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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

URBAN PARK COMMISSION MEETS IN
LOWELL ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

The third meeting of the Lowell Historic Canal District Commission is scheduled for Thursday and Friday in Lowell.

The two day meetings will consist of individual tours for Commission members on Thursday morning, a working lunch at Lowell University, and a dinner session at the Prince Grotto. On Friday, Commission members will hear presentations on local transportation, community development, and state efforts. This will be followed by a picnic lunch at Sheehy (Pawtucket Street) Park with city officials. During the afternoon, the Commission will divide into subcommittees to consider hiring of a consultant and other personnel, study their budget, and discuss general park strategy.

The Commission is chaired by Lieutenant Governor Thomas P. O'Neill III. Local members include Human Services Director Patrick Mogan and City Councilor Leo Farley. Federal members represent the Departments of Housing and Urban Development, Transportation, Commerce, Interior, and the National Park Service. Also representing the state will be a member of the staff of Environmental Affairs Secretary Evelyn Murphy.

The Commission was created by Congress for the purpose of devising a plan to restore and preserve historic sites in Lowell, perhaps as part of an Urban National Cultural Park.

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NOTE: Press is invited to the Prince Grotto dinner at 6 pm Thursday night. Lt. Gov. O'Neill will discuss Commission activities at this time. Press is also invited to picnic Friday, noon, at Sheehy Park.