

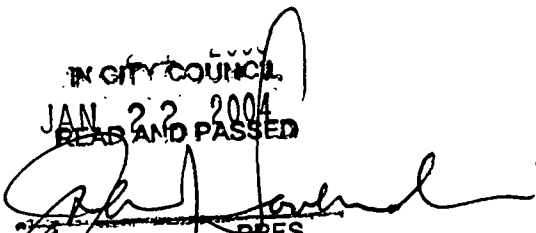
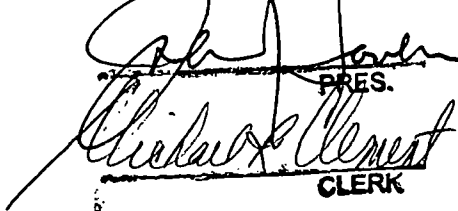
THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

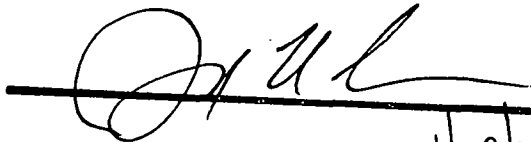
No. 37

*Approved* January 29, 2004

RESOLVED, That Veazie Street Park be named the "Iola French  
Park".

IN CITY COUNCIL  
JAN 22 2004  
READ AND PASSED  
  
PRES.  
  
CLERK

APPROVED

  
MAYOR

1/29/04

IN CITY COUNCIL  
AUG 7 2003  
FIRST READING  
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON  
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT  
RENEWAL & PLANNING

Michael R. Clement CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON  
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT  
RENEWAL & PLANNING

Approves Passage of  
The Within Resolution,

Ann M. Stebbins Clerk  
9-30-03

Pending approval  
Post Office +  
Police Dept

Councilman Maxcine (By Request), and Councilwoman Roman



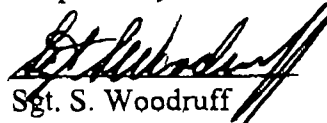
PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
TRAFFIC BUREAU

*Sergeant Steven G. Woodruff, Officer-In-Charge*

To: Colonel Dean M. Esserman, Chief of Police  
From: Sgt. S. Woodruff, Traffic Bureau  
Subject: Re-naming of City park

After review, I believe there would be no impact to the to the Traffic in the area of the Veazie Street park if it were re-named Iola French Park.

Respectfully,

  
Sgt. S. Woodruff  
Traffic Bureau

325 Washington Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903  
401.243.6419

ROBERT F. MCMAHON  
Acting Superintendent of Parks



DAVID N. CICILLINE  
Mayor

## Department of Public Parks

*"Building Pride In Providence"*

### MEMORANDUM

TO: CITY CLERK

FROM: ROBERT F. MCMAHON, ACTING SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS *RFM*

DATE: JANUARY 14, 2004

Please be advised that at the Board of Park Commissioners meeting held January 9, 2004, the Park Commissioners voted unanimously to rename Veazie Street Park the "Iola French Park."

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK



Michael R. Clement  
City Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK  
CITY HALL

Claire E. Bestwick  
First Deputy

Anna M. Stetson  
Second Deputy

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES REQUESTED

Date: 7/18

Time: 3:30

Council Person Manini

By Request ☒  
Not By Request ☐

Summary: Resolution naming the  
Venzie St Park  
the Iola French Park.  
[Signature]

Taken By: AMS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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WHEREAS, The Department of Transportation's relocation of Route I-195 necessitates the removal of high voltage power line that currently traverse India Point Park; and

WHEREAS, Narragansett Electric proposes to reconstruct 6200 feet of the transmission line (labeled the E-183 transmission line) running from Franklin Square in Providence to Bold Point in East Providence; and

WHEREAS, The existing E-183 transmission line was originally constructed in 1918 and is being deconstructed prematurely due to the highway relocation project; and

WHEREAS, The proposed replacement transmission facilities will likely be present along the waterfronts of Providence and East Providence for the next century; and

WHEREAS, Narragansett Electric states that the electromagnetic field (EMF) of overhead power lines at the India Point Park playground would be 10 milliGauss, which is two and a half times greater than the 4 mG level at which epidemiology studies suggest "an association" between EMF and childhood leukemia, according to Narragansett Electric's summary of those studies, and

WHEREAS, The 9-year, \$7-million study conducted by the California Dept. of Health Sciences Evaluation went beyond finding "associations," and concluded in 2002 that "EMFs can cause some degree of increased risk of childhood leukemia" and other diseases, and

