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BUREAU OF LICENSES

Joseph C. Scuncio
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209 Fountain St., Providence 3, R. I.

April 3, 1953

To the Honorable City Council

Providence, R. I.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2275 of the Public Laws of 1935, the Bureau of Licenses herewith submits a report of its activities for the quarter ending March 28, 1953:

Intoxicating Beverages Licenses

Class B Victualling	1	\$921.00	
Class D Club (\$100.)	1	100.00	
Class F 24 Hour	3	<u>30.00</u>	\$1,051.00

Business and Non-Business Licenses:

Taverns, 3rd class	5	250.00	
Sunday Sales	764	7,640.00	
Parking, Sundays	13	340.00	
Hawkers and Peddlers	13	45.00	
Junk Gatherers	2	10.00	
Second Hand Stores	9	45.00	
Pawnbrokers	9	900.00	
Police Constables with Power	12	300.00	
Police Const. without Power Dog Officer \$5.00	74	78.00	
Private Detectives	7	175.00	



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April 5, 1953

Permit to Carry Weapons	9	18.00	
Hackney Carriage Power Vehicle	5	50.00	
Hackney Carriage Drivers License	55	55.00	
Vehicle License (Paid)	9	18.00	
Intelligence Office, 1st class	1	25.00	
Show and Dance	532	1,906.50	
Shooting Galleries	1	5.00	
Pool Tables, etc.	5	225.00	
Bowling Alleys	23	924.00	
Athletic Exhibitions on Sunday	12	46.50	
A. Bingo	113	618.00	
B. Explosives	2	<u>4.00</u>	\$13,678.00
<u>City Licenses, State of Rhode Island</u>			
Show and Dance		1,906.50	
Shooting Galleries		5.00	
Pool Tables, etc.		225.00	
Bowling Alleys		924.00	
Athletic Exhibitions on Sunday		<u>46.50</u>	3,107.00
<u>Dog Licenses</u>			
Dogs	44	73.60	73.60



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Badge and Plate Fund:

Peddlers Badges	26	13.00	
Junk Gatherers Badges	11	5.50	
Police Constable Badges	11	5.50	
Newsboys Badges	5	1.25	
Hackney Carriage Drivers Badges	57	28.50	
Hackney Carriage Markers	5	2.50	
Truck Markers	9	4.50	
Peddlers Tags for One Day Licenses	<u>4</u>	<u>.80</u>	61.55
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Departmental Credits:

Transfer Licenses	28	28.00	
Certificate of Lost Licenses	1	2.00	
Registration Fees on Dog Licenses	<u>44</u>	<u>6.60</u>	<u>36.60</u>
	1,797		\$18,007.75

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Scuncio
Chairman and Secretary,

Bureau of Licenses.

IN CITY COUNCIL
APR 16 1953

RECEIVED:

WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THIS CASE BE RESOLVED.

W. Everett Whelan
CLERK

Weekly Report of the Superintendent of the Dexter Asylum.

To the Honorable Mayor and the Honorable the City Council of the City of Providence

The Superintendent of the Dexter Asylum herewith reports on admissions and discharges for the week ending April 5, 19 53

Admitted, 0 Discharged, 0 Remaining, 48

ADMISSIONS

DATE	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	ADMITTED BY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WELFARE

DISCHARGES

NAME	DISCHARGED BY	NO.

Respectfully submitted,

James V. McLoone Superintendent
Director of Public Welfare

APR 16 1953

In City Council,

Read, whereupon it is ordered that the same be received.

W. Everett Whelan Clerk.

WEEKLY REPORT

OF THE

DEXTER ASYLUM

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PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Weekly Report of the Superintendent of the Dexter Asylum.

To the Honorable Mayor and the Honorable the City Council of the City of Providence

The Superintendent of the Dexter Asylum herewith reports on admissions and discharges for the week ending April 12, 1953

Admitted, 0 Discharged, 1 Remaining, 47

ADMISSIONS

DATE	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	ADMITTED BY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WELFARE

DISCHARGES

NAME	DISCHARGED BY	NO.
Hannah Guimmond	Died April 11, 1953	#4350

Respectfully submitted,

James V. McLoone Superintendent
Director of Public Welfare

In City Council, APR 16 1953

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R. Everett Wheland Clerk.

