

NEWPORT CITY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

***JANUARY 17TH 2017 ***

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Ross, Clark Curtis, Woodman Page, and Robert Currier

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Hon. Mayor Paul Monette, Alderman John Wilson, Pam Ladds, Brian McNeal, and Karen Geraghty from NVDA, Zoning administrator Charles Elliott.

7:01 p.m. Clark Curtis called the meeting to order.

7:02 Clark Curtis introduced Mayor Paul Monette so that he could present a plaque to outgoing Planning Commission and Historical Preservation Commission member Charles Elliott for 25 plus years of dedication and service to those two commissions.

7:04 p.m. minutes for the November 22nd, 2016 meeting were presented with Robert Currier moving to approve the minutes. Dan Ross seconded the motion. APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS DECISION.

7:06 P.M. KAREN GERAGHTY from NVDA did a presentation to the council on the NEWPORT RENAISSANCE. Her presentation explained a little about what the NR is, a map to show where it is in the City, and some of the benefits of having a Downtown Renaissance district. Some of the benefits include benefits of directing growth, 10% tax credit, 25% facade tax credit, 50% code implementation tax credit, Preservation Trust 10,000 grant for Beautification, and a walking path behind Vista. In the years since the Committee was established we have seen \$600,000 in tax credits and \$8,233,386 in private investments. The Renaissance designation is for 5 years and is up in November of 2017.

8:05 p.m. ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Dan Ross moved to elect Clark Curtis as Chairman, Woodman Page as Vice Chairman and Bob Currier as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Bob Currier. APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS DECISION.

8:07 OTHER BUSINESS. NONE

8:08 Woodman Page made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Dan Ross. APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS DECISION.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Bob Currier

Approved: _____ Date: _____