

**CITY OF NEWPORT
HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2018
REGULAR MEETING**

The November 14, 2018 regular meeting of the Newport Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) was called to order by Chairperson Jo Bailey at 5:05 p.m. in the council chambers at Newport City Hall.

Roll Call

The following members were present: Fred Leimbeck, Maria Bonilla, Brandon Leyde and Joann Bailey. Beverly Bartl was absent (excused).

Also present: Robert Vogel (preservation planner), Kevin Chapdelaine (council liaison).

Secretary's report

The draft minutes of the September 12, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved as mailed.

CLG grant projects

Consultant Vogel also provided a brief progress report on the CLG grant-funded heritage landmark nomination study.

Preservation conference

Chairperson Bailey presented a brief report on the annual statewide preservation conference held in Winona on September 13-14. Jo Bailey and Bev Bartl attended the conference representing the city of Newport.

Annual report

Consultant Vogel distributed copies of the city's annual historic preservation report for the federal fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. The report is a requirement for retaining certification of the city's heritage preservation program under the National Historic Preservation Act.

Red Rock repatriation

Consultant Vogel and Councilman Chapdelaine briefed the commission on the status of discussions regarding repatriation of the historic Red Rock (Inyan-sa). No final decision has been made by the Methodist church or tribal leaders. However, the city council is moving forward with plans to acquire the old levee on Cedar Lane for redevelopment as a riverfront park. City officials are also pursuing acquisition of the small island adjacent to the proposed

park site. The historic Red Rock remains on the grounds of the Newport United Methodist Church and its Newport Heritage Landmark is unchanged.

Haugen award

Members Bonilla and Bailey presented a preliminary report recommending creation of an educational program to replace the Betty Haugen Memorial Heritage Preservation Award. The consensus was to move forward with planning for an activity involving elementary school children or one of the community service organizations. A subcommittee consisting of Bailey, Bonilla and Leyde will prepare a workshop for the HPC's 2019 annual meeting.

Newport history education materials

The information developed in 1997 for the "Newport History in Buildings & Sites" community education project has been digitized and will be posted on the city website. There was discussion of how to make heritage education resources more readily available to the general public. The consensus of the HPC was to develop new heritage preservation education materials and have them posted online.

Annual meeting

The commission discussed the agenda for the upcoming annual meeting. By consensus, the commission agreed to hold the 2019 annual meeting a month later than usual, meeting on the second Wednesday of February. In addition to the business normally conducted at the annual meeting, there will be a review of the HPC rules of procedure (i.e., the commission's "by-laws") and a workshop on the future of the Haugen Award.

Council update

Councilman Chapdelaine provided the commissioners with a brief summary of recent city council actions relating to the Mill Pond locality and planning for the new municipal building.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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