

**CITY OF NEWPORT
HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2012
REGULAR MEETING**

The March 7, 2012 regular meeting of the Newport Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) was called to order by Chairperson Linda Michie at 4:35 p.m. in the council chamber of the Newport City Hall.

Roll Call

The following members were present: Jo Bailey, Beverly Bartl, Linda Michie (chair), and Steven Lanz.

Also present: Robert Vogel (consultant); Mayor Tim Gerghty (council liaison); City Administrator Brian Anderson.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the January 11, 2012 annual meeting were approved as mailed.

2012 goals & objectives

After some discussion, Bailey moved adoption of the following HPC goals and objectives for 2012:

1. Sponsor public education activities during Preservation Month (May)
2. Sponsor public education activities for Pioneer Day (August)
3. Nominate properties for Newport Heritage Landmark designation
4. Provide city officials and the public with information, education, and training in historic preservation
5. Revise and update the Newport heritage resources inventory
6. Work with the Library Board and others to explore adaptive use alternatives for the Newport Library
7. Coordinate fundraising and construction of the plaza for the Newport Veterans' Monument in Pioneer Memorial Park

The motion was seconded by Lanz and unanimously approved.

Pioneer Memorial Park

Plans for the veterans' monument in Pioneer Memorial Park were discussed. HPC members Bailey and Michie agreed to meet before the March meeting to go over the design for the plaza (to be made of red common bricks inscribed with the names of

Newport service men and women). It was suggested that installation of the plaza would be an appropriate scouting project.

Preservation Month

The HPC will observe Preservation Month 2012 with a poster and the annual Betty Haugen Memorial Heritage Preservation Award. The mayor and council will also be asked to proclaim the month of May "Preservation Month" in Newport.

WPA river overlooks

Consultant Vogel advised the commission that he was preparing the documentation necessary to designate the three river overlooks as Newport Heritage Landmarks. Bailey moved that the HPC formally nominate the sites at the ends of 10th Street, 12th Street, and Park Place for Heritage Landmark designation; the motion was seconded by Lanz and unanimously approved.

Newport Library

City Administrator Anderson informed the commission that the city had received a request for a Girl Scout "gold award" project at the Newport Library. Commission members felt that these kinds of volunteer projects were highly beneficial but questioned the heritage preservation value of some of the suggested work and suggested that the scout leader contact Consultant Vogel before undertaking any activities that might cause damage to historic fabric.

Red Rock transit station

City Administrator Anderson provided a brief update on the progress being made on the site master plan for the Newport Station, part of the Red Rock Corridor Commuter Rail study. The city would like to have the HPC involved in the station planning process. Consultant Vogel suggested that it might be appropriate to relocate the Red Rock (Eyah Shah) and the Kaposia Mission Building to the transit station area (near their original location); he also stated that the HPC had been involved in previous Red Rock corridor planning, focusing primarily on integrating heritage education and interpretation with the design of the transportation facilities.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Vogel, Preservation Planning Consultant