal field upgrades and replace playground equipment. Item 8 uses Anna Mann Trust funds for accessibility improvements at Roger Williams Park, including a new boardwalk and ADA ramp. Finally, Item 9 proposes using the North Burial Ground Perpetual Trust for routine operating expenses.

All withdrawals are routine and fall within the standard 3.5–5% annual drawdown range. Mayor Smiley reiterated that each request is legally vetted and consistent with the trusts’ purposes.

Commissioner Holland asked about the long-term vision for the Esek Hopkins House; Nilsson said it’s still being determined, but it will be an arts space or similar public benefit, not a residence. Commissioner AnderBois inquired about investment oversight. Mayor Smiley responded that the Board of Investment Commissioners manages trust investments, reviewed monthly, with the city treasurer and Councilwoman Anthony representing the Council.

Mayor Smiley asked if there were any other questions on items 5 through 9, and with none from the Board, took a motion to approve. On motion of Councilor Sue R. AnderBois and seconded by Commissioner Elizabeth Gordon-Martin. It is voted to approve items 5 through 9.

RESULT: Approved (VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Councilor Sue R. AnderBois.

SECONDER: Commissioner Elizabeth Gordon-Martin.

AYES: Commissioner Justin Holland.

ABSENT: Commissioner Sara McConnell; Council President Pro-Tempore Juan M. Pichardo; Commissioner Randall Rice.

AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOCATE FUNDING FROM PROVPORT BOND COMMUNITY BENEFIT REVENUE FUND TO PEARL STREET PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS. Wendy Nilsson, Superintendent. Discussion and Vote.

Superintendent Nilsson explains the ProvPort Bond in relation to city ordinance 2023-1 (Exhibit F), noting that it is only for parks in wards 10 and 11, and that the draw down this year is \$125,000. She also stated that Pearl Street Park needs around that much in improvements – a first wave of improvements was done about 8 years ago, but the park needs significant improvements.

Mayor Smiley asked if there were any other questions on item 10, and with none from the Board, took a motion to approve. On motion of Councilor Sue R. AnderBois and seconded by Commissioner Justin Holland. It is voted to approve item 10.

RESULT: Approved (VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Councilor Sue R. AnderBois.

SECONDER: Commissioner Justin Holland.

AYES: Commissioner Elizabeth Gordon-Martin.

ABSENT: Commissioner Sara McConnell; Council President Pro-Tempore Juan M. Pichardo; Commissioner Randall Rice.

AUTHORIZATION TO NAME RICHARDSON STREET PARK, CEDRIC P. HUNTLEY PARK. Wendy Nilsson, Superintendent. Discussion and Vote.

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AUTHORIZATION TO NAME ONE OF THE BASEBALL FIELDS IN GANO PARK AS COUNCILMAN JOHN MURPHY FIELD. Wendy Nilsson, Superintendent. Discussion and Vote.

AUTHORIZATION TO NAME THE THREE LITTLE LEAGUE FIELDS AT MT. PLEASANT PARK: FIELD 1, LEO TRACY JR. FIELD; FIELD 2, TOM IZZO FIELD; FIELD 3, DR. ARNOLD HAHN FIELD. Wendy Nilsson, Superintendent. Discussion and Vote.

Superintendent Nilsson sought the Board's guidance on Items 11–13 (Exhibits G-I), all concerning park renaming requests that do not meet the Board's policy requiring honorees to be deceased for at least three years. She noted that while this policy exists (Exhibit J), the Board can waive it at their discretion.

Commissioner Holland asked about the rationale behind the three-year rule. Nilsson explained it allows time for reflection, and consideration of unforeseen issues given the limited number of parks. In Item 11, she noted the adjacent street is already named after Cedric P. Huntley and asked if the Board would support naming the park similarly.

Nilsson also pointed out that some naming resolutions are being passed by City Council before coming to the Board, making them more of a recommendation. Commissioner Gordon-Martin questioned whether Council members are aware of the naming policy. Councilor AnderBois and Mayor Smiley agreed that awareness is mixed. Commissioner Holland asked for clarification on the deceased requirement. Nilsson confirmed it, but noted exceptions can be made for major contributions or extenuating circumstances at the Board's discretion.

Mayor Smiley suggested to Councilor AnderBois that perhaps they could work together to inform the council of the policy and the rationale for a waiting period and other requirements. He emphasized the importance of thoughtful decisions, respecting legacies, and balancing Council intent with the value of long-term reflection.

Mayor Smiley took a motion to hold items 11, 12, and 13 for discussion at a later date. On motion of Councilor Sue R. AnderBois and seconded by Commissioner Elizabeth Gordon-Martin. It is voted to hold items 11, 12, and 13 for discussion at a later date.

RESULT: Approved (VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Councilor Sue R. AnderBois.

SECONDER: Commissioner Elizabeth Gordon-Martin.

AYES: Commissioner Justin Holland.

ABSENT: Commissioner Sara McConnell; Council President Pro-Tempore Juan M. Pichardo; Commissioner Randall Rice.

PRESENTATION OF UPDATED PARKS DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC PLAN. Wendy Nilsson, Parks Department Superintendent. Discussion.

