

**CITY OF NEWPORT  
HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2016  
MEETING**

The March 9, 2016 regular meeting of the Newport Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) was called to order by Chairperson Linda Michie at 5:10 p.m. in the council chamber of the Newport City Hall. This was the commission's annual meeting (postponed from January 13, 2016.)

**Roll Call**

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

Members JoAnn Bailey and Mary Ann Newman were absent (excused).

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

**Secretary's Report**

The minutes of the November 18, 2015 regular meeting were reviewed and approved as mailed.

**CLG grant application**

Consultant Vogel reported that he had submitted an application for \$6000 in Certified Local Government grant funds for revising the city's comprehensive heritage preservation plan.

**Red Rock Saloon sign**

Consultant Vogel provided a brief update on the status of the neon sign on the roof of the building at 374 21<sup>st</sup> Street, currently occupied by Opinion Brewing Co. The owner, Autumn Lehrke, has expressed interest in preserving the sign but lacks the financial resources needed to support this kind of project. There is also some uncertainty with regard to the historical significance of the sign. The consensus of the commission was that the preservation planner should evaluate the property's eligibility for designation as a Newport Heritage Landmark and/or listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

**2016 goals and objectives**

The commission reviewed the major accomplishments of the past year and discussed the work plan for 2016 recommended by the consultant. The HPC will formally adopt goals and objectives for 2016 at their next regular meeting.

### **Election of officers**

The following officers were nominated: Linda Michie for chairperson, Jo Bailey for vice chairperson, and Bev Bartl for secretary. There being no further nominations, Bartl moved that the persons nominated be elected to serve until the next annual meeting; the motion was seconded by Leimbeck and passed 3-0.

### **2016 meeting dates**

Leimbeck moved to adopt the following schedule for regular HPC meetings in 2016: May 11, July 13, September 14, and November 9. The motion was seconded by Bartl and passed, 3-0. It was agreed that all meetings will be called to order at 5:00 p.m.

### **Preservation Month**

Consultant Vogel reminded the commission that May is Preservation Month. This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Vogel and Chairperson Michie were named to the Betty Haugen Memorial Heritage Preservation Award selection committee. This year's award will be announced at the HPC's May 11 meeting; the official presentation will be made by the mayor at a regular city council meeting. It was suggested that photographs of the past award recipients should be posted on the city website.

### **Public history talks at library**

There was discussion of topics for future HPC presentations at the Newport Library.

### **Mill Pond update**

Council member Sumner reported on recent city council discussions relating to the Mill Pond locality.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Vogel, Preservation Planning Consultant