Cranston Conservation Commission **Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Cranston City Hall
869 Park Ave.
Cranston, RI 02910

Date of Meeting: **27 March 2012**

Call to Order: 6:40pm *attending:* S. Pilz, L. Harrington, R. DeGrandpre, M. Hengen:
absent: T. Sprague, G. Parrillo
(Absence of a quorum - therefore discussion with no actions is to proceed per Chair Pilz)

Approval of Minutes: Mtg. of 28 Feb 2012, approved as submitted

Reports:
1. "CCC Report of Expenditures" for Fiscal Year 2012: balance 2,280.00

Correspondence:
1. Site Plan Review Committee notice of April 4th meeting – no meeting
2. Site Plan Review Committee notice of April 18th meeting received, attended by Chair Pilz

Old Business:
1. 07Mar12 and 21Mar12 SPR meeting attended by S. Pilz

New Business:
1. Mark Hengen joins us as an official member. Mark works at Johnson & Wales University in their science & environmental department. Welcome, Mark.
2. RIACC invited CCC to attend their meetings in Warwick, per L. Harrington
3. Arbor Day Tree Planting project proposed by R. DeGrandpre. William R. Dutemple elementary school suggested as location to replace recent tree loss from a storm event. With unanimous positive vote by membership the CCC will purchase the tree and participate in a planting ceremony on Friday, April 27th.
4. America the Beautiful grant opportunity to be evaluated when more information is received.
5. R. DeGrandpre presented copy of LID manual as presented at the recent Land & Water Summit at URI.
6. Long Range Project suggested by R. DeGrandpre to consist of a proposed "Celebrate Cranston Industrial Park" (off Pontiac Ave.) street tree planting project. With no budget contribution or shred expense between City, grants, and adjacent businesses could be pursued.
7. Roger Williams Park 'Pond Clean Up' project has commenced. Possible connection with Cranston via its contributing watershed/stream that flows into the park.
8. Steve Stycos, Town Councilman, proposed with approval a 'Necklace of Lakes' Concept. No current funds are available to support the program, land acquisition, or maintenance.
9. The unknown status of the DEM Depot off Warwick Ave. was again discussed. No direction at this time.

Adjournment: 8:15 pm

Next Meeting: 24 April 2012 @ 6:30 pm