CHARLES C. VIALL
CITY CLERK

DAGNY A. WIBERG
DEPUTY

City of East Providence

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

February 6, 1959

Senate Bill S-230

City Clerk
Providence
Rhode Island

Dear Sir:

At a regular meeting of the City Council held February 3, 1959, it was voted that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS: There exists along the shores of the Providence and Seekonk Rivers and the shores of Narragansett Bay and other tributaries, old spilings, and the hulks of scows, barges and other abandoned craft; and

WHEREAS: these said spilings and hulks are an eyesore as well as a menace to navigation; and

WHEREAS: these navigable waters are under the jurisdiction of the United States Government and its agencies to police, improve and develop;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the General Assembly of Rhode Island be requested to memorialize the Congress of the United States to make an appropriation to clean up the shores of Narragansett Bay and its tributaries of these derelicts and rid the waters of these menaces to sporting as well as to commercial navigation; and

be it further

RESOLVED: that copies of this resolution be sent to the Senator and Representatives from East Providence in the General Assembly requesting that the appropriate legislation be enacted to memorialize the Congress; and that copies of this resolution also be sent to the City and Town Councils of Providence, Cranston, Warwick, Barrington, Warren and Bristol to enlist the support of these communities for this project.

IN CITY COUNCIL
FEB 19 1959
READ:
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT THE SAME BE RECEIVED.
D. Everett Whelan CLERK

Yours truly,

Charles C. Viall
City Clerk

CCV:mcb

FILED

FEB 9 12 02 PM '59

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
PROVIDENCE, R.I.

January 30, 1959

City Plan Commission
City Hall
Providence 3, Rhode Island

Gentlemen:

You have requested from me some further definition of the "Master Plan for City Beautification" which I called for in my inaugural address of January 5, 1959.

Perhaps "master plan" in the sense that this term may be used by technicians implies a somewhat different procedure - a different approach - a greater precision of detail - than I had in mind for you to undertake as an immediate task.

Two or three examples may be helpful in illustrating my own present concept of this project. For instance:

(1) Certain playgrounds could possibly be made more attractive, both to the children who use them and to the general neighborhoods in which they are located. I would suggest then, that this assumption be examined factually. If it is a valid assumption, in what way could added attractiveness be secured? What are the advantages of the several means of improvement which can be suggested?

(2) In many of our water-front areas old and unsightly piling has remained long after it has ceased to have any economic value. Is this a beautification problem? How could such piling be removed? Is it a public or a private responsibility? How costly would it be?

(3) How about our new super highways? Basically they are functional construction and possess a kind of geometric beauty of their own. But what - if anything - could we, or should we, do about the banks and many other area which could perhaps be suitable for planting? What kind of planting? Is this something the Federation of Garden Clubs or other organizations might want to undertake for civic betterment.

As you may note, this very likely becomes a Master Check-List, rather than, technically speaking, a Master Plan. It would provide suggestions in reasonable detail of the kinds of improvements which could make for an attractive city, general means achieving the particular kind, some assessment of whose is the responsibility involved, the cost where this is a factor (as it usually is), who might be called upon to assist - questions of this kind. There must be dozens of such kinds of improvements.

Such a checklist - master plan - whatever the terminology, would then provide me with a storehouse of practical and desirable suggestions upon which I could take subsequent action singlely or severally. Once the recommendations were made I would then take the responsibility of getting together the proper officials, private citizens, etc. to study specific details of how to accomplish the general objective which has been outlined.

I trust the foregoing may be helpful to you. Please call upon me or upon Mr. Wood at any time you may wish.

Yours most sincerely,

Walter H. Reynolds
Mayor of Providence

WHR:JCS

JOHN B. DUNN
COMMISSIONER

ERIC PARKER
ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY
209 FOUNTAIN STREET
PROVIDENCE 3, RHODE ISLAND

February 17, 1959

Honorable City Council

City of Providence

Honorable Sirs:

In answer to Resolution of the City Council, No. 95 approved February 6, 1959, I respectfully submit the following:

All places of public assembly, places of business and factories are inspected as required by the Fire Prevention Code. In fact the Chief of Department has had requests from business people that inspections be less frequent because of the necessity of management, or engineer or janitor having to accompany the firemen.

Inspections are done by the entire company, so-called "in service inspections" and where the company responds to fire by radio. All theatres are inspected weekly by the Battalion Chiefs in whose district the theatre is located. Schools, churches and institutions are inspected monthly on a company level. In addition schools are inspected quarterly by an officer of the Fire Department accompanied by a school official, with both signing the report form.

In addition there are seven (7) inspectors in the Fire Prevention Bureau, each with an assigned district charged with investigation and inspection of all fires, all complaints, theatres, public buildings and bingos.