WEEKLY REPORT
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FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

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PROVIDENCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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April 2, 1953

TO THE CITY COUNCIL
AND THE CITIZENS OF PROVIDENCE:

The most significant redevelopment news during 1952 was the ruling by the Rhode Island Supreme Court that the redevelopment actions in and proposals for the Point Street project area are constitutional. Full consideration can now again be given to proposals for community improvement through redevelopment.

The scheduling of redevelopment projects in some of the blighted central areas of Providence referred to in this Fifth Annual Report depends on the interest shown by the businessman, the industrialist, and the private home builder in providing improvements on land which might be made available by the Redevelopment Agency.

For the businessman, the opportunity is offered to participate in the development of modern shopping centers on Prairie Avenue, Broad Street, Hoyle Square, Atwells Avenue, Randall Square, North and South Main Streets, Wickenden Street and Cohan Boulevard.

For the industrialist, the opportunity exists to participate in the expansion of the City's industrial plant east of Plain Street in South Providence, in Olneyville, and in the West River section north of Randall Square.

For the private home builder, the opportunity might be created for new residential construction on some sites in the older in-town neighborhoods, although the major remaining portions of those neighborhoods must remain in large part occupied by properties now existing.

The initiative and interest shown by private enterprise in investing in new construction and new facilities to replace existing substandard conditions will in large part determine the location and scheduling of sites for new land use improvements by the Redevelopment Agency. The cooperation which can be achieved between the Redevelopment Agency and private enterprise will govern in large part the redevelopment progress in future years toward making the older sections of Providence more livable and more competitive with newer sections and newer cities.

IN CITY COUNCIL
APR 16 1953

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D. Everett Whelan
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Respectfully submitted,
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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CONSTITUTIONALITY OF REDEVELOPMENT ESTABLISHED:

The four-year effort to obtain a favorable State Supreme Court decision on the Rhode Island redevelopment legislation ended successfully in 1952. On August eleventh the Supreme Court ruled that on four basic questions the Rhode Island Slum Clearance and Redevelopment Act was constitutional.

In the case of George Ajootian v. Providence Redevelopment Agency of the City of Providence et al, Supreme Court of Rhode Island, Equity No. 2122, objections to the redevelopment proposals of the Redevelopment Agency for the Point Street Project Area were raised on grounds of unconstitutionality on four counts:

- (1) This was an attempt to exercise the power of eminent domain for private purposes;
- (2) This was an attempt to use monies raised by taxation for a private purpose;
- (3) It was proposed to sell or lease land at a price set by the Redevelopment Agency irrespective of the cost of buying and preparing the land for redevelopment;
- (4) This was an attempt to improperly delegate legislative authority to the Agency in that the standards set forth were insufficient for a proper determination of the fair value for sale or lease of the slum blighted area after redevelopment.

The majority of the court answered all of the questions in the negative, thus holding that the redevelopment actions and proposals for the Point Street Project Area are constitutional. Inasmuch as these basic questions would be the same for any slum clearance redevelopment project, the decision of the Supreme Court cleared the way for the Redevelopment Agency to continue its program of redevelopment of the deteriorating inner neighborhoods of the City of Providence.

REDEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR CENTRAL AREAS:

In January 1952 a staff report was submitted to the United States Housing and Home Finance Agency, Division of Slum Clearance and Urban Redevelopment, which established the planning framework for the program for the redevelopment of the older neighborhoods of the City of Providence. In this report entitled "Redevelopment Proposals for Central Areas in Providence, Rhode Island," the Master Plan of the City of Providence, as prepared by the Plan Commission, was detailed, with the cooperation of the Plan Commission, for the deteriorating residential sections of Providence.

Preliminary redevelopment proposals were made for projects within each of these sections of the city to guide further studies by the Agency staff. Although not designed to establish a definite time schedule or a definite priority for each potential project, this report nevertheless has prepared the ground work for later specific redevelopment proposals. In general, the proposals for each of the older neighborhoods studied will follow these guides:

Upper South Providence - The expansion of industrial activities will be encouraged east of Plain Street. The area west of Plain Street will remain a neighborhood of homes. Redevelopment proposals there will be for the purpose of protecting and improving this latter area as a suitable place in which to live.

West End - Improvements in keeping with the Master Plan for Providence which might be made here would include commercial improvements in the vicinity of Hoyle Square and along Broad Street, a site for the practice field for Central and Classical High Schools, a site for an additional number of low-rent housing units to be provided by the Providence Housing Authority, and the general improvement of residential conditions.

