

City Planning Department



Memo

To: Cranston City Plan Commission
From: Beth Ashman, AICP – Planning Director
Date: June 2, 2026
Re: **Planning Director's Report**

Upcoming Events:

Mixed Use Centers and Corridors Project Community Meeting.

June 18. 5:30 PM

William Hall Library 1825 Broad St. Cranston

Meeting Goal: community feedback on draft zoning concepts

Task I Report Issued: Existing Conditions & Preliminary District Boundaries (on website)

Planning Department Intern:

Benjamin Tomany, a Political Science major from Rhode Island College is joining the department this summer through the State Government Internship Program. Benjamin will be finalizing our open space and recreation inventory and support work on agriculture for the Comprehensive Plan.

Historic Cemeteries Commission

Director Ashman, Ex Officio member of the Historic Cemeteries Commission on working on gaining permission to re-bury the skeletal remains of six humans exhumed in Cranston during a 1986 construction project. We are preparing an application to the City Council for a Cemetery Alteration Permit to authorize the proposed burial in the King Randall Lot – Cranston Historic Cemetery 30 off Ezekial Street.

Project Updates

Garden City Nomination for National Register Designation. The City issued the RFP for a consultant which is due June 2. The project is on schedule.

The Energy Partnership Agreement with RI Energy is still pending the City's signature.

Cranston's Main Street Learning Cohort participated in an all-day workshop June 30 on Placemaking and Transformation Strategies.