

**NEWPORT CITY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**\*February 16<sup>th</sup> 2016\***

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Charles Elliott, Robert Currier, Clark Curtis, Woodman Page, and Dan Ross.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Pam Ladds.

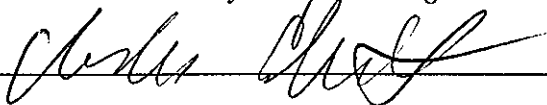
**8:10 p.m.** Chair Charles Elliott called the meeting to order. Minutes for the November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 meeting were presented with Robert Currier moving to approve the minutes. Dan Ross seconded the motion. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS DECISION.**

**8:11 p.m. REVIEW NEWPORT'S DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT.** Chair Charles Elliott provided copies of an October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 letter stating that Newport's downtown was officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places. In the document there are pictures with detailed descriptions of each house and building in the historic district. Charles Elliott also noted that some of the buildings no longer existed due to fires or that they had previously been torn down. Another key point was that just because a building exists within the City's Historic District does not mean the building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The historic designation of a building is something that each individual owner must determine on their own if they wish to proceed further in that direction. After all commission members had reviewed the material, Charles Elliott asked for comments. Clark Curtis recommended that the material be placed on Newport's Historic Preservation Web Site. All members of the Historic Preservation Commission felt strongly that it was an excellent idea. Woodman Page noted that by placing the material onto the city's web site that local residents and visitors could become familiar and aware of Newport's history; and ultimately help to preserve the city's historic structures. It was also noted that encouraging preservation of these buildings might bring economical development into the Newport Downtown Historic District.

**8:46 p.m. OTHER BUSINESS.** None.

**8:47 p.m.** Dan Ross made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Robert Currier. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS DECISION.**

*Minutes taken and transcribed by Woodman Page*

Approved:  Date: 5/17/2016