Superintendent Nilsson introduced the Parks Department's new 3–5-year Strategic Plan (Exhibit K), developed in collaboration with EcoLeaders and zoo partners. The team gathered input from citywide polls, city directors, partners, BOPC, and the Mayor to define the department's purpose, vision, priorities, and ethos. All Parks divisions contributed to ensure the plan reflects shared goals.

Superintendent Nilsson emphasized the importance of the Board's endorsement and support of the plan's direction.

Mayor Smiley praised the clarity and thoughtfulness of the plan. Commissioners Gordon-Martin, Holland and Councilor AnderBois echoed the sentiment, calling the language simple yet effective, and beautifully written.

Prompted by Mayor Smiley, Superintendent Nilsson expanded on the priorities outlined in the plan (Exhibit). In response to a question from Commissioner Gordon-Martin about social media, Nilsson noted that expanding its use is a goal moving forward.

Superintendent Nilsson concluded by emphasizing that the Strategic Plan is grounded in current resources and realistic goals for future growth. The Board agreed that the plan is practical and achievable based on the information presented.

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With no further comments, Mayor Smiley asked if the Board would like to take a vote of support. Nilsson noted that the department would value the city's endorsement. The plan was unanimously endorsed by the Board.

RESULT: Approved **(VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: Councilor Sue R. AnderBois.

SECONDER: Commissioner Justin Holland.

AYES: Commissioner Elizabeth Gordon-Martin.

ABSENT: Commissioner Sara McConnell; Council President Pro-Tempore Juan M. Pichardo; Commissioner Randall Rice.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05am.

On motion of Councilor Sue R. AnderBois and seconded by Commissioner Elizabeth Gordon-Martin.
It is voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:05am.

RESULT: Approved **(VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: Councilor Sue R. AnderBois.

SECONDER: Commissioner Elizabeth Gordon-Martin.

AYES: Commissioner Justin Holland.

ABSENT: Commissioner Sara McConnell; Council President Pro-Tempore Juan M. Pichardo; Commissioner Randall Rice.

PER ORDER OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

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CITY OF PROVIDENCE

Brett P. Smiley, Mayor

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Brett P. Smiley, Chairman of Board of Park Commissioners and Board of Investment
FROM: Hannah M. Foye, Associate City Solicitor
RE: Request for Authorization to withdraw funds from Gould Trust for the Restoration of Esek Hopkins House in partnership with Providence Preservation Society
DATE: May 2, 2025

Dear Mayor Smiley,

It is my legal opinion that the request of the Superintendent of Parks to withdraw funds from the Marshall H. Gould Trust ("the Trust") in order to make improvements to Esek Hopkins House in partnership with Providence Preservation Society is in accordance with the intent of the Trust.

Very truly yours,

Hannah M. Foye, Esq.
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REQUEST TO THE BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS
TO TRANSFER FUNDS
FROM THE ELIZABETH GOULD TRUST
TO THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE OPERATING ACCOUNT 826

City Council Ordinances and Resolutions, 1950, CH. 337, page 37. The purpose of the trust is "Especially for the maintenance and repairs of the Esek Hopkins Homestead on Admiral Street..., so long as it exists, and thereafter for the maintenance of the land and playgrounds belonging to and adjoining the same. (Original Corpus \$100,000) This fund was established under the Fourth Clause of the will of Marshall H. Gould.

AMOUNT REQUESTED: 3% - \$23,475.44

USE OF FUNDS: INTERIOR RESTORATION OF ESEK HOPKINS IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH PROVIDENCE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

EXISTING TRUST FUND BALANCE: \$782,514.70 (as of 4/30/25)

LAST WITHDRAWAL AMOUNT: \$22,036.59 (6/6/2024)

YTD	-1.6%
1 Yr	+9.3%
3 Yr (Annlz'd)	+7.7%
5 Yr (Annlz'd)	+10.6%



CITY OF PROVIDENCE

Brett P. Smiley, Mayor

CONFIDENTIAL INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Brett P. Smiley, Chairman of Board of Park Commissioners and Board of Investment
FROM: Hannah M. Foye, Associate City Solicitor
RE: Request for Authorization to withdraw funds from Charles H. Smith Trust for Botanical Center Improvements and Maintenance
DATE: May 2, 2025

Dear Mayor Smiley,

It is my legal opinion that the request of the Superintendent of Parks to withdraw funds from the Charles Smith Trust (“the Trust”) for improvements and maintenance to the Roger Williams Park Botanical Center is in accordance with the intent of the Trust.

Very truly yours,

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REQUEST TO THE BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS
TO TRANSFER FUNDS
FROM THE CHARLES H. SMITH TRUST
TO THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE OPERATING ACCOUNT 819

Resolution number 176 approved June 8, 1937. Resolution accepting the bequest and devise of the late Charles H. Smith for the purposes and upon the conditions expressed in the will of the said Charles H. Smith. Original corpus \$25,000. "Fourteenth...to apply the same under and with the advice and direction of the Superintendent of Parks for the time being of the said City and the Senior Professor of Botany for the time being in Brown University, or either of them, to the purchase of trees, plants, vines, shrubs, bulbs and seeds, foreign or domestic, and to the planting of the same in said Roger Williams Park and in said Providence and its additions..."

