

**CITY OF NEWPORT
HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2012
REGULAR MEETING**

The May 16, 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).

Member Steven Lanz was absent.

Also present: Robert Vogel (consultant); City Administrator Brian Anderson.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the March 7, 2012 regular meeting were approved as corrected (Bev Bartl was not present).

Haugen Award

Consultant Vogel recommended that this year's Haugen Award be given to the Newport Park Board in recognition of their efforts to preserve the city parks which are also historic sites. Bailey moved to give the 2012 Betty Haugen Memorial Heritage Preservation Award to the Newport Park Board; the motion was seconded by Bartl and unanimously approved.

Preservation Month Poster

Consultant Vogel presented the commission with copies of the 2012 Preservation Month poster.

Veterans Monument

Chairperson Michie provided the commission with her preliminary drawings for the veterans' memorial plaza in Pioneer Park and presented information relating to the brick pavers. Bailey reported on the work being done by the landscape designer from Bailey Nurseries. City Administrator Anderson advised the commission on the planning work that is being done by city staff, working with Bailey Nurseries and others. There was consensus that fundraising should start this summer, with a major public information effort as part of the Pioneer Day celebration in August.

WPA Overlooks

There was discussion of the need for ongoing maintenance at the three river overlooks and the technical challenges involved in restoration of the stone wall at the 10th Street site.

Mill Pond

Consultant Vogel and Administrator Anderson briefed the HPC on the status of the Mill Pond locality and the city's interest in possibly obtaining land there for conservancy purposes. There was discussion of the disposition of the Johnson brothers estate, including the historic Brown houses on 7th Street.

Pioneer Day

Pioneer Day will be held August 12 in Pioneer Memorial Park. This is now a city sponsored event and the veterans' memorial will be the centerpiece of the HPC's participation.

Red Rock Transit Station

Administrator Anderson provided the commission with an update on the status of the Red Rock Corridor Gateway project; demolition of existing structures and construction of transportation facilities is expected to begin in 2013. The HPC will be asked to participate in the transit station design process.

NAPC Forum

The National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Forum 2012 will be held in Norfolk, Virginia on July 18-21. Consultant Vogel urged commission members interested in attending to get in touch with him—the Minnesota SHPO has suggested that HPCs apply for Legacy grant funds for use as “scholarships” to help pay for conference registration and travel costs.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Vogel, Preservation Planning Consultant