

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2012**

**6:00 PM**

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Co-chairs; Vizzo-Paniccia and Baker  
Colon, Taylor-Moye, Ayala, Brannelly

OTHER(s): City Attorney Mark Anastasi  
Erin McDonough, City Administration

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2012

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA SECONDED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**78-11** Appointment of Richard G. Chokas (D) to the Ethics Commission as an alternate

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia stated that she was asked to table this item, because Mr. Chokas wasn't able to attend the meeting due to car problems.

She noted that if he was appointed, he would be a permanent regular commissioner, not an alternate.

Attorney Anastasi said the ordinance was amended to make the Ethics Commission seven (7) full members.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO TABLE**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**77-11** Appointment of Patrick M. Dower (R) to the Historic District Commission #1 as an alternate

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia stated that the appointee Patrick Dower was present.

*She distributed some background information about the appointee for review.*

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia asked Mr. Dower to relay some information about himself and his interest in serving on the Historic District Commission #1.

Mr. Dower stated that he resides in Black Rock and that he is a business owner in Bridgeport. He said that he has been employed in senior management at a large construction firm for the past five years. He said he felt that his background would qualify him to serve on the commission. He said attending meetings and doing the work associated with serving on the commission would fit in with his time.

Co-chair Baker asked Mr. Dower what his business entailed. Mr. Dower said he ran a small American restaurant in Black Rock, but he didn't feel this would pose a conflict serving on the commission.

Co-chair Baker asked Mr. Dower if his home was historical. Mr. Dower said no.

Co-chair Baker asked Mr. Dower what contribution he would make serving on the Historic District Commission #1. Mr. Dower mentioned that he was interested in the city's rich long history and that's one reason why he felt he could make a contribution.

Council member Brannelly commented that Mr. Dower and his partners have a nice restaurant and they invested a lot in Black Rock. She recommended approval of the appointment.

Council member Taylor-Moye asked when he bought his home in Bridgeport. Mr. Dower said he closed on the house on August 31, 2011.

Council member Taylor-Moye asked Mr. Dower if there were any other conflicts related to historic matters that would hinder his decisions serving on the commission. Mr. Dower said no.

Council member Taylor-Moye asked why he decided to serve on the commission. Mr. Dower said he knew Council member Martin McCarthy and he felt he would be a good appointee.

Co-chair Baker asked Mr. Dower if he ever lived in Bridgeport. Mr. Dower said he lived in Bridgeport for six years.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO APPROVE**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED WITH FOUR VOTES IN FAVOR AND ONE VOTE IN OPPOSITION (COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER)**

*Co-chair Vizzo-Panniccia noted that the item would go before the full city council for a vote.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON MOVED TO ADJOURN  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham  
Telesco Secretarial Services