

**CITY OF NEWPORT  
HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2018  
REGULAR MEETING**

The July 11, 2018 regular meeting of the Newport Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) was called to order by Chairperson Jo Bailey at 5:00 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. Bev Bartl was absent.

Also present: Kevin Chapdelaine (city council liaison) and Robert Vogel (staff); Sherri Buss (city planning consultant).

**Secretary's report**

The draft minutes of the May 9, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved as mailed.

**Comp plan**

Consultant Vogel introduced Sherri Buss of TKDA who is the city's consultant for the comprehensive plan. Ms. Buss provided the HPC with an overview of the comp plan process and the schedule for plan adoption. The draft plan has already been reviewed by other government agencies and the National Park Service has commented on the importance of the four public access facilities in Newport (three of which are significant heritage preservation resources). Copies of a revised future land use map were distributed.

**CLG grant projects**

Consultant Vogel reported that the intensive survey of mid-20<sup>th</sup> century architecture and landscapes was nearing completion. The final report will be released in September.

Vogel also informed the HPC that the city has been awarded \$6000 in federal grant funds to prepare heritage landmark designation studies for six city owned historic properties: the three WPA riverfront overlooks, the Main Street steamboat landing site, Pioneer Memorial Park, and the old Newport Village Hall. This project will be completed next summer.

**Haugen award**

There was discussion of revamping the Betty Haugen Memorial Heritage Preservation Award for 2019 and beyond. There was consensus that the award program should be replaced by some kind of public education activity, such as an essay contest. No action was taken and the topic will require additional discussion.

## **Pioneer Day**

The HPC will have a table at this year's Pioneer Day celebration, to be held on August 12. Consultant Vogel encouraged commission members to join him in Pioneer Memorial Park between noon and 5:00 p.m.

## **Preservation conference**

This year's statewide preservation conference will be held in Winona on September 12-14. Maria Bonilla volunteered to represent the Newport HPC. Other members may also attend.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert C. Vogel*

Preservation Planning Consultant