

**CITY OF NEWPORT  
HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2017  
REGULAR MEETING**

The July 12, 2017 regular meeting of the Newport Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) was called to order by Chairperson Joann Bailey at 5:00 p.m. in the council chambers at Newport City Hall.

**Roll Call**

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

Also present: Robert Vogel (staff).

**Secretary's report**

The draft minutes of the May 10, 2017 regular meeting were approved as mailed.

**CLG grant project**

Consultant Vogel reported on the progress of the CLG grant project. The revised historic contexts have been completed and the final project products will be delivered to the Minnesota Historical Society grants office no later than August 31. The next CLG grant-funded project, a city-wide survey of postwar heritage resources, will commence on or about September 1, 2017. Work continues on updating the heritage preservation element of the city comprehensive plan.

**Educational materials**

There was discussion of how best to reuse and revise the heritage education materials that were originally prepared in 1996. Leyde volunteered to make digital copies of the classroom materials so that they could be posted on the city website. There was also discussion of reissuing a city calendar with historical photographs. The consensus of the commission was to reissue the 1996 educational materials and develop new, digital classroom resources. The feasibility of reprinting Virginia Yelland's book as an on-line publication was also discussed.

**Cemetery fence and gate**

Consultant Vogel reported he had relayed the commission's request for funding for a new gate and fence at the Red Rock Cemetery historic site to the city administrator.

**Red Rock**

The matter of the historic red rock and its possible relocation was discussed. Consultant Vogel reminded the commission that the medicine stone was a designated Newport Heritage Landmark;

therefore, any plans for relocation would require review by the Heritage Preservation Commission. The city administrator has been in contact with the Newport United Methodist Church, which has apparently not made any decision on the disposition of the historic boulder.

### **Pioneer Day**

The HPC will have a table at this year's Pioneer Day event in Pioneer Memorial Park on August 13.

### **Minnesota preservation conference**

The annual statewide preservation conference will be held in Albert Lea on September 13-15. The HPC needs to have a member in attendance for the city to retain its Certified Local Government status. Scholarships are available from the state historic preservation office.

### **Certified Local Government recognition**

The city has received recognition from the National Park Service as part of its celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act. Newport's historic preservation program was certified by the Secretary of the Interior on March 16, 1993. Less than two thousand local government preservation programs participate in the CLG program.

### **Next HPC meeting**

The date of the next regular HPC meeting was changed from Wednesday, September 13, to the following Wednesday, September 20, 2017. The public history talk at the library will also be moved from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Vogel, Preservation Planning Consultant