

**CITY OF NEWPORT
HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2013
REGULAR MEETING**

The September 11, 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), Bev Bartl, Jo Bailey.

The following members were absent: Steven Lanz.

Also present: Robert Vogel (consultant); Bill Sumner (council liaison); Everett Ackers (historic property owner).

Secretary's report

The minutes of the May 8 and July 10, 2013 regular meetings were approved as mailed.

Mill Pond

Consultant Vogel provided a brief update on disposition of the Johnson property at the Mill Pond historic site. The city is still waiting for the appraisal to be completed. It was noted that the riverfront property owned by Steve Marko has been put on the market.

Pioneer Day

Consultant Vogel reported that he had manned the HPC's table on Pioneer Day (August 11),

Heritage resources inventory

Work is proceeding on reorganizing and updating the inventory of Newport's historic buildings and sites. Data on over 100 historic properties has been collected by the HPC since 1992. A computerized database is being assembled.

Anniversary of village incorporation

The commission reviewed plans to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the incorporation of Newport village in 2014. Consultant Vogel reported that he was still looking for photographs of several of the mayors for the planned display at city hall. Members suggested that the HPC could sponsor some kind of public event, such as an ice cream social, at the Newport Library to help commemorate the incorporation of the village.

River tour

Chairperson Michie informed the commission that she was still planning a boat tour of the Newport riverfront, to be held sometime in the fall, with the Planning Commission invited.

Veterans' monument

The city public works department has begun construction of the veterans' memorial plaza in Pioneer Park. There was discussion of the stone planters and the possibility of planting the perennial flowers. The brick pavers honoring Newport's Civil War veterans will be installed first.

Grant projects

There was a general discussion of the Certified Local Government (federal) and Legacy (state) grant programs and possible Newport projects. Staff was directed to confer with the State Historic Preservation Office staff regarding future projects.

Demolition permit review

Since the early 1990s, the city has had a policy of placing a brief hold on demolition permits for structures over 50 years old, to allow the HPC the opportunity to view, inspect, and photograph the structures before they are torn down. Consultant Vogel was directed to contact the assessor's office to ascertain whether they photograph all structures, including accessory buildings—if the HPC could obtain photographs from the assessor, there would be no need to delay issuing the demolition permits.

Heritage landmark determination of eligibility

Mr. Everett Ackers, 615 4th Street, provided the commission with information about his historic house. Consultant Vogel stated that in his opinion, the house is historically significant and meets the criteria for designation as a Newport Heritage Landmark. The finding of heritage landmark eligibility was approved by consensus.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Vogel, Preservation Planning Consultant