

EAST PROVIDENCE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION  
MINUTE OF MEETING  
JANUARY 20, 2010

Chairman Gibson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Members present at the meeting were Joseph Gibson, Chairman; George Page, Vice Chairman; Jacquelyn Bourne, Recording Secretary; Allan Gilmore, Treasurer; Billie Arden; and Frank Dias. Celeste Radock is out of town. Also, Louise King called in her absence. Also present at the meeting were the Downtown Business Association members. They were invited by Chairman Gibson to listen to the presentation of the Waterfront Project.

Minutes of meeting dated October 21, 2009 were read. Motion was made by Allan Gilmore to accept minutes as read. Motion was seconded by George Page. Without further discussion, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Allan Gilmore reported that as of November 1, 2009, the Commission budget was replenished to two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). Expenses for the Beautification Awards night totaled fifty-nine dollars (\$59.00), leaving a working balance of one hundred ninety-one dollars (\$191.00).

At this time Jackie Bourne, recording secretary, requested a book of stamps. These stamps will be used for mailings of notices to members who do not have computers; get well/retirement/sympathy cards and invitations that need mailing. A motion was made by George Page to purchase the book of stamps. Motion was seconded by Frank Dias. Without further discussion, motion carried.

Allan also mentioned that Patrick Hanna is our new contact at city hall.

Chairman's Report

New Business

Chairman Gibson introduced the Downtown Business Association members to the Beatification Commission members. After the introductions, Chairman Gibson turned the floor over to Ashley from Gates, Leighton and Associates, Incorporated and Michael Hennessey, developer representing Chevron Land Development Company.

All members present received a booklet describing the project. During and after the presentation, members were encouraged to ask questions. Overall, the presentation was very informative and members from the Commission were very supportive of the project.

Chairman Gibson asked Michael how we can be of help with this project. Michael's response was to have the Commission write a letter of support to Jean Boyle at City Hall and to Michael's firm.

After the presentation, Chairman Gibson asked members for their input. Chairman Gibson will write the letter and send it off to City Hall and Michael Hennessey.

Chairman Gibson passed along to the Commission the article in the East Providence Post of Hilda Andrews being honored by Whiteknact School upon her retirement from volunteering at that school. Billie Arden suggested that we send her a card congratulating her on her recent retirement. A card will be sent out by the recording secretary.

The election of officers took place. The slate of officers presented to the Commission was as follows: Joseph Gibson, Chairman; Frank Dias, Vice Chairman; Jacquelyn Bourne, Recording Secretary; and Allan Gilmore, Treasurer. George Page made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. Motion was seconded by Billie Arden. Without further discussion, the motion carried.

Chairman Gibson received an e-mail from Robert Cusack indicating that we do not have council approval on the design of the sign and installation of the sign. Chairman Gibson and two Commission members will be meeting with Mr. Cusack and Mr. Larissa in the next week or two.

### Old Business

The Christmas Party was enjoyed by all once again. We dined at the Old Grist Mill. Company and food was excellent. We all look forward to it next year.

Chairman Gibson reported that the Beautification Awards night went along smoothly. A big thank you goes out to Allan Gilmore for doing the refreshments. Also, a big thank you goes out to Celeste Radock for printing the certificates and programs. We also received publicity for the event in the East Providence Reporter.

### Committee Reports

Frank Dias reported that several members need to have their Commissions updated. They are Jackie Bourne, Billie Arden, Allan Gilmore and Celeste Radock. Frank will contact Kim, the City Clerk, to see if we can present a letter at the next Council Meeting to have these members approved for another two years.

### Vice Chairman's Report

Vice Chairman Page reported that he is still working on our contact name for the East Providence Reporter. George will also be contacting members by telephone reminding them of the February meeting.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 17, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. in Room A, first floor Conference Room at the East Providence City Hall.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by Billie Arden to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Allan Gilmore. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacquelyn Bourne  
Recording Secretary

February 17, 2010

