

East Providence Historic District Commission Minutes
March 13, 2024

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

- 1) Call to order: 6:40- 1st Deb, 2nd Eric
- 2) Correspondence - none
- 3) Approval of minutes: 2.14.2024 1st Eric, 2nd Kara
- 4) New Business
 - a) City-wide interpretive sign program
 - i) Final review of text is in progress
 - b) Newman Cemetery condition assessment and maintenance plan
 - ii) Proposal will be sent to HDC for review
 - iii) One consultant has responded
Scope of work :
Identical to RFP
Inventory markers with condition issues
Create priority list- consider highlighting Revolutionary War markers
Consider famous stone carvers
Important to document stones, even ones beyond repair
Propose community meeting once work is done to present information
 - c) Bylaws
 - iv) Will be submitted to city law department for review before a vote
 - v) Need to clarify of what a quorum consists of- has changed several times recently

Other Business

- a) Cemetery Awareness- April 1-May 13
 - i) Dates established:
 - (a) April 13, Newman, 10-12
 - (b) April 17, Newman, 10-12
 - (c) May 15, Littleneck, 10-12
 - (d) May 18, Littleneck 10-12
 - ii) Patrick will contact Parks dept for lawn paper bags and gloves, Sandra Turgeon will email RI Advisory Commission on Historic Properties with info
 - iii) D Ormerod will post on various social media accounts

iv) K Evans will email Roger Williams University and Salve Regina (who have historic preservation classes)

v) Sandra suggests more permanent markers for historically significant gravestones; currently marked with orange painted rocks and small orange flags

Can use money that was donated to Historical Society from Salem Historical Society (for prop that was left from filming of Hocus Pocus 2 at Newman Cemetery)

\$350 was assigned by Mayor to help cover costs

Need section markers for Newman Cemetery

Sandra provided map of Newman Cemetery with sections and named stones for a copy to go to consultant

vi) Sign for Newman Cemetery provided by Cemetery

Commission is with city Parks department and needs to be installed

b) Nancy- KMG mtg dates

i) Partick will send dates of next scheduled meetings to HDC

ii) concern about weight/type of trucks on Parkway

iii) Concerns about changes to Parkway itself- ie expanding some areas to 4 lanes and the proposed roundabout

iv) historic nomination never completed from 1991; approximately 60% complete- consultant would need to be hired to complete

v) HDC will send letter to Waterfront Commission outlining these concerns

6) Next meeting: April 10,2024

5) Adjournment: 7:35, 1st Eric, 2nd Tom