



EAST PROVIDENCE WATERFRONT DISTRICT COMMISSION

Waterfront Commission Meeting Minutes

This meeting was held remotely via Zoom
Thursday, January 20, 2022 – 6:30 PM

Commissioners present:

William Fazioli, Chair
Tim Conley, Vice Chair
Steve Hardcastle, Treasurer
Peter Willey
Rick Lawson
Dominic Pontarelli
Jennifer Griffith
Mike Walker, Commerce RI

Voting Members Absent:

Luis Torrado, DRC Chair
David Sluter
Manny Barrows
David O'Connell

Staff present:

Chris Martin, Executive Director
Amy Goins, UTR Legal Counsel

Hanna Wells, EPWC Staff

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1. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS** The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM. The Executive Director then conducted a roll call to confirm quorum of voting members.
 2. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **VOTE:** The motion by Mr. Hardcastle to approve the minutes of December 16, 2021 was seconded by Mr. Pontarelli and passed by a unanimous voice vote.
 3. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **VOTE:** Approve FY21 1st and 2nd Quarter Financial Reports. The Commission's financial statements are in good shape and are tracking along with the FY23 Approved Budget numbers.

On a motion by Mr. Hardcastle, seconded by Mr. Pontarelli, the motion to approve the FY21 1st and 2nd Quarter Financial Reports was approved unanimously.
 - B. **VOTE:** Approve the Calendar Year 2021 Annual Report. This report summarizes the Calendar Year 2021 accomplishments for the Commission and is required to be submitted to the Governor, President of the RI Senate, Speaker of the RI House, Mayor of East Providence and President of the East Providence Council.

On a motion by Mr. Hardcastle, seconded by Mr. Pontarelli, the motion to approve the Calendar Year 2021 Annual Report was approved unanimously.
 4. **STAFF REPORT**

Mr. Martin gave a staff update that included the following updates:

- In the FY2023 proposed budget released by Governor McKee on 1/20/22, the East Providence Waterfront Commission is funded at \$50,000
- Also in the FY2023 proposed budget was \$35M for the offshore wind facility proposed for the South Quay, which shows a commitment by the state on the project. We anticipate the applicant would submit initial plans for the port facility in spring 2022. The project will be funded through private and public funding. The team behind the South Quay also owns the Unocal & Chevron sites and the parcels along Waterfront Drive, just south of the Henderson Bridge. The site will have to be re-zoned for industrial use to allow for this use.
- Phillipsdale Landing has been purchased for \$8.3M by Reid Breitman and Sean Namvar (Phillipsdale Holdings, LLC), out of California. The property will be managed by Olympus Group Real Estate.
- Mr. Martin announced his resignation from the Executive Director's position of the EPWC, effective 1/31/2022.

5. VOTE: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Hardcastle to adjourn. On voice vote the Waterfront Commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRIS MARTIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR