



CITY OF PROVIDENCE

Jorge O. Elorza, Mayor

December 14, 2022

Honorable John J. Igliozzi
Providence City Hall
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Council President Igliozzi,

I am pleased to present this 2021-2022 Annual Report of the Providence Historic District Commission, covering the period from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021. The Annual Report is mandated by the Certified Local Government Program administered by the Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission and the National Park Service.

This report represents the Commission's activities in Providence's nine local historic districts, of which there are more than 2,600 properties listed. During 2021-2022, the Planning Department received 157 applications for Certificates of Appropriateness. The Commission reviewed 55 applications, with 107 applications reviewed and approved by the Commission's professional staff-person, demonstrating the Commission's timely and efficient review process.

The Department of Planning and Development proudly supports the Historic District Commission's role in protecting Providence's historic resources, while ensuring that historic preservation plays a significant role in the City planning process.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Nickerson, Director

cc: Providence City Council
City Clerk

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IN CITY COUNCIL

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WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

Tina L. Mastipanni CLERK

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CLG Contact Information					
Reporting Period:		October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022		Town/City of: Providence	
Name of Contact Person:		Jason Martin, Preservation Planner		Address: Dept. of Planning & Development, 444 Westminster St, Ste 3A, Providence, RI 02903	
Phone Number:		401.880.8617		Email Address: jmartin@providenceri.gov	
CRITERION #1: Local Governments must enforce local legislation for the designation and protection of historic properties.					
1. Was the HDC's enabling legislation amended?		<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	If YES, ATTACH a copy of the amendment.	
2. Were procedural or design guidelines developed or amended?		<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	If YES, ATTACH a copy of new or amended guidelines.	
3. What are the current design standards in use by the HDC? (Name document(s) if applicable.)		S&G Armory, Broadway, College Hill, North Elmwood, PLD - Residential, Power-Cooke, South Elmwood & Stimson Avenue; S&G PLD - Industrial & Commercial Buildings District; applicable.) PHDC Rules & Regulations			
4. Use this chart to summarize the types of applications reviewed this year:	Type of Project	# Approved	# Denied	# Pending	# Appealed
	Alterations				
	Demolitions		See	Attached	
	New Construction				
	Relocations				
5. Were any of the projects listed in the chart above given automatic approval through expiration of the time limit for review?		<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No		
6. Were any petitions approved which did not conform to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards or other approved local standards?		<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	If YES, ATTACH an explanation of how the case was reviewed and why an exception was permitted	
7. Were any districts enlarged?		<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	If YES, ATTACH a copy of the revised district map and indicate how many historic properties were added.	
8. Were any new Historic Districts added?		<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	If YES, ATTACH a copy of the district map(s).	
9. Were any new properties designated?		<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	If YES, ATTACH a list of the properties and addresses.	
CRITERION #2: Local Governments must have established an adequate and qualified Historic District Commission.					
1. Commission Membership: List Commission members, dates of appointment and expiration, and, as applicable, their qualifications in a preservation-related field:					
Name	Date Appointed	Date Term Ends	Professional Discipline	E-mail Address	
Michael Marino, Regular Member, Chairman	9/2020	9/2023	Lawyer	mmarino@grsm.com	
Edward Sanderson, Regular Member, Vice Chairman	9/2022	9/2025	Preservationist	edsanderson625@gmail.com	
Clark Schoettle, Regular Member, Dep. Vice Chairman	9/2020	9/2023	Preservationist	c.schoettle@cox.net	
Cornells de Boer, AIA, Regular Member	9/2020	9/2023	Architect	haynes.deboer@verizon.net	
Ramiro Encizo, Alternate Member	9/2020	9/2023	Realtor	rencizo@residentialproperties.com	
Glen Fontecchio, R.A., Regular Member	9/2021	9/2024	Architect	glen@gfontecchio.com	
Neal Kaplan, Regular Member	9/2022	9/2025	General Contractor	nealestate@cox.net	
Catherine Lund, D.V.M., Regular Member	9/2021	9/2024	Veterinarian	info@city-kitty.com	
Tina Regan, Regular Member	9/2022	9/2025	Preservationist	rainymom@msn.com	
Victoria Wilson-Barnes, Regular Member	9/2021	9/2024	Architect	vicinprov@aol.com	

