Cranston Conservation Commission **Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Cranston City Hall
869 Park Ave.
Cranston, RI 02910

Date of Meeting: **23 October 2012**

Call to Order: 6:37pm *attending:* S. Pilz, L. Harrington, M. Jerzyk, and M. Hengen
absent: R. DeGrandpre, G. Parrillo, and B. Fountaine

Approval of Minutes: Mtg. of 25 Sep. 2012, approved as submitted

Reports:

1. Fiscal Year July 1 to June 30, 2013 remains at 2,500.00 balance.

Correspondence:

1. RITree annual membership renewal notice received. Chair Pilz motioned to renew $100 annual membership; seconded by L. Harrington; motion passed 4-0.

Old Business:

1. Chair Pilz will contact Ken Pastore to request that the Commission meeting dates, agenda, and minutes be posted on the City website. Member M. Jerzyk pointed out a requirement to also link this info to the Secretary of State website.
2. Member M. Hengen will research funding sources for tree and park improvement projects.
3. No correspondence from Mayor to appoint 1 new member.

New Business:

1. New member Mark T. Jerzyk attended. Clarification of his term expiration date is needed as typical member appointments are a 3 year term.
2. New member B. Fountaine is to also clarify his term expiration date.
3. Development Plan Review (DPR) meeting of October 3, attended by Chair Pilz;
   a. 1401-1451 Elmwood Ave., Preliminary Site Plan Review, Fitness Center
      Existing commercial site included some new landscape improvements. Commission questioned the DPR Chairman as to what portion of the landscape standards the applicant must satisfy. Commission expressed concern and requested clarification of the extent and nature of contaminated soils, for applicant & City safety. Applicant agreed to provide a report prepared by an environmental soils consultant. Commission expressed concern about the proposed sign planter wall penetrating a potentially contaminated soil surface.
   b. 2080 Plainfield Pike, Preliminary Site Plan Review, Cadence Science Building Expansion
      Building and parking expansion proposed are adjacent to wooded wetland areas. Fire response access around the building requires some landscape revisions. RIDEM permit approval is required by the City. The applicant has proposed best management practices to address drainage and wetland preservation.
4. Arbor Day, April 26, 2013 will celebrate tree planting & care. Commission will further discuss a tree planting project, perhaps I partnership with Johnson & Wales University via member M. Hengen.
5. Though unfunded, members discussed historic and mature tree replacements as a result of recent storm events. The Edgewood area was especially hard hit from (tropical storm0 Hurricane Irene.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Chair Pilz, seconded by member L. Harrington at 7:55pm

Next Meeting: 27 November 2012 @ 6:30 pm