

**CITY OF NEWPORT  
HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2014  
REGULAR MEETING**

The November 12, 2014 regular meeting of the Newport Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) was called to order by Chairperson Linda Michie at 5:30 p.m. in the council chamber of the Newport City Hall.

**Roll Call**

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

Member Jo Bailey was absent (excused).

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

**Secretary's Report**

The minutes of the July 9 and September 10, 2014 regular meetings were reviewed and approved as mailed.

**Brown house**

Consultant Vogel reported on the progress of the investigation underway at the historic Brown house, 331 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

**WPA river overlooks**

Consultant Vogel reported on the condition of the stone walls at the three WPA river overlooks. All of the historic structures are in need of maintenance to control the effects of vegetation on the stonework. Some repair work will also be required. Rehabilitation of the stone walls will be a priority in the 2015 work plan.

**CP Rail Positive Train Control project**

Consultant Vogel reported on the proposed CP Rail infrastructure project that involves construction of six 40-to-60 ft. monopole antennae along the railroad tracks in Newport. The HPC has been asked to comment on the project. Vogel advised the commission that in his opinion, the project would not have an adverse effect on any significant heritage preservation resource. Because the project requires federal permits, it is subject to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The city will probably require the railroad to obtain a conditional use permit for the structures.

### **HPC training session**

The HPC reviewed the city's preservation ordinance, last amended in 2000. Consultant Vogel gave a brief overview of the development of the city preservation program. There was discussion of how the ordinance has worked and the relationship between the city code and the comprehensive plan.

### **Preservation program audit**

There was discussion of the need to audit the performance of the city preservation program and how this might be best achieved. Consultant Vogel was directed to seek out preservation professionals from other communities to participate in the audit. A presentation to the city council will also be made before the end of the present year.

### **CLG annual report**

The Certified Local Government (CLG) annual report for federal fiscal year 2014 (September 30, 2013 to October 1, 2014) has been submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office. Copies of the report will be sent to HPC and city council members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Vogel, Preservation Planning Consultant