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CRITERION #4: Local Governments must satisfactorily perform the responsibilities delegated to them under the National Historic Preservation Act.					
1. Did you evaluate the National Register eligibility of any properties?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	2. Did you prepare any National Register forms?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
3. Did you review and comment on any National Register nominations sent to you by the RIHPHC?			<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	
4. List any grants-in-aid projects completed or currently in progress. Briefly describe the status:		21-CLG-5 Survey of Neutaconkanut Hill Park Survey and National Register Evaluation & 21-CLG-6 Diversifying the Guide to Providence Architecture. Both grants are "pass-throughs" and being administered by the sub-grantees, Neutaconkanut Hill Conservancy and the Providence Preservation Society, respectively. 21-CLG-5 has been finalized. 21-CLG-6 is ongoing.			
CRITERION #5: Local Governments must provide for adequate participation in local historic preservation programs, including the process of recommending properties for the National Register.					
1. Are all records including meeting minutes publicly accessible?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	2. Are notices of public meetings published or posted in advance?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
3. Briefly describe how the public is given opportunity to comment on National Register nominations:		Comments on National Register Nominations are scheduled on regular public meeting agendas and noticed on the Secretary of State's and the City's websites, and posted in the City Clerk's office and in the lobby of 444 Westminster Street.			
NARRATIVE:					
1. Provide a brief narrative of the HDC's notable activities or accomplishments for FFY 2022.					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providence has eight Local Historic Districts, containing a total of approximately 2,600 properties. • This CLG year the Commission and its staff have reviewed 158 applications (55 by the Commission, 107 by Staff). • The Commission resumed in-person meetings beginning in June 2021. Meetings are a "hybrid" with the Commission Members and staff being present (Member Regan was granted a waiver by the RI Governor's Commission on Disabilities to attend meetings remotely, and continues to do so). Applicants and the public have the option to be physically present or to participate via Zoom. Staff reports and related materials for agenda items are available on the Commission's website. There is also an archive of past meeting's materials. • Certified Local Government funding: 21-CLG-5 Survey of Neutaconkanut Hill Park Survey and National Register Evaluation & 21-CLG-6 Diversifying the Guide to Providence Architecture. Both grants are "pass-throughs" and being administered by the sub-grantees, Neutaconkanut Hill Conservancy and the Providence Preservation Society, respectively. 21-CLG-5 has been finalized. 21-CLG-6 is ongoing. • The Planning Department has been working with the State of RI Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance in the adaptive reuse of the Cranston Street Armory. As the Director's representative, the Preservation Planner sits on the Armory Steering Committee and the Technical Review Committee. • In the past CLG year the City's Preservation Planner has conducted 97 environmental reviews in coordination with a Memorandum of Agreement with the RI Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission, allowing for Federally funded projects to be efficiently reviewed and approved. • The City's Preservation Planner has coordinated multiple projects at City-owned properties with the RI Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission, particularly with the Parks Department, primarily in Roger Williams Park, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. • The Planning Department continues to work on adding protections to vulnerable properties within the City. In conjunction with the Providence Redevelopment Agency we have submitted ordinances to add St. Theresa's Church (265 Manton Ave), King's Cathedral (1860 Westminster Street), the Ralph Street School (22 Rye Street) and the Textile Finishing Machinery Company (50 Sims Street) to the local historic district (PLD-ICBD). These four locations are pending process with the City Council and we anticipate their addition to the local historic district in 2023. 					

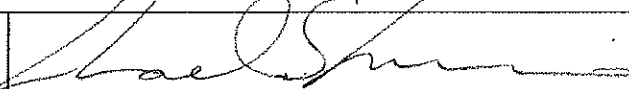
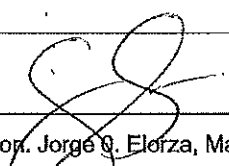
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Assurances

I hereby certify:

- I. All Historic District Commission meetings have been announced and meet the requirements of the Open Meetings Law, Title 42, Chapter 46, of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island.
- II. Historic District Commission Members are in compliance with the Conflict of Interest Law, Title 36, Chapter 14, of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island.
- III. The Historic District Commission meets the requirements for certification in accordance with the CLG Memorandum of Agreement between the Town/City and the Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission.

