



**Committee on Urban Redevelopment,
Renewal and Planning
Regular Meeting**

~ Agenda ~

Monday, July 16, 2018

6:00 PM

Committee "B" (City Hall 3rd Floor)

1. Resolution Honoring the Life of Kerry Kohring and Requesting that the Summit Avenue Park be Named in His Memory.

2. Resolution Ceremonially Designating Camp Street, "Philip Addison, Jr. Way"

3. Resolution Naming the Baseball Field behind Providence Career and Technical Academy in Honor of Central High Baseball Coach David Hanson, Sr.

4. Resolution Celebrating St. Pius V Catholic Church's Centennial, and ceremoniously Designating the portion of Elmhurst Avenue Between Fairoaks Avenue to Eaton Street as "St. Pius V Way" in Honor of its Centennial.

**PER ORDER THE COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT,
RENEWAL AND PLANNING
Councilwoman Sabina Matos, Chairwoman**

The foregoing Committee may seek to enter into Executive Session.

Offices and City Council Chambers are accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you are in need of interpreter services for the hearing impaired, please contact the Office of Neighborhood Services at 421-7768 not less than 48 hours in advance of the hearing date.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No.

WHEREAS, Kerry Kohring was born on February 13, 1944 in St Louis, Missouri to Harold Mathias Kohring and Lola Schoppe; and

WHEREAS, After his service as an Army medic in Korea, he attained his Master's Degree in Journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1971; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, Kohring and his family moved to Providence, Rhode Island where he took a job as copy editor at The Providence Journal, where he would remain until his retirement in 2010, after 36 years of diligent and commendable work; and

WHEREAS, He was an active member of the Providence Newspaper Guild and a fierce defender of worker's rights, becoming president of the Retired Members Council of the Providence Newspaper Guild after retirement; and

WHEREAS, An active member of his community, Kohring was noted as a familiar, warm, encouraging, and helpful presence in the Summit Neighborhood, serving as the Vice President of the Summit Neighborhood Association; and

WHEREAS, He worked on the North Main Street Revitalization Committee for a number of years and was instrumental in the recent Summit Avenue Park renovations and the community garden construction; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, he volunteered as a patient ambassador for the cardiac rehabilitation program at Miriam Hospital, encouraging people based on his own experiences as a patient; and

WHEREAS, Sadly, Kohring passed away unexpectedly on December 3, 2017 at his home in the Summit neighborhood at the age of 73; and

WHEREAS, He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Sandy, and his two children, Mathias Kohring and his wife Laura and Megan Crane and her husband Jeffrey Crane; and

WHEREAS, Kerry Kohring will be remembered as a dear friend, devoted and attentive family member, and a wonderful and humble neighbor who simply wished to give something back whenever he could; and

WHEREAS, Naming the Summit Avenue Park in honor of Kerry Kohring's memory would be an appropriate and fitting tribute to his life and many contributions to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the City Council of the City of Providence does respectfully request that the Board of Parks Commissioners name the Summit Avenue Park, "Kerry Kohring Park."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the Board of Parks Commissioners, the Superintendent of Parks, and Mrs. Sandra Kohring.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No.

WHEREAS, After winning a special election in 1969, Councilman Philip Addison Jr. became the first African-American ever elected to the Providence City Council and would represent the Mount Hope neighborhood for the next twelve years, rising to position of Council Majority Leader; and

WHEREAS, Described as a soft-spoken leader of great integrity, Councilman Addison had the unique ability to bridge racial and ethnic divides, which was extremely important during that tumultuous period in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Addison was dedicated to the goals of acceptance, civil rights, equality, and social justice before, during, and after his time in public office; and

WHEREAS, He served as Deputy Director of the Neighborhood Youth Corps, where he worked to combat poverty and help families in need; and

WHEREAS, He also volunteered as a boxing trainer, leading by example and helping shape boys into responsible young men; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, he worked as a counselor to school dropouts, helping countless young people find their paths in life; and

WHEREAS, When his tenure on the City Council was over, he brought his wealth of experience working with young people to his role as Director of the City's Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Addison also had a strong commitment to civic and non-profit organizations, serving as a high-ranking member of the Society of Freemasons and the Director of the Rhode Island Black Heritage society, in addition to being a long-time leader of the Mount Hope Neighborhood Association and a minority-community advisor to Miriam Hospital; and

WHEREAS, After a long life devoted to public service and helping the community, Councilman Addison passed away in 2006 at the age of 89; and

WHEREAS, In remembrance of and to honor his commitment to making Providence a more tolerant and fair place for people to live, no matter their background or social status, Councilman Addison was inducted to the City's MLK Hall of Fame this year; and

WHEREAS, It is a fitting tribute to the life and service of Councilman Addison to name Camp Street in the Mount Hope neighborhood in his memory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That a ceremonial designation be established along Camp Street as, "Philip Addison, Jr. Way," in order to honor the life, work, and legacy of Councilman Philip Addison, Jr.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No.

WHEREAS, David “Dave” Hanson Sr. has been the head baseball coach at Central High School for over forty years; and

WHEREAS, During his time as coach, he has led the team from playing in the Rhode Island Interscholastic Baseball League’s Division III to Division II and ultimately to Division I; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, under his leadership, Central High School won the Rhode Island Interscholastic League (RIIL) state title in baseball for , which was Central High’s first baseball title in school history; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, Coach Hanson was recognized as Coach of the Year by the RIIL; and

WHEREAS, As a coach, he has been driven by a philosophy that the opportunity to play baseball provides valuable lessons applicable beyond sports; and

WHEREAS, The most important lesson he aimed to impart on his players is the importance of teamwork in reaching a common goal, whether in sports, work, or any other relationship in life; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to the dedication, and commitment of Coach Dave Hanson, countless young people have benefitted from his coaching on the Central High baseball team.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby name the Central High baseball field the “Dave Hanson Baseball Field” in honor and recognition of Coach David “Dave” Hanson Sr.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No.

WHEREAS, St. Pius V Parish was formally established by Rt. Rev. Matthew Harkins, bishop of Providence, for the spiritual needs of Catholics living in the area surrounding the newly established Providence College campus; and

WHEREAS, The parish was established and Friar Albert Casey, the organizing pastor, was appointed pastor by letter on October 16, 1918; and

WHEREAS, St. Pius V began celebrating Mass on the first floor of Harkins Hall on the Providence College Campus on October 27, 1918; and

WHEREAS, Harkins Hall continued to serve as the parish church until a combination church-school building was constructed on Elmhurst Avenue a decade later; and

WHEREAS, St. Pius School officially opened in September of 1929 and the Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, New York, were welcomed as administrators and teachers in the school; and

WHEREAS, In 1956, Rev. Kenneth Sullivan, O.P. became the new pastor and led a campaign to construct a new church on the corner of Roselyn Avenue and Eaton Street, where it continues to stand to this day; and

WHEREAS, The parish has been an integral part of the Elmhurst neighborhood and surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, It is a fitting tribute to St. Pius V Parish to name the part of Elmhurst Avenue between Fair Oaks Ave and Eaton Street in the Elmhurst neighborhood in honor of its Centennial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby recognize and celebrate St. Pius V Parish on their Centennial.

BE IT FURTHERED RESOLVED, That a ceremonial designation be established along Elmhurst Avenue, between Fair Oaks Ave and Eaton Street, as "St. Pius V Way," in order to honor the parish's Centennial