

**CITY OF NEWPORT
HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2016
REGULAR MEETING**

The September 14, 2016 regular meeting of the Newport Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) was called to order by Chairperson Linda Michie at 5:05 p.m. in the council chamber of the Newport City Hall.

Roll Call

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

No members were absent.

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

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the July 13, 2016 regular meeting were reviewed and approved as mailed.

Pioneer Day

Consultant Vogel gave a brief report on this year's Pioneer Day events (August 14). There was discussion of the history of Pioneer Day and the need for more public information about it.

Park Board

Consultant Vogel reported that he had met with the Park Board at their regular meeting on August 25 to discuss the Mill Pond and other city owned historic properties with potential for development of park and recreation facilities. He reported that the Park Board shared the HPC's interest in the Mill Pond site and was receptive to the idea of a joint meeting to discuss a long-term vision for the property. A fall or early winter field trip to the site was also discussed.

Pavers

Commission members discussed ideas for marketing the Newport Veterans Memorial in Pioneer Park to promote the sale of commemorative pavers.

Preservation Ordinance

Copies of the city's heritage preservation ordinance were distributed. Consultant Vogel asked members to review the ordinance, originally adopted in 1992 and last updated in 2005, and identify those sections they felt needed to be revised or eliminated. Changes to the ordinance will be discussed at the next regular HPC meeting.

Old Records

The HPC has custody of a body of old records, including records of the Newport Woman's Club and the Newport Library, some of which date to the late 19th century. Some of these materials were donated by public; others were recovered from the library basement and the former public works garage. Consultant Vogel recommended that the HPC examine the records (now stored at city hall) and decide which should remain in the possession of the city; the rest of the material could then be donated to an appropriate archival repository, such as the Washington County Historical Society.

Statewide Preservation Conference

Jo Bailey and Bev Bartl gave a brief report on their attendance at the Minnesota Statewide Preservation Conference, held in Hastings on September 7-8. Members thanked Bev and Jo for representing the city at the conference (HPC member attendance is a requirement for maintaining the city's Certified Local Government status).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Vogel, Preservation Planning Consultant