AMOUNT REQUESTED: 3.5% \$142,647.99

USE OF FUNDS: BOTANICAL CENTER IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE

EXISTING TRUST FUND BALANCE: \$4,075,656.76 (as of 4/30/25)

LAST WITHDRAWAL AMOUNT: \$134,863.94 (6/6/2024)

YTD -1.5%
1 Yr +9.3%
3 Yr (Annlz'd) +7.9%
5 Yr (Annlz'd) +10.7%



CITY OF PROVIDENCE

Brett P. Smiley, Mayor

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Brett P. Smiley, Chairman of Board of Park Commissioners and Board of Investment
FROM: Hannah M. Foye, Associate City Solicitor
RE: Request for Authorization to withdraw funds from the Samuel Tingley Trust for Fustal Field Improvements and Playground Replacement Equipment
DATE: May 2, 2025

Dear Mayor Smiley,

It is my legal opinion that the request of the Superintendent of Parks to withdraw funds from the Samuel Tingley Trust ("the Trust") in order to make improvements to Fustal Field and replace playground equipment is in accordance with the intent of the Trust.

Very truly yours,

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REQUEST TO THE BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS
TO TRANSFER FUNDS
FROM THE SAMUEL S. TINGLEY TRUST
TO THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE OPERATING ACCOUNT 826

Resolution of the City Council accepting the gift under the will of Samuel H. Tingley to the City in trust for the purchase, improvement and maintenance of public parks and playgrounds. This resolution accepted the bequest of \$100,000. The income to be applied to the purchase, improvement and maintenance of public parks, and playgrounds with the request that no part of the same be expended on speedways. Resolution No. 409 Ordinance of 1919

AMOUNT REQUESTED: 5% - \$36,886.16

USE OF FUNDS: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

EXISTING TRUST FUND BALANCE: \$737,723.20 (as of 4/30/25)

LAST WITHDRAWAL AMOUNT: \$36,623.55 (6/6/2024)

YTD +7.2%
1 Yr +20.3%
3 Yr (Annlz'd) +4.9%
5 Yr (Annlz'd) +8.6%



CITY OF PROVIDENCE

Brett P. Smiley, Mayor

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Brett P. Smiley, Chairman of Board of Park Commissioners and Board of Investment
FROM: Hannah M. Foye, Associate City Solicitor
RE: Request for Authorization to withdraw funds from the Anna Mann Trust for Roger Williams Park Improvement Projects.
DATE: May 2, 2025

Dear Mayor Smiley,

It is my legal opinion that the request of the Superintendent of Parks to withdraw funds from the Anna Mann Trust (“the Trust”) for Roger Williams Park improvement projects is in accordance with the intent of the Trust.

Very truly yours,

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REQUEST TO THE BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS
TO TRANSFER FUNDS
FROM THE ANNA MANN TRUST
TO THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE OPERATING ACCOUNT 806

This trust was received by the City Treasurer pursuant to City Council resolution number 355, approved September 21, 1901 and was originally valued at \$190,195.13. The following extract from said trust explains the certain purposes the money may be used for: "All the rest and residue of my estate of which I shall die seized, possessed or entitled to, both real and personal, I give, devise and bequeath to said City of Providence to have and to hold forever in trust as a fund, in such a manner and form of investment as the said city may choose and apply the net income thereof to the support and maintenance of Roger Williams Parks, now owned by said city, as a public park, mingling said income with other monies expended upon said park in such a manner as said city shall seem best."

AMOUNT REQUESTED: 4.5% \$36,007.21

USE OF FUNDS: ROGER WILLIAMS PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

EXISTING TRUST FUND BALANCE: \$800,160.22 (as of 4/30/25)

LAST WITHDRAWAL AMOUNT: \$38,303.65 (6/6/24)

YTD -1.6%
1 Yr +9.2%
3 Yr (Annlz'd) +7.6%
5 Yr (Annlz'd) +10.7%



CITY OF PROVIDENCE
Brett P. Smiley, Mayor

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Brett P. Smiley, Chairman of Board of Park Commissioners and Board of Investment
FROM: Hannah M. Foye, Associate City Solicitor
RE: Request for Authorization to Transfer funds from the North Burial Ground Perpetual Care Trust to The City of Providence for Operating Costs
DATE: May 2, 2025

Dear Mayor Smiley,

It is my legal opinion that the request of the Superintendent of Parks to transfer funds from the North Burial Ground Perpetual Care Trust Fund (“the Trust”) to the City of Providence for operating costs is in accordance with the intent of the Trust.

Very truly yours,

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REQUEST TO THE BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS
TO TRANSFER FUNDS
FROM THE NORTH BURIAL GROUND PERPETUAL CARE TRUST
TO THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE OPERATING ACCOUNT 801

Section 1: The Commissioners of the North Burial Ground shall pay over or transfer to the Commissioner of sinking funds of the City of Providence the perpetual care funds by them now held. And shall also pay over to said commissioners of sinking funds upon the receipt thereof such perpetual care funds as may hereafter come into their hands, possession and control and said funds so paid over or transferred, shall be invested and reinvested by said commissioners of sinking funds in their discretion, together with any unexpected income therefrom, and that said commissioner of sinking funds shall pay over to the commissioner of the North Burial Ground whenever required by said commissioners of the North Burial Ground all the income arising out of or from said invested funds.

