



Mayor of Providence

Jorge O. Elorza

November 20, 2017

Honorable Members
Providence City Council
City Hall

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1013 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, I am this day re-appointing Michael Gazdacko of 78 Harrison Street, Providence, RI 02909, as a general citizenry category member of the City Plan Commission for a term to end January 31, 2023, and respectfully submit the same for your approval.

Sincerely,

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Jorge O. Elorza
Mayor

IN CITY COUNCIL
JAN 08 2018

READ
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED
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CLERK

Michael R. Gazdacko

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Pawtucket Foundation, Board Member (2009 – Present)

Providence Preservation Society, Strategic Planning Committee (2014-Present), Co-Chair Winter Bash Event Committee (2013, 2014)

Providence Pecha Kucha, Founding and Current Board Member, Host/Organizer (2010-14)

Rhode Island Music Hall of Fame, Founding and Current Board Member

Providence 375 Celebration Emcee (2012)

TedX Providence, Board Member and Planning/Host Committee (2013- Present)

Woolly Fair, Planning Committee (2010, 2011)

Farm Fresh RI, Local Food Fest Committee (2010-Present), Seafood Throwdown Host (2013-14)

West Broadway Neighborhood Association, Event Committees (2010-present)

Providence Monthly's "10 to Watch" (2011)

EMPLOYMENT

Director of Development & Operations, Rhode Island

Urban Smart Growth (USG), 2003 - Present

Responsibilities

- o Day to day management of all USG RI operations, including: site location; due diligence; acquisition; financing; and environmental remediation
- o Oversight of architects and all structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and other engineers
- o Supervision of in-house personnel and all tradesmen and management of general contractors
- o Liaison to all city officials for plan/project review, variances, entitlements and permits
- o Responsible for lease-up of all tenant spaces

Accomplishments

Hope Artists Village, Pawtucket, RI

- o Converted of turn-of-the-century mill into a destination for retail, dining and entertainment
- o Attracted more than 100 tenants, including Seven Stars Bakery, Farm Fresh RI, New Harvest Coffee, Envision Technology Advisors (an IT Company with 50+ employees)
- o Current host of Farm Fresh RI's Wintertime Farmer's Market

Greystone Lofts, North Providence, RI

- o \$25M, 200,000 square foot historic redevelopment of the former Worcester Textile Mill,
- o Completed significant environmental remediation of the site, in collaboration with RIDEM and Sage Environmental
- o Awarded Federal and State Historic Preservation Tax Credits
- o 98% occupancy at market rates for the past four years
- o Honored by Preserve RI with a Rhody Award in 2012

Current and Ongoing Projects with USG RI

- o Conversion of the Preparing Mill, an 180,000 square foot, five story building at Hope Artists Village to 149 residential loft units