

Daisy Schnepel

Lured by Fox Point's federal architecture and proximity to Providence's waterfront, Daisy Schnepel and her husband bought their house at 109 Transit Street in December of 1984. Originally from South Orange, New Jersey, Schnepel came to Rhode Island in 1976 to attend the Rhode Island School of Design where she earned her Master's Degree in Industrial Design. During the 1980's, Fox Point had two separate neighborhood associations: the Fox Point Neighborhood Association that served the area around Brook Street and the Fox Point Citizens Organization which served the part of the neighborhood near Benefit Street. By the time Schnepel became active in the Fox Point Citizens Organization in 1993, the Fox Point Neighborhood Association no longer existed. Schnepel originally got involved with the Fox Point Citizens Organization because of her concern with how the relocation of the I-195 freeway would impact her neighborhood.

The Citizens Organization continued to attract new members during the 1990's when its members dedicated much of their energy to pushing the two large bars on the Fox Point waterfront, Big Daddy's and Shooters, out of the neighborhood. After failing to receive a 501(c)(3) status which would allow donations to be tax deductible, the Fox Point Citizen's Organization formed the Fox Point Foundation for Historic Preservation which did qualify for 501(c)(3) status and served as the more educational arm of the Citizens Organization. However operating two separate organizations became inefficient and to streamline operations, the Fox Point Citizen's Organization and the Fox Point Foundation were merged into the Fox Point Neighborhood Association. Schnepel has been a board member since 1993 and has also served on the board as Treasurer, Secretary and Co-Secretary. Since April 2007, she has served as the President of the Fox Point Neighborhood Association.