



Mayor of Providence

Brett P. Smiley

January 6, 2023

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, 2028, and respectfully submit the same for your approval.

Sincerely,

Brett P. Smiley
Mayor

IN CITY COUNCIL
FEB 16 2023

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

Jana L. Martini CLERK

Michael R. Gazdacko

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Real Estate Professional with 20 years of varied experience in all facets of commercial real estate. Expertise includes adaptive reuse, historic preservation/rehabilitation, environmental remediation/compliance, multifamily development, commercial real estate development, acquisition/disposition, due diligence, entitlements, project and property management, construction planning/oversight and owner's representative roles.

EMPLOYMENT

Director of Construction & Maintenance, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire
East Side Enterprises, Inc., July 2020 - Present

Responsibilities

- Oversees a 100+ property portfolio/remote network of company owned sites. Responsible for \$4.5MM annual maintenance budget, \$8MM annual run and maintain capital budget, with team of maintenance managers and in house technicians.
- Responsible for identifying, designing, entitling, and building between 5 and 10 sites annually, ranging from \$25MM-\$50MM in construction/year.
- Directs all property maintenance, environmental compliance, entitlements and construction

Vice President/Director - Development & Operations, Rhode Island
Urban Smart Growth (USG), 2003 – May, 2020

Responsibilities

- Day to day management of all USG RI operations, including: site location; due diligence; acquisition; financing; environmental remediation; entitlements; construction projects; and renovations (in house and outsourced); property management; in-house personnel and tradesman.
- Coordination of services with architects and all structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and other outside professionals/engineers, attorneys, lenders and consultants.
- Management of accounting and planning for all real estate developments in portfolio.

Accomplishments

The Village Lofts, Pawtucket, RI

- Conversion of the 190,000 square foot, five story turn of the century mill building connected to the Hope Artiste Village (facing I-95) into 149 residential units and associated tenant spaces.

Hope Artiste Village, Pawtucket, RI

- Converted of turn-of-the-century mill into a destination for retail, dining and entertainment

Greystone Lofts, North Providence, RI

- \$30M, 200,000 sq. ft. historic redevelopment of the former Worcester Textile Mill

Previous Positions @ USG include: Development Director, Development Associate, Project Manager and Building Manager (Los Angeles, CA and Pawtucket, Rhode Island – multiple buildings/projects)

Various Sales and Management Positions

Nordstrom 1998 - 2004

- Opened multiple new locations as department manager, in existing and new markets. Primary areas of expertise in Men's Wear and all shoe departments.
- Nordstrom locations included Cleveland, OH; Columbus, OH; Chicago, IL; Los Angeles, CA, was moved by the company twice to open new store locations.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

City of Providence, City Plan Commission, Chair (2021- Present); Vice Chair (2017-2021); Commissioner (2015-2016)

TEDxProvidence, TEDx License Holder (2018 - present); Providence Speaking Society Board President (2014 – present); PSS Board Member & Planning Committee (2013- 2014)

Pawtucket Foundation, Executive Committee (2020 – present); Board Member (2009 – present)

Urban Land Institute, Boston Chapter, member in good standing

Candidate for RI House of Representatives (2016); Ran a close race against an incumbent of 26 years

Providence Preservation Society, Strategic Planning Committee (2014-2015); Co-Chair Winter Bash Event Committee (2013, 2014)

Rhode Island Music Hall of Fame, Founding Board Member (2011 – 2015)

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

Farm Fresh RI, Local Food Fest Committee (2010-2016), Seafood Throwdown Host (2013-14)

Providence 375 Celebration Emcee (2012)

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