Section 2: The City Council of the City of Providence is authorized and empowered to require the Superintendent of the North Burial Ground to give bonds to the City of Providence, conditioned that he shall deposit all monies received by him in his capacity with the City Treasurer of said City.

Section 3: Payments for the maintenance and improvement of the North Burial Ground shall hereafter be made by the City Treasurer upon the approval of the bills thereof by the joint committee on North Burial Ground of the City Council of said city, or the commissioners of the North Burial Ground, as may be directed by ordinance of the City Council.

Section 4: The chairman of the joint standing committee of the City Council on the North Burial Ground shall be ex-officio a commissioner of the North Burial Ground, and shall, together with the commissioners of the North Burial Ground, elected by the City Council of the City of Providence, compose the board of commissioners of the North Burial Ground.

Section 5: This act shall go into effect upon passage. Passage of chapter 781; Passed City Council April 25, 1889.

AMOUNT REQUESTED: 4% \$334,214.55

USE OF FUNDS: Funds from this withdrawal are used to meet the \$600,000.00 obligation North Burial Ground owes to the City for staff and operating costs.

EXISTING TRUST FUND BALANCE: \$8,355,363.64 (as of 4/30/25)

LAST WITHDRAWAL AMOUNT: \$275,032.54 (6/6/2024)

YTD -1.7%
1 Yr +10.1%
3 Yr (Annlz'd) +8.2%
5 Yr (Annlz'd) +11.4%

**Located on Schedule B of City of Providence Ordinance ORD-2023-1
Tax Exemption Agreement for ProvPort, Inc.**

SCHEDULE B

The Property Owner, on behalf of itself, and on behalf of its successors, descendants, subsequent purchasers, and assigns, in exchange for the benefits of the Tax exemption offered by the Providence City Council, explicitly agree to abide by and be bound by the terms of that exemption provided for in this Ordinance. Without limiting the foregoing, this includes the waiver of the rights to appeal Taxes as stated in Section 5(c).

TAX EXEMPTION PLAN

The In-Lieu Payment shall be the sum of the Revenue Sharing Payment plus annual payments of 1% of Revenues (with a minimum payment of \$120,000) due to the Community Benefits Reserve Account (the "Community Benefits Percentage") and of 1% of Revenues (with a minimum payment of \$120,000) due to the Sustainability Projects Reserve Account (the "Sustainability Projects Percentage"). Any payments required by Section 6 of the Tax Exemption Agreement to which this Schedule is attached shall be in addition to the In-Lieu Payment.

Revenue Sharing Payment

7% of Revenues (with a minimum payment of \$500,000)

For the avoidance of doubt, in no event shall the Revenue Sharing Payment be less than \$500,000, irrespective of the amount of Revenues.

Policies

The Revenue Sharing Payment, the Community Benefits Percentage and the sustainability Projects Percentage would apply to Revenues.

Payments to the Sustainability Projects Reserve Account shall be distributed by the City of Providence's Office of Sustainability in consultation with the Sustainability Commission for Sustainability Projects.

Payments to the Community Benefits Reserve Account shall be distributed accordingly:

- On an annual basis, \$25,000 shall be distributed to Ward 10 for Community Benefits, at the direction of the Ward 10 Councilperson.
- The remainder shall be distributed by the City of Providence's **Board of Park Commissioners for Community Benefits projects for those communities immediately impacted by the Port of Providence located within Wards 10 and 11.**

Payments to the Neighborhood Improvement Fund shall be terminated as of the Commencement Date.

Beginning with the budget for fiscal year 2024, the In-lieu Payments to the City would be budgeted within ProvPort's Annual Budget. The annual amount budgeted would be based on projected year-end total Revenues.

In connection with the ProvPort annual independent financial audit, the In-Lieu Payment obligation to the City will be reconciled, and the City will be paid the balance of the In-Lieu Payment based on total Revenues without diminution or setoff. (As an addendum to the annual financial statement, the auditor shall state the Revenues pursuant to the Trust Agreement described in Section 9 hereof and provide a certification of the amount required to be paid to the City. The requirement to provide this certification shall be included in the auditor's engagement letter or contract.)

Payments shall be made within ninety (90) days of the end of each Fiscal Year.

In the event that this Tax Exemption Agreement is not approved by the City, there will be no accrual of an obligation to pay, or payment of, any In-lieu Payment to the City under this Agreement.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No.

WHEREAS, Cedric Paul Huntley, known to many as "Mr. Ced," devoted husband, father, brother, son, and community champion, passed away on July 10, 2024, at the age of 65; and

WHEREAS, Cedric was born on August 12, 1958, in Lafayette, Louisiana, and moved to Providence, Rhode Island, at the age of seven, embracing values of integrity, education, hard work, and community service; and

WHEREAS, Cedric's commitment to mentoring youth began at Roger Williams Day Care Summer Camp in 1976, leading to a lifelong dedication to helping others achieve their dreams, later earning a Master's in Education from Cambridge College; and

WHEREAS, Cedric served the community through roles such as working in Rhode Island Governor Sundlun's Constituent Services, owning a small business, serving as Site Director of the South Providence Recreation Center, and as Director of Student Support Services at The MET School; and

WHEREAS, Cedric's leadership at the Nonviolence Institute as Executive Director from 2020 to 2023 was pivotal, where his association with the nonprofit dated back to its founding in 2001 as a board member, promoting nonviolent practices and nurturing a safer, more unified community; and

