



Mayor of Providence

Angel Taveras

December 3, 2012

Honorable Members
Providence City Council
City Hall

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1107 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Rhode Island General Law 45-42.1-3, as well as the Zoning Ordinance 501.1(c), I am this day re-appointing Jon-Paul Couture of 12 Arnold Street, Providence, RI, 02906, as a member of the Historic District Commission for a term to expire on September 30, 2015.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Angel Taveras".

Angel Taveras
Mayor

AT/gc

IN CITY COUNCIL
JAN 17 2013

READ
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECORDED AND APPROVED
A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely of the City Clerk.
CLERK

Couture Design Associates, Inc.

Jon-Paul Couture

In 2004 Jon-Paul started Couture Design Associates, Inc. in Providence after nearly 13 years at the leading architectural firm in Newport, Rhode Island where he was an Associate. His focus has been on new custom residential projects and the planning of country houses in estate settings, historic preservation and renovations in Rhode Island and along the east coast including Hancock Point in Maine, Siasconset in Nantucket, Woods Hole, Massachusetts, New York City and Sarasota Florida. The firm's current project list includes renovations to existing homes and the design of new homes ranging from 1600 square feet to more than 8,000 gross square feet. He received his Bachelor of Architecture degree from Roger Williams University in 1992 and went to work immediately in Newport, a city he was drawn to for its fine examples of American domestic architecture and mix of formal Beaux Arts architecture and simpler coastal cottages. He is currently sitting for the Architectural Registration Exam to become a registered architect in the state of Rhode Island.

Over the last 17 years Jon-Paul has been a project designer and manager and has been responsible for over 50 residential projects, as well as several institutional buildings for local private high schools such as St. Andrew's School, Portsmouth Abbey and Tabor Academy where he was the project designer for their award-winning marine science Facility. In higher education he completed numerous projects at Newport's Salve Regina University with construction budgets ranging from \$100,000.00 to \$15,000,000.00. His long-standing love for residential architecture has informed his designs with sensitivity to the existing fabric of historic structures and the context in which new projects are to be built. Past and present projects show a respect for tradition while providing for today's needs and changing lifestyles.

Current projects include a new home on the shore of Narragansett Bay in Barrington, renovations to a waterfront compound in Narragansett and major additions, renovations, and conservation to a private Bellevue Avenue Mansion.

Honors and Publications

February 1996 cover story "Renewal in Newport" Architectural Digest
1996 Newport Historical Society Honor Award "Rocky Hall"
1997 Newport Historical Society Honor Award "Fairlawn"
1999 segment on "Restore America with Bob Villa" Rocky Hall
2004 Private Newport features two residential projects designed by JP Couture.

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2005 AIA Honor Award for the Design of Tabor Academy's new Marine Science Facility

2005 AIA Honor Award for the Interiors of St. Andrew's School's McCulloch Performing Arts Center Interiors.

2006 New York Times article "The House of Worth"

2007 Spectacular Homes of New England

2007 Rhode Island Monthly article "At Home"

Affiliations

Associate Member American Institute of Architects

2006-2009 Board of Trustees, Providence Preservation Society

Board member Providence Revolving Fund

Advisory Committee, Providence Cityarts! for Youth

Annual Event Committee Cityarts! for Youth

Providence Architectural Review Committee, Providence Preservation Society