

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 116

*Approved* March 10, 2000

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CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
MAYOR'S OFFICE  
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RESOLVED, That the Board of Park Commissioners is  
requested to name that open space currently under improvement along  
Oakland Avenue at Chalkstone Avenue and at Pleasant Valley Parkway the  
"Thomas D. Twitchell Greenway".

IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAR 3 2000  
READ AND PASSED

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON  
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT  
RENEWAL & PLANNING

*Michael R. Clement* CLERK

TO THE COMMITTEE ON  
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT  
RENEWAL & PLANNING  
Approves Passage of  
The Within Resolution

*Craig Bestwick*  
Feb. 23, 2000 Clerk

*Councilman Hassett, By Request*

City of Providence



Rhode Island

Department of City Clerk

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 17, 1999

TO: Nancy Derrig, Board of Park Commissioners

SUBJECT: Open Space-Oakland Avenue at Chalkstone Avenue and Pleasant Valley Parkway

CONSIDERED BY: Chairwoman Balbina A. Young, Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning

DISPOSITION: Attached please find a copy of the above subject matter for study and report back in writing to the said Committee as soon as practical. This matter will be taken up at the next meeting of the Committee.

*Barbara A. Cairns*  
Deputy City Clerk

**Thomas D. Twitchell  
60 Zone St.  
Providence, RI 02908**

- **Pastor - United Presbyterian Church** 1968 - 1978
- **President - New Life Enterprises** 1978 - 1981
- **Manager/Buddy Boy Restaurant** 1981 - 1989
- **Director of Community Organizing/Smith Hill Center** 1989 - 1996
- **Partner/Serendipity Art Studio** 1996 - Present
  
- **Co-founder and first President - Capital Hill Interaction Council** 1970 - 1973  
While with CHIC, began:
  - Butterfly Handicraft Shop 1970 operated 15 years
  - Our Daily Bread Food Co-Op 1972 operated 10+ years
  - Shepherds Staff (Social Service Agency) 1973 operated 10+ years
  - Substance Abuse Program 1975 operated 20 years
  - Capital Clarion, CHIC News and Smith Hill Journal newspapers 1970
  - Annual Smith Hill Festival and Field Games 1970 operated 5 + years
  
- **RI State Medical Examiners Commission** 1970 - 1976
- **Moderator of the Presbytery Southern NE** 1975 - 1976
- **Delegate to the Synod of New England (UPCUSA)** 1976
- **Delegate to the General Assembly (UPUSA)** 1976
- **Asked to deliver the sermon at Bicentennial National Conference of Lt. Governors in Newport, RI, by then Lt. Governor J. Joseph Garrahy** 1976
- **Acting President Prov. Community Ambulatory Health Care Foundation** 1972 - 1973  
- Accomplished arbitration leading to Hill-Burton funding of 2 new Health Centers, including the one in Smith Hill
- **Co-founder Capital Grenadiers Drum and Bugle Corps** 1970
- **Author - "That They May Be One" - historical biography of life and events leading to the unity of Christian Churches in Smith Hill. Published 1979 by Lugos, International.** 1979
- **Co-founder Smith Hill Community Development Corporation** 1990
- **First Liaison to City Year Rhode Island team in Smith Hill** 1993
- **Commissioner/ Commission on Community Policing** 1992
- **Co-founder Camp Phoenix Partnership (SH Center/Prov. Police Dept./ Providence Commission on Human Relations** 1993

- **Co-founder Smith Hill Community Choir** 1993 - 1996
- **Coordinator English as Second Language Program for Smith Hill** 1989 - 1995
- **Co-founder Generation One Garden Project at Camden Ave. field** 1994  
Acted as advocate for urban greenspace in Smith Hill, mobilizing neighbors to clean and reclaim vacant lots, planted over 40 street trees. Started the process of beautification for the vacant lot at Chalkstone and Oakland Ave.
- **Co-liaison to Providence College Urban Action Program/Chaplains Office and Feinstein Institute for Public Service.** 1994 - 1996  
Fostered city interest in field at Camden Avenue School after working with 150 PC Urban Action students who cleared the hill and planted trees. Field is now home to Father Lennon Park and a new city recreation facility.
- **Chairman Anti-Arson Task Force of Providence** 1994  
Participated in 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fire Watch for many years
- **Teaching Community Partner/Feinstein Institute at Providence College** 1997 - present
- **Board member Smith Hill Community Development Corporation** 1990 - present
- **President Smith Hill Community Development Corporation** 1995 - 1996
- **Chairman Economic Development Task Force/SHCDC** 1997 - present
- **Board member Providence Community Health Centers** 1997 - present
- **Board Member Keep Providence Beautiful** 1993 - 1996
- **Organizing Member Smith Hill Business Association** 1994 - present
- **Member Douglas Avenue Steering Committee** 1994 - present
- **Organizing member Friends of Providence Public Library/Smith Hill** 1993 - present
- **Organizing member Smith Hill Community Congress** 1993 - present
- **Organizing member Smith Hill Neighborhood Council** 1993 - present