WHEREAS, Cedric's tenure at the Nonviolence Institute involved addressing the evolution of violence and social media's impact, creating safe spaces for young people, collaborating with local schools to support the community, and providing youth with tools to lead fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, Cedric served on numerous boards, including College Unbound, the MET School, Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission, Rhode Island Coalition Against Gun Violence, LaSalle Academy Board of Trustees, Criminal Justice Policy Board, and the Providence Police Advisory Board, always leading with love, patience, and humility; and

WHEREAS, Cedric received numerous accolades, including the Providence Police Community Appreciation Award (2017), Citizen Citation Award from the Mayor of Providence (2012), Community Volunteer Award for Service Above Self from the Rotary Club of Providence (2012), and various official citations from the State of Rhode Island and the City of Providence, showcasing his commitment to youth and community development; and

WHEREAS, Cedric's work as Director of Student Services and Safety at The Met School from July 2002 to October 2019, and as Site Director at the John Rollins Recreation Center from September 1999 to October 2019, exemplified his dedication to fostering a beloved community; and

WHEREAS, Cedric Huntley was inducted into the Rhode Island Criminal Justice Hall of Fame in 2022, recognizing his lifelong dedication to promoting peace, justice, and breaking the cycle of violence; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council wishes to honor the remarkable life and contributions of Cedric Huntley, ensuring his legacy continues to inspire future generations; and

WHEREAS, Cedric Huntley is survived by his loving wife, Anika Kimble-Huntley, stepchildren Ryan, Sean, Alexis, Stephon, Dale, and daughter Tyler, step-grandchildren Tyree, Dale, Kean, and Avery, mother, Theresa Jackson and stepfather Eric Jackson, sisters, Phyllis Huntley Evans, Angela Huntley, Regina Huntley, brother, Christopher (JoAnn) Huntley, nephew, Jeffrey (Chevon) Huntley, nieces Ashley (Kyle Smith) Huntley, Denille (Michelle) Huntley-Gray, Lindsey Evans (fiancé Keeara), and many other relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council extends its heartfelt condolences to the family of Cedric Huntley, honoring his significant impact on the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby honors the life and legacy of Cedric Huntley, a relentless advocate for peace and nonviolence, a cherished community leader, and a transformative figure in the City of Providence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council officially renames Richardson Street to Cedric Huntley Way and renames Richardson Park to Cedric Huntley Park,

ensuring his name and legacy continue to inspire and remind the community of his unwavering dedication and impactful service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the family of Cedric Huntley, the Nonviolence Institute, The Met School, Roger Williams Middle School, the Providence Postmaster, the Providence Superintendent of Parks, the members of the Providence Board of Park Commissioners, the office of the Providence Director of Public Works, and the office of Providence Mayor Brett Smiley.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 349

Approved July 23, 2024

WHEREAS, John M. Murphy, an esteemed member of the Providence community, passed away peacefully on June 13, 2024, at the age of 85; and

WHEREAS, John M. Murphy leaves an indelible legacy and a lasting commitment to the Fox Point community. Born and raised in Fox Point, John's life was a testament to his dedication to the neighborhood he loved so dearly. He was a true champion for his constituents, always striving to address their needs and improve their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, John was born on June 19, 1938, in the Fox Point section of Providence to Jeremiah and Catherine (Healy) Murphy, both of whom emigrated from Ireland; and

WHEREAS, John graduated from Hope High School in 1956 and attended Bryant College before serving his country honorably in Korea from 1958 to 1960 as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Upon returning from military service, John entered the consumer loans industry, gaining invaluable experience across the country before returning to Providence in 1965; and

WHEREAS, John was elected to the Providence City Council in 1967, representing the constituents of Ward One from Wickenden Street to Wayland Square for four terms until 1975, during which he demonstrated a deep commitment to Ward 1 residents and the community; and

WHEREAS, In response to the financial challenges faced by his constituents, John resurrected the inactive state charter of Home Loan Investment Bank, transforming it into a federally chartered institution that originated home equity mortgages across 48 states and revolutionized the home loan industry; and

WHEREAS, John served as CEO of Beara Capital, Northern National Life Insurance Company, and the Home Credit Corporation of Rhode Island, earning recognition as the finance industry's Entrepreneur of the Year by INC. Magazine in 1991 and 1992; and

WHEREAS, John was a generous philanthropist, donating millions to various institutions including the Rhode Island Foundation, St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Providence, and many more; and

WHEREAS, John's contributions extended to education, financing the San Miguel School in Providence, the Louverture Cleary School in Haiti, establishing an educational alliance for Southeast Asians, and creating the Major Jeremiah Murphy Scholarship Fund for children of Providence Police officers; and

WHEREAS, John was recognized with honorary doctoral degrees from both the University of Rhode Island and Providence College for his significant contributions to the community and education; and

WHEREAS, John's legacy includes the creation of the Murphy-Healy Irish Lecture Series at Providence College, a testament to his love and respect for his parents and Irish heritage; and

WHEREAS, John’s life was marked by his unwavering support for his family, his dedication to public service, his entrepreneurial spirit, and his generous heart; and

WHEREAS, John is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Grace Sousa Murphy, his four sons John “Jay” M. Murphy Jr., Kevin B. Murphy, Brian J. Murphy, and Daniel A. Murphy, and his cherished grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, John was a mentor to many, including the current Ward 1 Councilman John Goncalves, and his impact on the community will be felt for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, To honor his legacy and lasting impact on the community, it is fitting to name one of the baseball fields in Gano Park as Councilman John Murphy Memorial Field.


