

East Providence Historic District Commission Agenda
May 14, 2025
145 Taunton Avenue, East Providence, RI 02914
Room 308, 6:30 pm

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

1. Call to order: 6:34-1st Deb, 2nd Eric
2. Correspondence
none
3. Approval of minutes
Minutes of March 12, 2025- 1st Tom, 2nd Eric
4. New Business
 - a. Veteran's Memorial Parkway letter drafted by Nancy Moore -Nancy's letter was not approved or sent by HDC; HDC has sent two letters outlining the same concerns; HDC had contacted Dept of Transportation requesting that if any permit requests be forwarded to Chairperson of HDC; no permits regarding the Parkway have been requested to date; city has received all permits to date - none about Veteran's Parkway; will keep Nancy's letter on file if needed for the future
 - b. Green Jacket Shoal- at recent meeting at the Pump House, Mayor stated items in Green Jacket Shoal were trash and just dumped there; Nancy explained about the growth of the area and economy and importance of the dry dock in the area; ships are not in navigational area, important immigration area; Dave Robinson is scheduled for presentation through the Historical Society in September; some recent improvements (new parking lot, new cement walking path) in the area did not go for 106 review; HDC will gather all previous documentation regarding the historical importance of the area; will consider reaching out to local business;agencies for letter of support for the area (i.e. Blackstone Valley Heritage, Pomham Lighthouse group, EP Yacht Club, Edgewood Yacht Club, Save the Bay, CRMC, Black Duck, 133, Comedy Connection)
 - c. Edward Serowik' Crescent Park museum collection- Ed concerned about his vast collection upon his death; would like to plan and know where collection will go; at one time a proposal for a museum at the carousel- no longer happening; possibility of using the Pump House at Hunt's Mills (after renovations - especially climate control)
 - d. Status of reuse of Pump House-Mayor seeking proposal from David Sisson (architect); Sisson has stated he would like an engineer to view the building and

conditions to determine if/how climate control would occur due to the wetness of the area/basement of building

- e. Interpretive signage for Crescent Park-Ed Serowick asking why there are no interpretive signs at Crescent Park; Mayor has asked for an RFP for consultant and interpretive signs for the area
- f. Historic Markers for City owned buildings-markers should be in place on these buildings for the 250th celebrations; Sandra Turgeon and Patrick have a list of buildings and will review again

5. Other Business

- a. Status of Newman Cemetery grave marker repair- amazing work; TNT Gravestone Solutions will hold presentation when work is complete (possibility October); need Cemetery Commission, which could fall under HDC; Patrick has begun the work for that; last cleanup is May 17
- b. Interpretative signs- Patrick will work with Parks department to install signs- which should be soon

6. Adjournment- 7:40 1st Deb, 2nd Eric

Next Meeting: June 11, 2025