

**CITY OF NEWPORT  
HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 2015  
REGULAR MEETING**

The March 18, 2015 regular meeting of the Newport Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) was called to order by Chairperson Linda Michie at 5:00 p.m. in the council chamber of the Newport City Hall.

**Roll Call**

The following members were present: Linda Michie (chair), Jo Bailey, Bev Bartl, and Fred Leimbeck. Mary Ann Newman was absent.

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

**Secretary's report**

The minutes of the January 14, 2015 annual meeting were approved as mailed.

**Brown-Johnson house**

Consultant Vogel provided a brief report on the progress of the historical and architectural survey of the historic Brown-Johnson House, 331 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

**2015 goals & objectives**

Bailey moved to approve a resolution adopting the following goals and objectives as part of the HPC's work plan for 2015:

1. Sponsor public education activities for Preservation Month (May).
2. Sponsor public education activities for Pioneer Day (August).
3. Nominate properties for designation as Newport Heritage Landmarks.
4. Provide city officials and the public with information, education and training in historic preservation.
5. Revise and update the Newport heritage resources inventory.
6. Develop plans for rehabilitation and adaptive use of the park building in Pioneer Memorial Park.
7. Update and expand the historic preservation content on the city's website.
8. Begin work on revising the historic preservation element of the city's comprehensive plan.
9. Work with the Planning Commission to find ways to encourage preservation of Newport's historic residential neighborhoods.
10. Start planning for the celebration of the sesquicentennial (150<sup>th</sup> anniversary) of the first railroad built through Newport.

The resolution was seconded by Bartl and approved with all members voting aye.

### **Preservation Month**

May, 2015 is Preservation Month. In addition to the annual proclamation and the Betty Haugen Memorial Heritage Preservation Award, the commission agreed to sponsor a talk by Consultant Vogel at the Newport Library on May 13.

### **HPC website**

There was discussion of the content of the city website devoted to heritage preservation. The consensus was that the website represented an important community education and outreach tool, but needed to better reflect the HPC's core mission. Members suggested various ways to improve website.

### **Pioneer Memorial Park**

There was discussion of possible uses of the old building in Pioneer Memorial Park and the need for more public input. One of the ideas put forward was to ask Pioneer Day visitors to vote for their favorite reuse concept (storage, concession stand, museum, etc.).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Vogel, Preservation Planning Consultant