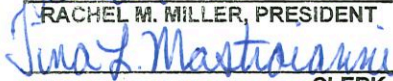
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby honors the life and legacy of John M. Murphy and expresses its deepest condolences to his family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby names one of the baseball fields in Gano Park as Councilman John Murphy Memorial Field in recognition of his dedicated service to the community and his lasting contributions to the City of Providence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the Murphy family as a token of the Council’s esteem and respect and to the Parks Department so they can take the appropriate steps in renaming one of the Gano Park baseball fields in his honor.

IN CITY COUNCIL

JUL 18 2024
READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.



Mayor

Date: 7/23/24

City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No.

RESOLUTION HONORING THE LEGACY OF COMMUNITY LEADERS THROUGH THE NAMING OF BASEBALL FIELDS AT MOUNT PLEASANT LITTLE LEAGUE

WHEREAS, the Mount Pleasant Little League has been a cornerstone of youth sports in Providence, fostering teamwork, discipline, and a love for the game of baseball for generations of young athletes; and

WHEREAS, the league's success and enduring impact would not have been possible without the dedication, leadership, and contributions of individuals who have given their time, passion, and expertise to support the growth and development of young players; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Arnold Hahn played a pivotal role in establishing the Mount Pleasant Little League in 1951, during Little League's inaugural year in Providence, and was instrumental in expanding the league from its original four teams, with uniforms lovingly hand-sewn by his wife; and

WHEREAS, Tom Izzo served as a distinguished coach in the Mount Pleasant Little League from 1978 to 1993, leading the Boys Major All-Star team to a historic victory in the 1990 State Little League Championship over Warwick West Side Little League, a landmark achievement in the league's history; and

WHEREAS, Leo Tracy Jr., a lifelong Smith Hill and Elmhurst resident, has dedicated over 30 years to coaching and running the Mount Pleasant Little League, making an indelible mark on fast-pitch softball by leading teams to three consecutive state championships from 2002 to 2004 and achieving unprecedented success at the Eastern Little League Fastpitch Senior/Big League Regionals; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to honor the contributions of these remarkable individuals by naming the fields at Mount Pleasant Little League in their honor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Providence City Council hereby designates the baseball fields at Mount Pleasant Little League as follows:

- **Field 1**, located closest to Mount Pleasant Avenue, shall be named **Leo Tracy Jr. Field** in recognition of his decades of dedication to coaching and leadership in fast-pitch softball.
- **Field 2**, the field farthest from the road and parking lot, shall be named **Tom Izzo Field** in honor of his distinguished coaching career and championship legacy.
- **Field 3**, located closest to the current Mount Pleasant High School parking lot, shall be named **Dr. Arnold Hahn Field** in tribute to his foundational role in establishing and growing the league.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Providence City Council recognizes and commends the lasting impact of Dr. Arnold Hahn, Tom Izzo, and Leo Tracy Jr. on the Mount Pleasant Little League and the Providence community, ensuring that their contributions will be remembered and celebrated by future generations of players, coaches, and families.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That upon passage, a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the families of Dr. Arnold Hahn, Tom Izzo, and Leo Tracy Jr., as a tribute to their enduring legacy; to the Mount Pleasant Little League Board of Directors, in recognition of their commitment to youth sports; and to the City of Providence Department of Public Works and the Board of Parks Commissioners to ensure the honorary field designations are duly recorded and implemented.

Providence Parks Naming Policy
October 20, 2020

Introduction

The purpose of this policy is to establish a systematic and consistent approach for the official naming of public parks, including buildings, recreation facilities, structures, playing fields, open spaces and natural areas, which fall under the authority of the Providence Parks Department ("Department") and the Board of Park Commissioners ("Board").

Policy Statement

It is the Board's policy to reserve the naming or renaming of parks for circumstances that will best align with the mission and interests of the Department and ensure a worthy and enduring legacy for the City's park system.

Proposals to rename parks and/or recreational facilities, whether for a major gift or community request, are not encouraged. Likewise, names that have become widely accepted by the community will not be abandoned unless there are compelling reasons such as naming inconsistencies or strong public sentiment from the broader community for doing so. Historical or commonly used place names will be preserved wherever possible. In alignment with Mayor Jorge O. Elorza's Truth-Telling, Reconciliation and Municipal Reparations Process, priority consideration will be given to names that honor and fairly represent the impact of Indigenous People and People of Color in Providence.

All naming requests should conform with the Special Committee for the Review of Commemorative Works criteria for significant social and cultural merit. The Board may choose to seek a nonbinding opinion from the Special Committee to support the naming.

To this end, the BOPC supports consideration of naming requests within the following broad categories:

Outstanding Individuals

The Department has benefited, through its evolution, from the contributions made by many outstanding individuals. This category is designed to acknowledge the sustained contribution that has been made by such an individual who has been deceased for at least three years and who has:

- a. made a significant land and/or monetary contribution to the particular park or recreational facility at issue;
- b. made a significant monetary contribution to the Department;
- c. performed extraordinary or outstanding service for the good of the community in regard to parks, trails, and/or open space;
- d. been an outstanding community leader who made significant civic contributions to the City and gave highly productive support to the Department; or
- e. been an outstanding regional, statewide or national leader who contributed significantly to the promotion of parks and recreation and/or land conservation.