Federal Hill - Like South Providence, Federal Hill will remain the home of many people of Providence. Redevelopment can contribute to its improvement as a neighborhood of homes by providing sites for critically needed recreational facilities, improved shopping facilities, and some construction of new homes.

Olneyville - Redevelopment projects in Olneyville would be designed to protect commercial and industrial operations in the valley section and to protect residential properties on the higher ground.

Smith Hill - In this section redevelopment action may be directed towards the elimination of the substandard conditions existing north of Orms Street and east of Douglas Avenue.

West River - Should redevelopment take place, the land of the entire West River section between the New Haven Railroad and North Main Street would be devoted to industrial and commercial purposes in conformance with the Master Plan.

Camp Street - East of Benefit Street and North Main Street, in the general vicinity of Camp Street, the purpose of future redevelopment would be to arrest the encroachment of blight through this area of homes and to preserve and protect the area's residential character.

Fox Point - Excellent opportunities exist for commercial improvements on the South Main-Cohan Boulevard edges of Fox Point. In the remainder of the Fox Point area, which extends eastward to the Seekonk River, any redevelopment action would be designed to assist in the preservation of the area as a residential neighborhood.

RECONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REPORT:

Point Street Project Area D2-R

An application for a Loan and Grant of Federal funds was filed with the Division of Slum Clearance and Urban Redevelopment of the Housing and Home Finance Agency during the year. Such a Federal loan will enable the Agency to carry out the development of the project when and in the event that the Agency and City are upheld in a pending court case. The Federal grant would be for two-thirds of the difference between the gross cost of the project and the fair re-use value of the land when sold by the Agency.

The pending case, that of Pasqua Balsamo vs. the Providence Redevelopment Agency and the City of Providence, was still preventing further redevelopment progress in the Point Street project area at the close of the year.

Willard Center Unit One, Project Area D2-A1

On December 18, 1952, the Agency approved the Tentative Plan for Willard Center Unit One and early in 1953, the Plan was submitted to and approved by the City Council. Also in December, the City Council approved the Agency's Final Advance Application to the Division of Slum Clearance and Urban Redevelopment of the Housing and Home Finance Agency for funds to complete the surveys and planning for this project. It is a four-acre area of blighted housing in a location which is suitable for the proposed Upper South Providence elementary school.

Willard Center Unit Two, Project Area D2-A2

Because of the proposed site in Willard Center Unit One is to be carved from an area of blight extending to the south and west, adequate redevelopment will require the eventual removal of the blighting influences adjacent to the school. This would be accomplished by the proposals being made for the Willard Center Unit Two project area. These proposals include a shopping center and recreational facilities in conformity with the Master Plan for Providence.

CONSERVATION PROGRESS REPORT:

In the field of conservation planning, the Agency staff submitted a new draft of a proposed housing code to the Mayor's Conservation Committee for its review during the year.

In December the Executive Director participated in the National Conservation Conference in Chicago. At this Conference public officials and private citizens joined in a workshop analysis of the needs of the aging neighborhoods in our cities and mapped out methods of checking the spread of blight and encouraging the preservation of neighborhood values.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

City of Providence Funds

Fiscal Year 1951-1952

	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Requested City Cash Grant-in-Aid**</u>
Salaries	\$26,487.24	\$25,473.40	\$24,677.17
Contract Services (including consultants)	10,645.00	5,562.84	3,539.50
Materials and Supplies	1,005.00	361.92	356.92
Equipment and Furniture	550.00	314.98	314.98
TOTALS	<u>\$38,687.24*</u>	<u>\$31,713.14</u>	<u>\$28,888.57</u>

* \$6,974.10 Surplus distributed as follows:

Transfers to other departments	\$4,226.66
Returned to General Fund	2,747.44

** A request that this amount become part of the City's one-third contribution toward the cost of redevelopment of the first project has been submitted to the Housing and Home Finance Agency.

Federal Funds

The following Federal funds were expended during the City's Fiscal Year 1951-1952 under Contract UR R.I. A-1, Preliminary Survey and Planning Advance, with the Division of Slum Clearance and Urban Redevelopment, United States Housing and Home Finance Agency.

Administration	\$1,039.14
Legal Fees	4,000.00
Survey and Planning	<u>1,637.30</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$6,676.44</u>

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