Signature of Historic District Chairman		Date	12/5/22
Printed/typed name	Michael S. Marino, Chairman		
Signature of Chief Elected Official		Date	12/6/22
Printed/typed name	Hon. Jorge G. Elorza, Mayor		

ATTACHMENTS CHECKLIST

Check to confirm required materials are provided electronically with this report:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Attachment A: Sample approval letter to an applicant.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attachment B: Resumes for any new commission members.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Any additional attachments required per answers on page 1 of this report; e.g. maps of amended districts, lists of newly designated properties, etc.

PROJECT SUMMARIES - OCTOBER 1, 2021 through SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Breakdown by District

District	Totals	Approved	Denied	Pending	Withdrawn	Appealed
Armory	9	9	0	0	0	0
Armory (expansion)	32	29	0	2	1	0
Broadway	5	5	0	0	0	0
College Hill	76	73	0	3	0	0
North Elmwood	10	9	1	0	0	0
Power-Cooke	9	9	0	0	0	0
PLD ¹ - ICBD	1	1	0	0	0	0
PLD - Residential	2	2	0	0	0	0
South Elmwood	11	11	0	0	0	0
Stimson Avenue	2	2	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	157	150	1	5	1	0

Total applications compared from October, 1996-September, 2021:

	<u>Totals</u>	<u>PHDC Reviewed</u>	<u>Staff Reviewed</u>
1996-1997	220	64 (0) ² [29%] ³	156 (0) [71%]
1997-1998	186	53 (0) [28%]	133 (0) [72%]
1998-1999	176	64 (0) [36%]	112 (0) [64%]
1999-2000	203	67 (9) [33%]	145 (9) [67%]
2000-2001	191	65 (0) [34%]	126 (0) [66%]
2001-2002	213	58 (0) [27%]	155 (0) [73%]
2002-2003	181	51 (8) [24%]	138 (8) [76%]
2003-2004	183	54 (5) [27%]	133 (5) [73%]
2004-2005	204	50 (6) [27%]	148 (6) [73%]
2005-2006	186	37 (7) [20%]	142 (7) [80%]
2006-2007	197	38 (4) [20%]	153 (4) [80%]
2007-2008	163	28 (3) [20%]	132 (3) [80%]
2008-2009	135	26 (2) [19%]	109 (2) [81%]
2009-2010	168	31 (7) [18%]	137 (7) [82%]
2010-2011	148	25 (4) [17%]	123 (4) [83%]
2011-2012	158	41 (1) [26%]	118 (1) [74%]
2012-2013	149	37 (0) [25%]	112 (0) [75%]
2013-2014	153	31 (2) [20%]	124 (2) [80%]
2014-2015	145	29 (2) [20%]	118 (2) [80%]
2015-2016	143	28 (3) [20%]	115 (3) [80%]
2016-2017	159	43 (3) [27%]	116 (3) [73%]
2017-2018	152	36 (0) [24%]	117 (0) [76%]
2018-2019	164	38 (1) [23%]	128 (1) [77%]
2019-2020	144	40 (1) [28%]	104 (1) [72%]
2020-2021	152	45 [30%]	107 [70%]
2021-2022	157	55 [32%]	107 [68%]
26 year total	4430	1145 [25%]	3308 [75%]
26 year average	170	44 [25%]	127 [75%]

¹ The Providence Landmark District (PLD) was created by Ordinance in Dec. 2014. The PLD is an expansion of the non-contiguous district concept created by the establishment of the Industrial & Commercial Buildings District in 2002. The PLD is divided into two classes: Residential and Industrial & Commercial Buildings.

² Indicates number of applications which have multiple components that are reviewed by the PHDC and Staff separately (i.e.: New Construction (PHDC) & Site Improvements (Staff)). There were no such applications this period.

