

East Providence Historic District Commission Minutes
September 13, 2023

In attendance: Deb Ormerod, Eric Underhill, Tom Warzeck, Kara Evans, Patrick Hanner-
Planning Department

- 1) Call to order: 6:38- 1st Eric, 2nd Tom
- 2) Correspondence - none
- 3) Approval of minutes: August 30,.2023: 1st Tom, 2nd Eric
- 4) New Business
 - a) City-wide interpretive sign program
 - i) discussion about sign design- colors
 - ii) Discussion about where the sign for Roseland Park sign would go; Willett Ave is state road; possibly at Willett Pond which is becoming more popular- could add a map on sign with directions on how to get to the neighborhood; possible signs on poles in neighborhood; City could make these
 - b) Newman Cemetery condition assessment and maintenance plan
 - i) Concern about cost of consulting fee with the enormity of the project; very large scope of work
 - ii) Current known info should be included in RFP
 - iii) Discussion can occur with any applicants about what is specifically needed and what can be completed within the grant budget
 - iv) Concern if there would be money available to fix priority stones (ie revolution soldiers, founders of area, significant carvers)- not just base on condition; HDC can help identify these priority stones
 - v) Grant agreement is being put together, then RFP- will be detailed scope of work- draft will come from Planning Dept and send to HDC for review
 - vi) Having a plan could help secure other grant opportunities for funding stone repair
- 5) Other Business
 - a) Metacomet
 - i) 2020 Planning Dept, Natural Resources, State Preservation Office:there is potential of Native American artifacts and an archaeological survey needs to be done
 - ii) It is expected that CRMC will send letter to City stating whether survey should be done now, before there are any requests for permitting to the area, or whether the survey will happen when developer begins the process for permits for work
 - iii) Currently there are some trees being cut down and some minimal earth moving occurring on property; all legal for property owners to

do on their own property; any heavier work would require permits, which would then require the archaeological survey to be conducted

- iv) No formal submissions to City Hall at this time by developer
- v) State Preservation and City have been in discussion and are in agreement the survey will need to be done before permits are granted for heavier work; State offices will decide what type of survey is done

- b) HDC training required for all members of the Board; Patrick will confirm which training is required with State

6) Next meeting: October 11, 2023

7) Adjournment: 8:38, 1st Deb, 2nd Eric