

NEWPORT CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Elliott, Clark Curtis, Jennifer Leithead, Dan Ross

MEMBERS ABSENT: Woodman Page

OTHERS PRESENT: ZA: Paul Dreher, Pam Ladds, Cindy Hennings

7:08 p.m. Chair Charles Elliott called the meeting to order. Clark Curtis moved to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2014 meeting with noted changes. This was seconded by Dan Ross. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS DECISION.**

7:10 p.m. MUNICIPAL PLAN UPDATES. Chair Charles Elliott asked Dan Ross if he would be willing to write a chapter on the Flood Plain; Mr. Ross agreed. The ZA will ask Woodman Page if he is willing to write a chapter on the Foreign Trade Zone, using the wording received from Dave Snedeker at NVDA which was passed around. The Commission discussed the flood map that was passed around. Newport doesn't have the same problems that many other communities and towns across the state have, because the lake is so large. The last monies the town received from FEMA for flooding was in 1995, but no one could recall why. A few locations in town might have problems in the event of the dam breaking on top of a flood, including the Chamber of Commerce building. Passumpsic Bank was raised up when it was rebuilt so should be ok. The Fire Department might be in danger, but hasn't flooded yet. The bridge to Gardner Park from the Causeway might back up, if large amounts of debris piles up behind it. Newport won't get any swirling from water, and no houses are in danger of being carried off, just the water level rising. Some houses on Hill and Clyde Streets might be in trouble in the case of the dam breaking. The map will be included in the plan, along with some brief wording. Also include some language about Irene, the latest large weather disaster, but Newport didn't have many issues. Dan Ross will complete this section.

Mr. Ross worked on his other sections and passed around what he has drafted on the orchestra, Now Playing Newport, Recreation, Solid Waste, and Watershed, and is still working on Downtown as well as waiting for responses from other Arts contributors.

The Commission discussed the acknowledgements sections and updated it per each person's work, and will need to continue to be updated.

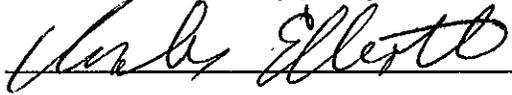
8:00 p.m. DISCUSS SEPTEMBER 16 MEETING. The Commission will meet every week in September: September 16, 23, and 30, and will warn a hearing on the 30th for October 14.

8:07 p.m. OTHER BUSINESS. Clark Curtis brought up the City Budget that the Commission received in the mail; is there any news on this? The Council tabled it at last meeting, so the Commission has time to read it and comment at the next meeting. It will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

8:08 p.m. NEXT MEETING. The next meeting will be September 16 at 7 p.m. in the City Council room.

8:08 p.m. Dan Ross made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Clark Curtis.
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS DECISION.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Jennifer Leithead.

Approved:  Date: Oct. 14, 2014