

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 271

EFFECTIVE ~~APPROX~~ June 17, 2013

WHEREAS, Rhode Island and Cape Verde have had a powerful connection through transatlantic trade and migration dating back to the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, Providence has historically been the main point of entry to the United States for Cape Verdean immigrants; and

WHEREAS, Today, more people of Cape Verdean descent live in New England than in Cape Verde; and

WHEREAS, In particular, the Fox Point neighborhood became home to a large number of Cape Verdean-Americans, many of whom worked in maritime industries along Providence's waterfront; and

WHEREAS, Fox Point is so intimately connected with the state's Cape Verdean community that many Cape Verdean locals still refer to the area as "The Old Neighborhood"; and

WHEREAS, The cultural, economic, and personal contributions of Cape Verdeans have had a deep impact on life in Providence, helping to make our city vibrant and unique; and

WHEREAS, Creating a public park in the Fox Point neighborhood commemorating the many important contributions of Cape Verdeans would be a powerful and appropriate way to recognize this integral part of Providence's community:



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council does hereby request that the Department of Planning and Development and the Rhode Island Department of Transportation ensure that 2,500 to 4,000 square feet of land in the proposed East Side Park of Contract 16 of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation be reserved for the creation of a Cape Verdean Heritage Park, to be developed in consultation with the Fox Point Cape Verdean community and the Providence Parks Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the Director of the Providence Department of Planning and Development, the Superintendent of the Providence Parks Department, and the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation.


IN CITY COUNCIL

JUN 06 2013

READ AND PASSED


PRES.

CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature


Anna M. Stetson
City Clerk