

**CITY OF NEWPORT
HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2013
REGULAR MEETING**

The July 10, 2013 regular meeting of the Newport Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) was called to order by Chairperson Linda Michie at 4:30 p.m. in the council chamber of the Newport City Hall.

Roll Call

The following members were present: Linda Michie (chair)

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

Quorum

A quorum of voting members not being present, Chairperson Michie and Council member Sumner decided to hold a meeting for informational purposes, without taking any action.

Preservation Month

Consultant Vogel reported on the Preservation Month program at the Newport Library on May 8 and presentation of the Betty Haugen Memorial Heritage Preservation Award to Everett Ackers.

Veterans' monument

Consultant Vogel reported that construction of the memorial plaza had been postponed to 2014.

125th anniversary

There was discussion of plans to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the incorporation of Newport village in 2014. Consultant Vogel reported that he had been directed by the city administrator to assemble photographs of all Newport mayors who served from 1889 to the present day.

Pioneer Day

The HPC will have a table in the park on Pioneer Day, August 11.

River tour

Chairperson Michie noted that river conditions were unpredictable but she hoped to be able to arrange a boat trip for the HPC and Planning Commission in the fall. Consultant Vogel will post the necessary public meeting notice to ensure that the event satisfies the requirements of the state open meeting law.

Preservation conference

Chairperson Michie volunteered to attend the Minnesota Preservation Conference in Lanesboro on September 13-14; she may be able to attend on one day only.

Mill Pond

Steve Marko, 121 10th Street, appeared before the commission to discuss the future of the Mill Pond site and related historic resources. There was also discussion of the condition of the stone walls at the historic Grove Street Overlook and the need for more intensive maintenance. Consultant Vogel gave his opinion on the feasibility of reconstructing the upper wall, which is currently a ruin.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Vogel, Preservation Planning Consultant