

**CITY OF NEWPORT  
HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2017  
REGULAR MEETING**

The March 8, 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. This was the commission's "annual meeting" for 2017.

**Roll Call**

The following members were present: Joann Bailey (chair), Fred Leimbeck, Beverly Bartl, Maria Bonilla, and Brandon Leyde. No members were absent.

The following were also present: Robert Vogel (staff) and Keven Chapdelaine (city council liaison).

**Secretary's report**

The draft minutes of the January 11, 2017 regular meeting and February 8, 2017 special meeting were reviewed and approved as mailed.

**2016 activities**

Consultant Vogel briefly reviewed the HPC's 2016 work plan and major accomplishments.

**Goals and objectives**

After discussion, the commission adopted the following goals and objectives for 2017:

1. Sponsor public education activities for Preservation Month (May)
2. Sponsor public education activities for Pioneer Day (August)
3. Sponsor bi-monthly public history talks at the Newport Library and Community Center
4. Provide city officials with education and training in historic preservation
5. Revise and update the heritage preservation element of the city comprehensive plan
6. Improve the historic preservation content on the city's website
7. Work with the Park Board and others to develop long-range plans for public use of the historic Mill Pond site
8. Develop plans for celebrating the sesquicentennial of Newport's railroad heritage in 2019

Final approval of the 2017 work plan was postponed until the next regular meeting to allow members the opportunity to identify additional goals and objectives.

## **2017 meeting schedule**

The commission adopted the following meeting schedule by consensus: regular meetings to be held on May 10, July 12, September 13, and November 8, starting at 5:00 p.m., with special meetings as necessary.

## **Election of officers**

The following individuals were nominated to serve as the officers of the Heritage Preservation Commission in 2017: JoAnn Bailey for chairperson, Beverly Bartl for vice chairperson, and Fred Leimbeck for secretary. There were no other nominations. Motion by Bartl, seconded by Leyde, to elect the individuals nominated; the motion was unanimously approved.

## **Planning for new city hall**

Councilman Chapdelaine reported that a committee had been formed to study the feasibility of constructing a new city hall. There was discussion of the desirability of some kind of museum or display area for historical documents and artifacts. HPC members expressed interest in being involved in planning for the new city hall.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Vogel, Preservation Planning Consultant