

NEWPORT CITY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
March 10, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Elliott, Clark Curtis, Woodman Page

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Ross, Jennifer Leitheid

OTHERS PRESENT: Pam Ladds

7:17 p.m. Chair Charles Elliott called the meeting to order. Minutes for the July 1, 2014 meeting were presented with Clark Curtis moving to approve the minutes. Woodman Page seconded the motion. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS DECISION.** Clark Curtis then moved to table the minutes that were previously reported in the July 1, 2014 minutes with Woodman Page seconding the motion. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS DECISION.**

7:19 p.m. ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Chair Charles Elliott suggested that officers be appointed with Clark Curtis moving to nominate Charles Elliott as the Chairman for the Historic Preservation Commission. This was seconded by Woodman Page. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS DECISION.** Pam Ladds voiced her opposition to the proposal stating that she felt it was a conflict of interest with the Chair of the Planning Commission also serving as the Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission, Charles Elliott explained that it was not a conflict and proceeded to go over the history of the Historic Preservation Commission. Charles Elliott stated that when the Historic Preservation Commission was created that the City Council appointed the Planning Commission to fill the positions. Pam Ladds asked that she be considered for a position on the Historic Preservation Commission. Clark Curtis stated that he would resign his seat so that Pam Ladds could serve on the Historic Preservation Commission and Charles Elliott asked that Pam Ladds submit her letter of interest to him for consideration. Clark Curtis recommended Woodman Page as Clerk with Charles Elliott seconding the motion. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS DECISION.** Charles Elliott also explained that he knew Woodman Page did not want to serve as Clerk, but for the good of the Historic Preservation Commission to continue functioning that they had to have a minimum number of officers serving. Woodman Page moved to nominate Clark Curtis as Vice Chairman. This was seconded by Charles Elliott. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS DECISION.**

7:35 p.m. ACTIVITIES AND OTHER BUSINESS. Pam Ladds inquired on the Historic Preservation Commission's mission which Charles Elliott stated that it was mainly to assist in obtaining grants for historical work. Clark Curtis suggested that the Historical Preservation Commission was more of an advisory committee. Woodman Page asked what the Historic Preservation Commission record was for preservation. Clark Curtis stated that the Historic Preservation Commission had supported Lagos Restaurant in its initial development of an additional story to its building, but the proposal had eventually been discontinued. Clark Curtis also added that the Historic Preservation Commission had assisted Newport in obtaining and maintaining its historic

downtown designation. Pam Ladds asked how the Historic Preservation Commission might get more interest in its activities. Charles Elliott stated that he had contacted a number of area residents who had an interest in Newport's history, but could not get anyone to attend the meetings. Charles Elliott stated that he would rerun the advertisement with Clark Curtis suggesting that the ad be a little larger. Pam Ladds also suggested contacting Chris Roy of the Daily Express to write a story on the Historic Preservation Commission.

7:50 p.m. Woodman Page made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Clark Curtis. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS DECISION.**

Minutes taken and transcribed by Woodman Page

Approved: Charles Elliott Date: 11-08-2015