JOHN B. DUNN
COMMISSIONER

ERIC PARKER
ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY

209 FOUNTAIN STREET
PROVIDENCE 3, RHODE ISLAND

In the year 1958 there were 342 building fires of which 230 were in residential buildings, 20 in non-residential buildings such as office buildings, theatres, churches, hospitals, institutions and schools; 48 in mercantile buildings, including stores, restuarants, bars, repair shops, filling stations and public garages; 22 in manufacturing buildings including breweries, bakeries, laundries, printing and other manufacturing processing; 18 in warehouses, piers, wharves and storage; 6 in other buildings such as power plants, pumping and transformer stations.

The above record is a reduction in building fires from 1957 and is a result of the inspections carried on by the Fire Department and the Bureau of Fire Prevention.

The number of inspections are listed on the attached schedule and the situation is well covered as to the protection to life and property, and any further safety measures could be obtained only through amendments to the building code by bringing fire protection into buildings by sprinklers, stand pipes, etc., and particularly as to sprinklers in the basements of mercantile establishments, lodging and rooming houses and hotels of ordinary construction.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Dunn

Commissioner of Public Safety

IN CITY COUNCIL
FEB 19 1959
READ:
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT THE SAME BE RECEIVED.
D. Everett Wheldon
CLERK

BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION
~~WEEKLY~~ ACTIVITY REPORT

NAME FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

~~WEEK~~ YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1958

INVESTIGATION: (of complaints received)

COMPLAINTS CORRECTED	1038
" UNJUSTIFIED	52
BUILDINGS RAZES	122
" REPAIRED	62
REFERRED TO HEALTH DEPT.	33
" " BLDG. DIR.	176
" " PUB.SERV.ENGR.	25
REQUEST OF OCCUPANTS	71
DEFECTIVE CHIMNEY-SMOKE PIPE AND HEATING PLANT	80
FIRE ESCAPES-PANIC BOLTS ETC.	38
OBSTRUCTED EXITS	31
OPEN EXPOSURES	141
BURNING RUBBISH	598
RUBBISH CONDITIONS CORRECTED	442

FIRES:

FIRES INVESTIGATED	1253
SUSPICIOUS FIRES	51
REFERRED TO JUVENILE DIV.	8
FIRE LOSSES INVESTIGATED	489
COURT CASES	1

PLACES OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY:

BINGOES	410
EXHIBITIONS-BOXING-HOCKEY-ETC.	6
CARNIVALS	

INSPECTIONS: (Regular)

ORIGINAL INSPECTIONS	1603
RE-INSPECTIONS	1760
THEATERS	102
CONVALESCENT HOMES	22
NURSING HOMES	16
HOMES FOR CHILDREN	26
HOSPITALS	16
SCHOOLS	247
ORPHANAGES	12
STORAGE OF VEHICLES	7
GASOLINE APPLICATIONS	50
" TANKS	29
STORAGE OF FUEL OIL-BULK	4
DANG. CHEM. APPLICATION	48
FIRE ESCAPES	306

DEMONSTRATIONS-LECTURES-ETC:

FIRE PREV. DEMONSTRATIONS	46
FIRE PREV. " ATTENDANCE AT	12,371
MOVING PICTURE SHOWINGS	76
MOVING PICTURE ATTENDANCE AT	29,060
LECTURE-TALK	73
LECTURE-TALK ATTENDANCE AT	33,263
CONFERENCES ATTENDED	
RADIO BROADCAST	5
TELEVISION BROADCAST	10
FIRE DRILLS CONDUCTED	262
TAPE RECORDINGS MADE	

MISCELLANEOUS:

NO SMOKING SIGNS ISSUED	591
WARNING SLIPS ISSUED	
PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN	1137
EXTRA HOURS WORKED	514
PAMPHLETS DISTRIBUTED	9,550
BOOKS DISTRIBUTED	1,578
POSTERS DISTRIBUTED	2,552
PUBLIC DISPLAYS SET UP	12

INSPECTIONS:

RESIDENTIAL: (dwellings, apartments, rooming houses etc.)	113,773
NON-RESIDENTIAL: (theaters, churches, hospitals, schools etc.)	2,520
MERCANTILE: (retail stores, restaurants, repair shops, etc.)	4,879
MANUFACTURING: (factories, bakeries, laundries, etc.)	1,207
STORAGE: (warehouses, piers, etc.)	345
MISCELLANEOUS: (power plants, pumping stations, etc.)	132

FILED

FEB 17 3 30 PM '59

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
PROVIDENCE, R.I.

146

THE PROVIDENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

PROVIDENCE 3, RHODE ISLAND

STUART C. SHERMAN
Librarian

F. CHARLES TAYLOR
Assistant Librarian

February 13, 1959

Mr. D. Everett Whelan
City Clerk
City Hall
Providence 3, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Whelan:

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication informing us of the additional grant of $10,000 to the Providence Public Library recently authorized by the City Council.

We deeply appreciate your interest and the efforts of all persons concerned with helping to maintain the service of the Providence Public Library to the community.