Note:

Parks, trails, and facilities shall not ordinarily be named for living persons, except in the event that an individual, family, business or organization has donated the land for a new park, donated the cost of developing the park or facility, or has established a maintenance endowment for the projected maintenance cost for 20 years.

Historic Events, People, and Places

An historical figure, place, event or other instance of historical or cultural significance may play an important role in the naming or renaming of a park and/or recreational facility as communities often wish to preserve and honor the history and culture of the City, its founders, other historical figures, its Native American heritage, local landmarks, and natural features through the naming of parks. Park names in this category should have significant cultural merit.

PROCESS

General Principles

In reviewing proposals for the naming or renaming of a park and/or recreational facility, the following general principles will be considered either collectively or individually. The proposed name should:

- Support the Mission of the Department.
- Engender a strong positive image.
- Be appropriate, having regard to the park's/recreational facility's location and/or history
- Have historical, cultural or social significance for future generations.
- Commemorate places, people or events that are of continued importance to the community and City.
- Have symbolic value that transcends its ordinary meaning or use and enhances the character and identity of the park and/or recreational facility.
- Have broad public support.
- Be validated through research and documentation.
- Not result in the undue commercialization of the park and/or recreational facility if it accompanies a corporate gift.

Following the criteria for the Special Committee on Commemorative Works, "social and cultural merit," the Board will not review any proposal that:

- Commemorates an event that occurred less than twenty years ago.
- Already exists in identical form elsewhere OR proposes a modification that exists in identical form elsewhere, locally, nationally, or internationally.
- Communicates the intent, either explicitly or implicitly, of conveying hate speech or provoking violence against protected groups.
- Has the purpose of promoting, favoring or inhibiting any religion or which would appear to a reasonable person that the City is promoting, favoring, or opposing a religion.

The Board reserves the right to rename any park or facility if the honoree is subsequently discredited.

All requests for the naming or renaming of a park and/or recreational facility shall be made in writing to the Superintendent of Parks, Wendy Nilsson. Requests should contain the following minimum information:

- The proposed name.
- Reasons for the proposed name.
- Written documentation indicating community support for the proposed name, including local councilperson.
- Description/map showing location and boundaries of the park.

- If proposing to name a facility within a park, include a description/map showing the location of the facility.
- If proposing to rename a park or facility, include justification for changing an established name.
- If proposing to name a park or facility after an outstanding person, include documentation of that person's significance, reputation, and contribution to the Department or related area, i.e., conservation, forestry, etc.

Assessing and approving naming/renaming requests

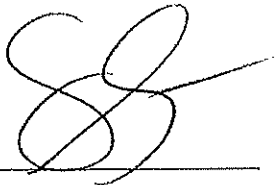
Upon receipt of a naming request by the Department, the relevant groups and association(s) shall be advised and their comments on the proposal will be invited if applicable. The local City Councilor, neighborhood association and Friends groups will be notified of all naming/renaming proposals. If there is significant support for the name involving a person, cause or event, the Superintendent may first refer to the Special Commission on Commemorative Works. It has been past practice for the City Council to draft resolutions to support park names. Such resolutions will be included in the review, but are not required. Each proposal will then be considered by the Board and Public comment will be invited.

- Review the proposed request for its adherence to the Department's mission and guidelines and this policy.
- Ensure that supporting information has been authenticated, particularly when an individual's name is proposed. Vetting through the City Archivist is recommended.
- Take into consideration the comments of the relevant groups and association(s).

Communicating naming/renaming decisions

The Parks Superintendent will be responsible for communicating the decision to all stakeholders and changing any corresponding documentation and signage.

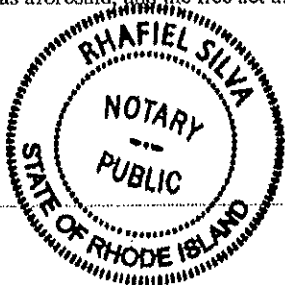
Approved:



 Mayor Jorge O. Elorza,
 Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
 PROVIDENCE, SC.

In Providence, in said County and State, on the ____ day of _____, 2020, before me personally appeared Jorge O. Elorza, Mayor and Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners, to me known and known by me to the party executing the foregoing instrument for and on behalf of the City, and he acknowledged said instrument by him executed to be his free act and deed, his free act and deed in his capacity as aforesaid, and the free act and deed of the City.



 Rhafiel Silva

Notary Public #765660

My Commission Expires: 8/12/2024

Approved:



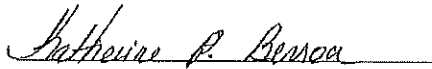
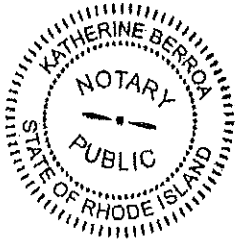
Wendy Nilsson

Superintendent of Providence Parks

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

PROVIDENCE, SC.

