

Cranston Conservation Commission

Cranston City Hall
869 Park Ave.
Cranston, RI 02910

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: **22 January 2012**

Call to Order: 6:45pm *attending:* S. Pilz, L. Harrington, and B. Graziano
absent: G. Parrillo, M. Hengen, M. Jerzyk, B. Fontaine and R. DeGrandpre

Approval of Minutes: Mtg. of 18 Dec 2012 (approval deferred to next quorum meeting)

Reports:

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

Correspondence:

1. Registration 2013 Land and Water Conservation Summit - form received by email.
Development Plan Review Committee/Agenda 16Jan13 - received by email

Old Business:

1. The Open Meetings Law requirement of posting our meeting notice and minutes on the Secretary of State's (SOS) website was discussed. Member Harrington stressed the importance of compliance to the Open Meetings law. Ken Pastore (City IT Dept.) previously replied that he was unable to link our notice & minutes to the SOS. Chair Pilz will reach out to Maria Wall, City Clerk, to ask if the Commission could be added to the link-to-the-SOS process that other City departments follow. Member Graziano will review the law.

New Business:

1. Newly appointed member Bridget Graziano was in attendance and was welcomed by the Commission.
2. Development Plan Review (DPR) mtg.; January 2nd was not held. January 16th 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 an 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.
3. An Arbor Day 2013 project discussion continues. Member Harrington mentioned an informal request of Councilman Steve Stycos' preference to plant trees at Edgewood Highlands School; or other Wards not to include Ward 1; with possible funding via the City's \$10,000 Tree Planting budget.
 - a. Meshanticut Park 2012 rain garden/tree planting (initial project by others, Commission to assist to complete)
 - b. City Hall – mature tree care program (dripline mulch treatment)
4. General discussion; Carpionato Properties has offered to plant 9 trees on Dyer Ave. as mitigation for their proposed traffic island modification within their Chapel View center. Further details are unknown.
5. The City does not have a street tree inventory system nor tree data base in place. Member Graziano mentioned software and devices that can create such data bases. A GPS unit, GIS system, and laptop computer would help to electronically “map where things are”. Additional info and cost discussion will resume next meeting.

Subjects that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate within 48 hours of this meeting: None.

Adjournment: Chair noted a no quorum meeting and adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Next Meeting: 26 February 2013 @ 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted: Steven J. Pilz

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