

## **Jewelry District Association**

Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2017

The monthly meeting was called to order at approximately 4:00 pm by President Salisbury.

### 1. Police report:

**Lt. San Lucas, Providence Police Dept.** Crime in general continues to be down. But, car break-ins continue. As always, he warned, be careful not to leave anything visible on the seat - such as laptops and briefcases. When someone noted that tires had been slashed on the same car on two successive nights in a parking area on Chestnut St., he opined that “it sounds as if that car was targeted.”

**Lt. O’Connor**, Brown P.D. agreed that generally crime is down. Brown will be moving into South Street Landing in November, so Brown P.D. coverage will go into full-time mode in the District; the substation will become more active, as well.

### 2. I-195 Commission Update.

**McNally:** The **Park design** is ready for bidding, aiming to begin construction in the Spring. We’ll try to have a presentation shortly. The **Pedestrian Bridge** prep work is ongoing; there’s still a delay on the steel work; delivery is expected in early to mid November.

**The Shack.** A team led by Amber Ilcisko gave an update and answered questions in a lively Q & A session. Besides the landscaped gathering area in front of The Shack, they plan to create a 200-capacity performance area on the extension of Eddy Street in front of 1 Ship St. It will be a fenced secure area with controlled entry. Sabrina Chaudhary and Jason Almeida, founders of Stay Silent PVD, outlined their goal to create a space where neighbors can get together with entertainment and activities. They have approval from the Board of Licenses for 2 events in 2017 on the 13th and 28th of October, plus one on a date still to be determined in November.

### 3. Tree Planting

**Thompson:** Thanks to the City Forester, the JDA and the Providence Neighborhood Planting Program, the District will be getting 15 new trees in a couple weeks. And 15 more in the Spring. The challenge will be finding the money for watering the new trees. We’re developing a budget, then plan to approach residents and property owners and restaurants to raise the money. Tree planting is Friday October 27th and then, thanks to Allison Patschke, planting a lot of crocuses on Saturday the 28th. Volunteers are not only welcome, they are truly needed.

#### 4. Committee Updates

Planning & Zoning Blake: There's an upcoming meeting of the Committee overseeing the development of CiTY WALK which is going ahead now under a federal grant administered by the City Planning Department. We'll keep you informed.

Quality of Life Steele: Nothing seems to be moving forward at the Board of Licenses. No action in response to the Pine Report. The Nightclub at the Mile & a Quarter (just across the river) got it's license revocation overturned by the Dept. of Business Regulation. And it's just reopened with pole dancers, another violation.

Infrastructure Orenstein: We still have problems with street signs. Nothing has changed. Ship Street remains confusing, due to missing one-way signs. **Councilman Yurdin**: I'll look into it.

Membership Salisbury: To date, we've brought in \$3425 in 2017. A new member from 3 Ship Street. And two from 95 Chestnut St.

Other items McNally: With regard to the temporary parking during construction of the Courthouse garage, the plan is to gravel over Parcels 22 and 25. With Parcel 28 in reserve if Wexford comes on line before the garage is ready. 22 and 25 will be gated and not available for parking at night.

Website Salisbury: There's always something new on the website.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6 pm.**