In Providence, in said County and State, on the 20th day of October, 2020, before me personally appeared Wendy Nilsson, Superintendent of Providence Parks, to me known and known by me to the party executing the foregoing instrument for and on behalf of Providence Parks and he/she/they acknowledged said instrument by him/her/they executed to be his/her/their free act and deed, his/her/their free act and deed in his/her/their capacity as aforesaid, and the free act and deed of Providence Parks.



Notary Public #61193

My Commission Expires: 11/08/2021



Providence Parks

PURPOSE

Why we exist:

We are the essence of Providence, where every park is not just a space, but a shared moment of connection in the lives of our community.

We create and maintain exceptional, accessible, responsive spaces that serve as the foundation for wellbeing, quality of life, and environmental stewardship. Providence Parks are where lasting memories are made—reaching out through generations as part of our city's living legacy.

VISION

What we are striving to accomplish:

To be the city's most cherished asset, creating parks that are more than spaces—they are living parts of Providence that reflect our shared history, our diverse present, and our future aspirations.

Parks Department Ethos



Roots of Providence

Our parks* are the roots of our city. They provide places where people connect, grow, and find respite, enriching the city across generations.



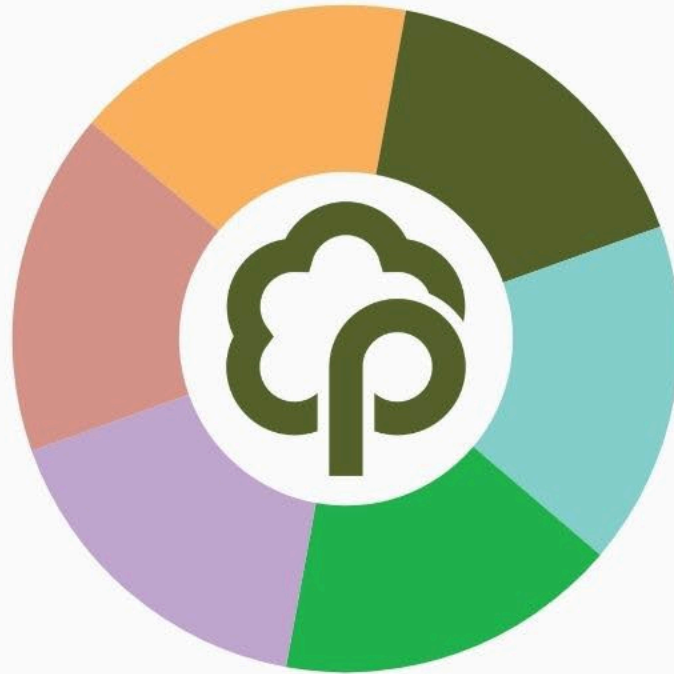
Branches of Belonging

We believe parks should reflect the diversity of Providence. We are committed to equity and inclusion—ensuring that everyone, in every neighborhood, has access to welcoming, vibrant, and safe public spaces.



Leaves of Innovation

We embrace creative, forward-thinking approaches to caring for our parks. From sustainable practices to new technologies and evolving methods, we grow through continuous learning and improvement.



Canopy of Care

Just as a forest canopy offers shelter and connection, our Parks Department nurtures the city. By investing in our teams and offering programs that support our neighbors, we show that when we care for Parks, our city thrives.



Seeds of Stewardship

We see the land as a partner—not a backdrop. We care for our parks in relationship with the environment and the community, making decisions that support both ecological health and personal wellbeing, now and into the future.



Rings of Reliability

Our work builds year after year, like the rings of a tree steady and enduring. This reliability is the foundation of public trust and the continued success of Providence's parks.

*parks, venues and spaces under the purview of the Board of Park Commissioners



PRIORITY 1: Maximize Our Parks' Value.

Maximize the value of the investments we have made in our parks by transitioning from new construction to ongoing excellence, ensuring that our parks continue to feel fresh and valuable over time.

STRATEGIES:

- **Plan for the lifecycle of park assets and amenities** by developing holistic, proactive strategies to ensure long-term functionality and sustainability.
- **Highlight the value of past investments** through visible, high-quality upkeep that excites and engages the community.
- **Build on our foundation** with upgrades and programming that adapts to evolving community needs, enhances accessibility, and increases the value and impact of parks over time.



PRIORITY 2: Share our Story.

Foster a deep sense of ownership and pride by building a compelling narrative around the parks' importance to the community and their role in enhancing public wellbeing.

STRATEGIES:

- **Inspire community pride and build momentum** by celebrating our natural assets, park investments, and venues, while engaging residents and welcoming visitors from near and far.
- **Create consistent, unified messaging** to showcase how parks serve as community anchors and contributors to wellbeing.
- **Evaluate and demonstrate the impact of the Parks Department** by using meaningful data to highlight meaningful outcomes to the community, policymakers, and funders.



PRIORITY 3: Build a Generative Future.

Cultivate strategic partnerships, diversify revenue streams, and plan proactively to ensure long-term sustainability and continuing meaningful impact.

STRATEGIES:

- **Plan for long-term sustainability** by diversifying budgets for park upgrades, ensuring financial nimbleness for future needs.
- **Collaborate effectively** to amplify resources and support iconic projects while laying the groundwork for future initiatives.
- **Expand revenue** through diverse sources that align with the department's mission.