

**CITY OF NEWPORT
HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2014
REGULAR MEETING**

The March 12, 2014 regular meeting of the Newport Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) was called to order by Chairperson Linda Michie at 5:30 p.m. in the council chamber of the Newport City Hall.

Roll Call

The following members were present: Jo Bailey, Bev Bartl, Fred Leimbek, Linda Michie (chair),

Member Bev Bartl was absent (excused).

Also present: Robert Vogel (consultant); Bill Sumner (council liaison); Deb Hill (city administrator). The following members of the Planning Commission were also present: Dan Lund (chair), Anthony Mahmood, Susan Lindoo, Sherri Buss (consultant), and Renee Helm (staff).

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the January 8, 2014 annual meeting were approved as corrected.

Johnson property

Consultant Vogel provided an update on the status of the city's acquisition of the Johnson estate property. The city has applied for a Certified Local Government grant in aid to finance historical and archaeological documentation of the historic William R. Brown House (formerly occupied by the late Loren Johnson).

HPC members

Newly appointed HPC member Fred Leimbek was introduced. One position remains vacant.

2014 goals & objectives

After some discussion, Bailey moved adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved: that the following goals and objectives constitute the Heritage Preservation Commission's work plan for 2014

1. Sponsor public education activities for 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 Newport heritage resources inventory.
6. Compile photo-documentation on all buildings in the city over 50 years old.
7. Develop plans for repair and restoration of the stone walls at the WPA overlooks.
8. Conduct an audit of the city's heritage preservation program.
9. Fill all HPC vacancies.

The resolution was seconded by Leimbek and unanimously approved.

Pioneer Day

The consensus of the members present was that Bev Bartl and Linda Michie should represent the HPC on the Pioneer Day planning committee. There was also discussion of holding a formal dedication ceremony for the veterans' memorial plaza as part of this year's Pioneer Day.

Joint meeting with Planning Commission

Members of the HPC and Planning Commission discussed ways to preserve the character of the city's older residential neighborhoods. The informal joint meeting lasted approximately 40 minutes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Vogel, Preservation Planning Consultant