³ Represents percentage of total applications reviewed by PHDC or Staff.

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Summary of Projects*

Total Applications Reviewed: 158

Applications Reviewed by HDC: 107
(Alterations, Demolition, New Construction, Relocation)

Applications Reviewed by Staff: 55
(Repairs, Replacements in Kind, Restorations, Minor Alterations)

Breakdown by Project Type

Project Type	Totals	Approved	Denied	Pending ¹	Withdrawn	Appealed
In-House ²	107	107	0	0	0	0
Alterations	49	42	1	5	1	0
Demolitions	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Construction	6	3	0	3	0	0
Relocations	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS*	162	152	1	8	1	0

As part of the Memorandum of Agreement with the RIHPHC, the staff reviewed approximately 97 Federally subsidized projects in the City.

*Some applications might cover two types (i.e.: repairs & sign). This would account for any discrepancy in the number of applications by type and number of total applications reviewed. There are no such discrepancies this period. There were five projects of this type during this reporting period.

¹Pending includes applications that are either incomplete or that are complete and the review is ongoing by either the Commission or Staff.

²In-House projects include repairs, replacement in kind, awnings, signs, storm windows, fences and gates, site improvements, mechanical equipment, shutters and blinds, roofs and gutter systems, and other minor alterations. All in-house projects are reviewed by Staff; no public meeting is required.

PHDC Attendance
10/2021-9/2022[illegible]



Providence Historic District Commission

Jorge O. Elorza
Mayor

May 11, 2022

APPLICANT
Jeff Hirsch
6 Monterey Lane
Framingham, MA 01701

OWNERS
Karen and Jeff Hirsch
6 Monterey Lane
Framingham, MA 01701

RESOLUTION 22-11 **Application 21.138**

WHEREAS, the applicant, Jeff Hirsch, applied to the Providence Historic District Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness for New Construction at 67 Williams Street, Plat 16, Lot 670, and,

WHEREAS, the Commission held a properly noticed Regular Meeting on the matter on March 28, 2022, with the following members present: Marino, Sanderson, Schoettler, deBoer, Regan, Lund, Kaplan, Wilson-Barnes and Encizo; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jeff Hirsch, applicant/owner, Mr. John Pears and Mr. Mark Rapp, architects, and Mr. John Garrahy, Esq., appeared before the Commission for the scheduled item; and

WHEREAS, the Commission members individually viewed the site which is the subject of the application; and,

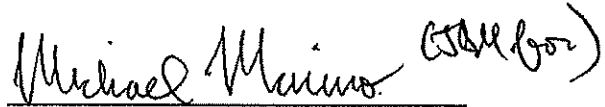
WHEREAS, based upon the evidence presented, the Commission made the following findings of fact:

1. 67 Williams Street is currently a vacant lot within the College Hill local historic district.
2. The application for New Construction is considered complete.
3. The work as proposed consists of New Construction and includes the construction of a single-family residence.
4. The alterations are congruous with the structure, its appurtenances, and the surrounding historic district.

5. The proposed work as amended is in accord with PHDC Standard 8 as follows: the proposed construction is architecturally and historically compatible with the property and district having an appropriate size, scale and form that will not have an adverse effect on the property or district.
6. The Commission accepts and agrees with the findings in the Staff Report.

WHEREAS, based upon the above findings of fact, the Commission determined that the New Construction as submitted by the Applicant is appropriate. Upon motion made by Mr. Sanderson, seconded by Dr. Lund, the Commission voted unanimously (6 to 0) to grant approval of the proposal as submitted as the proposed construction is architecturally and historically compatible with the property and district having an appropriate size, scale and form that will not have an adverse effect on the property or district, citing Standard 8, citing and agreeing to the recommendations in the staff report, with a sub-committee to review construction details as they become available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the application for New Construction as described in the above findings of fact **IS APPROVED**. Parties wishing to appeal a decision made by the PHDC have 20 days from the date of the resolution to file an appeal with the Zoning Board of Review.



Michael S. Marino
Chair