

## **Cranston Conservation Commission**

Cranston City Hall  
869 Park Ave.  
Cranston, RI 02910

## **Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Date of Meeting: **18 December 2012**

Call to Order: 6:40pm *attending:* S. Pilz, L. Harrington, G. Parrillo, and M. Hengen  
*absent:* M. Jerzyk, B. Fontaine and R. DeGrandpre

Approval of Minutes: Mtg. of 27 Nov 2012 approved; motion by G. Parrillo, seconded by L. Harrington

### **Reports:**

1. Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 remains at a \$2,400.00 balance.

### **Correspondence:**

1. RI Tree Council;  
Maria Wall, Cranston Dept. of Records (Re; M. Jerzyk correction);  
2013 Land & Water Conservation Summit (registration).

### **Old Business:**

1. Edgewood Highlands Middle School possible April 26, 2013 Arbor Day (2) tree planting project discussed.
2. Member Harrington recalls Councilman Steve Stycos informally mentioning possible coordination of planting trees to create a necklace of city parks. The Commission has received no correspondence or request from the City Council. The costs of tree to be planted by the City Council and a tree planting plan are unknown. Member Jerzyk questioned whether the FY13 City budget line item #54501 "Planting of Trees" (\$10,000.00) could be used to pay for Conservation Commission tree planting projects. Facts are unknown at this time.
3. Member Jerzyk commented that the Commission could develop a recommendation to be presented to the Mayor or City Council to address a "Tree Planting Best Management Practice" or to prioritize a "Tree Replacements from Storm Damage" program.
4. Chair Pilz reported that the City website now lists our meeting dates and minutes. Since the City IT person is unable to link this data to the RI Secretary of State (SOS), Member Jerzyk will assist by contacting the SOS.
5. Chair Pilz submitted the 2012 Annual Report to Council President Anthony Lupino.
6. Chair Pilz and Member Harrington attended the Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> Knightsville (Cranston St. & Park Ave. intersection) proposed redevelopment workshop. The next workshop will be advertised by the City's consultant.

### **New Business:**

1. Development Plan Review (DPR) meeting: January 2nd was not held. January 16<sup>th</sup> was attended by Chair Pilz.
  - a. 1081 Pontiac Ave. – applicant was advised to obtain a City permit for proposed interim base course pavement and curbing treatment to address water seepage into his building. No Determination of Jurisdiction was reached due to building use not yet designated by the applicant even after discussion by the Planning Chair.
  - b. 33 Sharp Dr. – Informational discussion only for proposed Coastway Community Bank corporate headquarters to occupy an existing industrial building and site to be renovated. Applicant advised to proceed with consultants work and to petition the RI EDC for approval of non-industrial use within the Howard Industrial Complex/Park. The existing DEM 100 ft. buffer is proposed to be preserved.
  - c. 1150 Pontiac Ave. – Proposed 29% occupancy of a Yoga/Massage (Day Spa) within an existing business use was determined to be "not a change" per no building or site expansion. Variance for Day Spa required.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by G. Parrillo, seconded by member L. Harrington at 7:42pm

**Next Meeting:** 22 January 2013 @ 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted: Steven J. Pilz