Sincerely yours,

Stuart C. Sherman

Stuart C. Sherman
Librarian

SCS/idm

IN CITY COUNCIL
FEB 19 1959
READ:
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

D. Everett Whelan
CLERK

A FREE PUBLIC SERVICE SINCE 1878

ANNUAL REPORT
NORTH BURIAL GROUND
YEAR 1958

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE

In complying with the Ordinances of the City of Providence, the Board of Park Commissioners present the following report of the North Burial Ground for the year 1958.

During the year 1958, the sum of $2,983.00 was received for Perpetual Care of Lots and Single Graves.

During the year 1958, there were 385 interments, making a total of 59,657 since 1848, that being the first year that records of interments were kept.

134 foundations for Headstones and Monuments were built.

There were 39 lots placed under perpetual care during the year 1958, making the present total, 6,198.

The present number of lots under annual care, 16.

Number of lots now held in perpetual trust, 315.

The average number of employees, during the year, was 19 per week.

Inventory of Removable Property at the North Burial Ground for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1958, $17,437.74.

FOLLOWING, YOU WILL FIND A STATEMENT
OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand in the General Account, December 31, 1957		$ 1,300.68
Sale of Land	$10,870.75	
Perpetual Care	2,983.00	
Deed and Recording	156.00	
Certificates	39.00	
Improvement of Lots	7,835.75	
Interest Drawn from Perpetual Care Fund	24,284.08	
Interments	29,844.00	
Tomb Rent	179.75	
Sale of Plants and Flowers	3,311.29	
Sundries	251.50	79,755.12
		81,055.80

North Burial Ground Appropriation Account

Chapter 1221 of City Ordinances, approved September 11, 1958, Paid, September 11, 1958	8,000.00
Chapter 1243, of City Ordinances, approved, December 19, 1958 for $27,500.00. Paid, December 23, 1958	5,000.00
	$94,055.80

EXPENDITURES

PERPETUAL CARE AND DEED RECORDING

Perpetual Care of Lots and Single Graves paid in full for year 1958, ending December 28, 1958 and turned over to the custody of Michael N. Cardarelli, City Treasurer.	$ 2,983.00	
Recorder of Deeds	156.00	3,139.00

SALARIES AND LABOR

Salaries	$11,964.60	
Labor on Interments	14,327.00	
Labor on Improvements	41,159.74	67,451.34
Amount carried forward		$70,590.34

EXPENDITURES

Amount brought forward		$70,590.34

SUNDRY BILLS

Plumbing, Lumber and Building Repairs	$ 753.72	
Hardware, Tools and Supplies	267.29	
Paints, Wallpaper and Supplies	67.18	
Gasoline, Motor Oil and Grease	913.55	
Auto and Truck Account	110.82	
Auto and Truck Account, Municipal Garage	716.70	
Welding and Blacksmith Service	22.75	
Equipment and Tool Repair Service	260.42	
Rental of Equipment and Operator	205.33	
Lawn Mowers	1,151.83	
New Air Broom	175.00	
Burial Containers	4,737.05	
Brick, Lime and Cement	220.49	
Redying Grass Carpets	45.00	
Grave Markers and Numbering	305.20	
Monument Cleaning	90.00	
Loam and Sod	1,678.80	
Trees, Bulbs, Seeds, Plants and Shrubs	355.79	
Greenhouse Supplies	304.59	
Fertilizer	306.86	
Plowing Land	20.00	
Electric Service	458.62	
Telephone Service	483.52	
Oil Burner Service	212.28	
Fuel	1,699.27	
1 New Automatic Gas Heater	133.28	
Water	305.82	
Office Supplies and Equipment	69.17	
Books, Printing, and Stationery	13.89	
Advertising	115.84	
Postage	37.00	
Towel Supply	22.50	
Blue Cross and Physicians Service	653.25	
Proffessional Service to Employees	305.00	17,217.81
		$87,808.15
Refund to Lucy Mazmanian, Voucher No. 3669		33.00
		87,841.15
Balance on hand in General Account December 28, 1958		6,214.65
		$94,055.80

SUMMARY OF BALANCES

Balance, North Burial Ground General Account, December 28, 1958, (Including payroll week ending December 27, 1958, $1,175.56)	$6,214.65
Balance, North Burial Ground, Perpetual Care Income Fund, December 28, 1958	0.00
	$6,214.65

SUMMARY OF BALANCES

Balance, North Burial Ground Perpetual Care Fund including receipts turned over to custody of Michael N. Cardarelli, City Treasurer for year 1958, to December 28, 1958 ——— $590,978.83

Respectfully submitted

John R. Flynn

John R. Flynn, Chairman

Joseph Castronovo

Joseph Castronovo, M. D.

H. Clinton Owen, Jr.

H. Clinton Owen, Jr.

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEB 19 1959

READ:

WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

D. Everett Whelan CLERK