

**CITY OF NEWPORT
HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2013
REGULAR MEETING**

The May 8, 2013 regular meeting of the Newport Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) was called to order by Chairperson Linda Michie at 4:40 p.m. in the council chamber of the Newport City Hall.

Roll Call

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

Also present: Robert Vogel (consultant); Bill Sumner (council liaison).

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the March 6, 2013 annual meeting were approved as mailed.

Red Rock Cemetery

Consultant Vogel reported that he had met with city staff regarding fencing the historic cemetery and replacing the ornamental iron gate. The public works department has agreed to obtain cost quotations.

Newport Library

Consultant Vogel reported that the city is looking at installing new doors in the main entrance to the historic library. The work will be subject to compliance with the heritage resource management plan and the standards for rehabilitation of historic buildings.

Comprehensive Plan

On April 11, consultant Vogel met with the city administrator and the city planner to discuss the comprehensive plan and ways to integrate heritage preservation with other city planning. It was agreed that the HPC and Planning Commission should undertake some kind of joint meeting. Members of the HPC suggested inviting the Planning Commission to participate in a boat tour, to be held in the late summer or fall. Consultant Vogel recommended having the Planning Commission and its staff participate in an audit of the city's preservation program which has been tentatively scheduled for 2014.

Disaster planning

The disaster planning workshop was postponed to a later date to allow more participation by other city departments and outside agencies.

Preservation Month

The commission reviewed its Preservation Month 2013 program of public education and outreach activities.

Haugen Award

Consultant Vogel reported that the Betty Haugen Memorial Heritage Preservation Award for 2013 had been awarded to Everett and Gloria Acker, owners of the historic house at 614 Fourth Street. The plaque will be presented by the mayor at the second city council meeting in May.

125th anniversary

The commission members brainstormed ideas for celebrating the 125th anniversary of the incorporation of Newport village in 2014.

New member

The Heritage Preservation Commission is authorized five voting members but is currently one member short. Members discussed the need for the city council to appoint a replacement for Mike Wolesky, who resigned in December, 2012.

Veterans' monument

There was discussion of the planned veterans' plaza in Pioneer Memorial Park and the need to promote the sale of paving bricks.

WPA overlooks

The commission has received a letter requesting repairs to the stone wall at the Park Place Overlook. It was noted that all three WPA overlooks need maintenance and repairs, including restoration of sections of stone wall originally built in 1939.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Vogel, Preservation Planning Consultant