WHEREAS, The Transportation Department's 1996 Environmental Impact Statement for the I-195 project states that burying the waterfront wires would reduce their EMF levels to "virtually nil," citing information provided by New England utility officials, and

WHEREAS, The waterfront power lines, if relocated above ground, would pass over the Corliss Landing area (east of the Providence River and north of the hurricane barrier) where significant development of condominiums and other projects is anticipated, and

WHEREAS, Studies of tens of thousands of real estate transactions in at least nine states and provinces in the US and Canada show that proximity within 200 yards of high-voltage power lines can depreciate property values by as much as 20%, and

WHEREAS, Dramatic water views from residential and commercial projects anticipated at Corliss Landing and at Narragansett Landing (west of the Providence River and south of the hurricane barrier) would be marred by new overhead power lines, and

WHEREAS, Studies show that apartments in New York, San Francisco, and other cities sell for up to twice the price of comparable apartments without natural views, and

WHEREAS, The city would significantly benefit from increased property values and tax revenues if the power lines were buried, and

Councilman Segal

WHEREAS, Overhead high voltage power lines through the area in question would be far more conspicuous for far more people than at present because people will frequent the new vantage points that will be created along the continuous waterfront greenway that will stretch from East Providence to Waterplace Park and beyond, upon completion of the Washington Bridge linear park and the relocation of I-195, and

WHEREAS, Mayor Cicilline has called India Point Park "the entering crown jewel of the city," and

WHEREAS, The public space of the three waterfront parks which would be scarred by overhead power lines (Corliss Landing, India Point, and, in East Providence, Bold Point) are invaluable public recreation and gathering places, especially for those who cannot afford regular access to natural surroundings outside the city, and

WHEREAS, Overhead power lines over these parks constitute a blight on our city and our region - a blight which contributes to what the Providence Parks Department has described in India Point Park as "the psychological perception that the park is merely a Narragansett Electric right-of-way," and

WHEREAS, Other cities, such as Chattanooga, TN, Louisville, KY, San Antonio, TX, and Annapolis, MD, have found that ridding their waterfront parks of obtrusive power lines has reaped major economic benefits, and

WHEREAS, Providence and Rhode Island now have a once-in-a-century opportunity to rid these waterfront parks of these obtrusive power lines and their hulking towers, and

WHEREAS, The burial of these power lines will provide far-reaching economic and environmental benefits to the City, the capital region, and the state, and

WHEREAS, The waterfront power lines interconnect with major transmission facilities (Providence's Manchester St. Station and the Brayton Point plant in Somerset, MA), which insures the reliability of the regional grid, and

WHEREAS, Equity requires that those who benefit from these power lines - electricity customers throughout New England grid - should respect the integrity of the public shoreline green space in the capital region, and should therefore pay for burying these wires, and

WHEREAS, If Massachusetts or Connecticut were faced with constructing new regional transmission lines over treasured public spaces like the Boston Common or the New Haven Green, surely the other New England states would agree to pay their share of burying those wires, and

WHEREAS, Regional funding of burying the waterfront power lines would mean that the average Rhode Island ratepayer would pay as little as four-tenths (4/10) of one cent on his or her monthly electricity bill over the next 40 years.

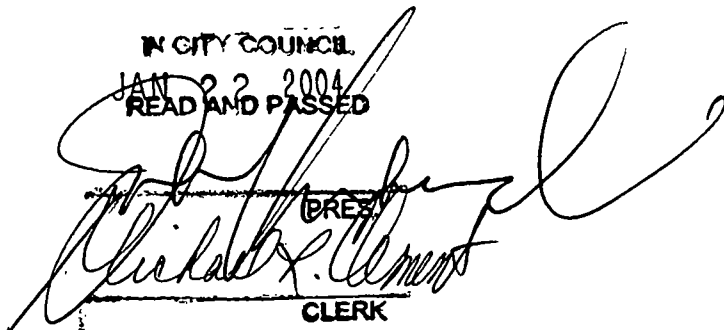
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council declares that the public good requires the burial of the waterfront power lines, and that in furtherance of that goal, it would expeditiously grant underground easements for relocating the wires, while fully considering the far-reaching negative impact of granting overhead easements over its waterfront parks, which are a priceless public resource, and



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council believes that the cost of acquiring such easements over waterfront land should be considered part of evaluating the economics of overhead versus underground power lines, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council applauds Mayor Cicilline, Attorney General Lynch, Governor Carcieri, and other officials for supporting burying these power lines, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council urges and implores these officials and others to do everything in their power to obtain regional funding for burying the power lines, and that they do everything in their power to persuade the state Energy Facility Siting Board to approve a settlement of the power line case that allows for burial of the wires.

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