

**CITY OF NEWPORT
HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2017
REGULAR MEETING**

The January 11, 2017 regular meeting of the Newport Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) was called to order by Interim Chairperson Joann Bailey at 5:00 p.m. in the council chambers at Newport City Hall.

Roll Call

The following members were present: Joann Bailey (chair), Fred Leimbeck, Beverly Bartl, and Brandon Leyde.

No members were absent. The commission's city council liaison for 2017, Keven Chapdelaine, was unable to attend.

Also present: Robert Vogel (staff).

Newly appointed members

The HPC welcomed new member Leyde to the commission. Consultant Vogel reported that Maria Bonilla has been appointed to fill the remaining vacancy and would take her seat at the March 8 annual meeting.

Secretary's report

The draft minutes of the November 9, 2016 regular meeting were reviewed and approved as mailed.

CLG grant progress report

Consultant Vogel briefly reported on the progress of the Certified Local Government (CLG) grant funded project currently underway. The purpose of the project is to revise and update the local historic contexts which provide the general framework for the city's preservation program, with an emphasis on themes and resource types reflecting prehistoric cultural traditions and post-World War II development.

CLG grant pre-application

Consultant Vogel advised the commission that he had submitted a grant pre-application to the State Historic Preservation Office requesting federal funding for an intensive survey of "midcentury modern" architecture in Newport. The project would focus on architecture and engineering resources built between the 1940s and 1960s, a very dynamic period in Newport's recent past. If approved, the project could start as early as June, 2017 and would have to be completed no later than the end of July, 2018.

Historic records

The members present agreed to meet at City Hall on Wednesday, February 8 at 3:00 p.m. to inspect the old records currently in the custody of the HPC. Some of these historically important items will be placed on public display during Preservation Month in May.

Annual meeting

The commission's "annual meeting" for the purpose of electing officers and adopting goals and objectives will be held at City Hall on March 8. Following the business meeting at 5:00, there will be an "open house" for city officials, including members of other city boards and commissions. Consultant Vogel will send out invitations. HPC members will provide the refreshments.

Haugen Award

A motion was made by Bailey, seconded by Leimbeck, to issue the call for nominations for the 2017 Betty Haugen Memorial Heritage Preservation Award, with a selection committee consisting of Robert Vogel and Fred Leimbeck. The motion was unanimously approved.

Library talks

Consultant Vogel will be presenting public history talks at the Newport Library following the May, July, September, and November HPC meetings. (There will not be a presentation made on March 8 due to the commission's annual meeting open house.)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Vogel, Preservation Planning Consultant