

NEWPORT CITY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
November 22nd 2016

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Pam Ladds and Anne Page.

8:58 p.m. Chair Charles Elliott called the meeting to order. Minutes for the May 17th, 2016 meeting were presented. Robert Currier moved to approve the minutes with Clark Curtis seconding the motion. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS DECISION.**

9:00 p.m. Discussion of Historic Events or Preservation Projects That Are Taking Place. Clark Curtis mentioned the renovation work that the Green Mountain Farm-to-School had performed on its new building on Second Street. Chair Elliott was asked if the project had requested any assistance from the Historic Preservation Commission which it had not. Pam Ladds stated that the Department of Agriculture had provided much of the funding for the renovations. Woodman Page stated that preservation work being performed on homes located off Prospect and Second Streets is the type of development that the city should be encouraging. Chair Elliott inquired if there had been any movement on the preservation of the former County Jail. Woodman Page reported that Brian McNeal had made contact with county officials, but nothing was being done to prevent further deterioration of the building. Pam Ladds also added that county officials feel that the proximity of the jail to the court houses is a security concern which would prevent it from being used. Woodman Page stated that the jail could possibly be used in support of or by local law enforcement, but it would require a complete renovation of the building and additional funding from either the state or federal government.

9:08 p.m. Discussion of Known Planned Future 2017 Activities that the Historic Preservation Commission Could Support. Charles Elliott stated that the Historic Preservation Commission's charter was to assist organizations in obtaining grants for historical projects. Clark Curtis mentioned how the Commission had once assisted Lagos' in obtaining grants for expansion to their building. The project did receive funding, but when the project was terminated the funds were returned

9:11 p.m. OTHER BUSINESS. It was reported that the windows to the former JJ Newberry's five and dime store would soon be decorated for Christmas

9:12 p.m. Robert Currier made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Dan Ross. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS DECISION.**

Minutes taken and transcribed by Woodman Page

Approved: _____

Date: _____

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