

**CITY OF NEWPORT  
HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2014  
REGULAR MEETING**

The September 10, 2014 regular meeting of the Newport Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) was called to order by Vice Chairperson Linda Michie at 5:40 p.m. in the council chamber of the Newport City Hall.

**Roll Call**

The following members were present: Linda Michie (chair) and Bev Bartl,

Members Jo Bailey and Fred Leimbeck was absent.

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

**Secretary's Report**

Because there was not a quorum of members present, approval of the minutes of the July 9, 2014 meeting was postponed to the next regular meeting.

**Pioneer Day**

Consultant Vogel reported on the HPC's participation in Pioneer Day on August 10, including his talk at the Newport Public Library on August 13.

**Brown house survey**

Consultant Vogel reported on the progress of the study currently underway at the historic William R. Brown House, 331 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Remains of what is believed to be part of a log structure have been identified. Volunteers are being recruited to assist with the historical and architectural documentation work this fall.

**Old house database**

There was discussion of the need to provide the public with basic information about Newport's historic homes and neighborhoods. Consultant Vogel provided the commission with information about the Placeography wiki where house history data can be posted online. Members agreed that this would be a convenient and cost effective way to share the information the city has about the age, architectural style, and items of historical interest relating to older homes. City staff will start to assemble and organize information about houses already documented as part of the Newport heritage resources inventory.

### **HPC training**

Because no member of the HPC is able to attend this year's state preservation conference, Consultant Vogel was directed to provide the commission with a comprehensive training session at the next meeting (November 12).

### **Flood monument**

Chairperson Michie reported on the progress made by the Newport on the Move organization to build two six-foot columns at the Grove Street Overlook to record historic flood water levels.

### **Heritage center**

Mr. Robert Crawford, 1002 Bailey Rd. made a presentation to the HPC regarding the need for a community heritage center to be located at or near the city hall. He suggested using the historic train tower as a local history museum. No action was taken by the HPC, but members expressed interest in the idea and the subject will be placed on the agenda for discussion at a future meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Vogel, Preservation Planning Consultant