NEWPORT CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Clark Curtis, Woodman Page, Jennifer Leithead, Dan Ross

MEMBERS ABSENT: Charles Elliott

OTHERS PRESENT: Pam Ladds

7:04 p.m. Vice Chair Clark Curtis called the meeting to order. Woodman Page suggested one small change to the minutes from the previous meeting under "Other Business." Dan Ross moved to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2014 meeting with noted change. This was seconded by Jennifer Leithead. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS DECISION.**

7:08 p.m. MUNICIPAL PLAN UPDATES. Woodman Page noted that it was his opinion that the Foreign Trade Zone wording does not need to be in an appendix of its own because it is mentioned in the Transportation section relating to the airport updates and airplane manufacturing. Jen Leithead thought that because the FTZ affects business and manufacturing not related to Transportation, it should be mentioned elsewhere, but that it does not necessarily need its own appendix. The Commission discussed potential locations in the plan for it; Jen Leithead will work up some wording for the next meeting to potentially go in the Introduction and/or Development Direction Analysis, pending the approval of Charles Elliott.

The Commission then discussed Flood Resilience that Dan Ross worked on. He noted that it is about money after a disaster. Some contour maps were done in April 1956 and are very accurate still, though a few areas have changed such as the railroad yard that has become Waterfront Plaza and the sand pit. The max level the dam can keep the lake at is 683'. The 100 year flood level is only 3' higher than that. Mr. Ross used the amp to look at where there might be an issue. If the dam breached during a 100 year flood, there might be problems in some areas, but not many, and would not be a problem during fair weather.

Mr. Ross received a writeup from the MAC Center earlier on the day of the meeting so hasn't updated that section yet, and will continue to update as he receives information from others. He will also update the Google Drive documents, as will Clark Curtis. Woodman Page and Jen Leithead are finished with their respective sections, other than edits.

Woodman Page noted that he had seen that a historical street designation is available from the State, but doesn't have many details. It may be worth the Commission looking into in the future.

7:35 p.m. OTHER BUSINESS. The Commission discussed a letter supporting a VELCO substation proposal. Woodman Page moved to approve the letter from the Commission signed by Chair Charles Elliott to support the proposal. Dan Ross seconded the motion. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS DECISION.**

7:36 p.m. NEXT MEETING. The next meeting will be September 23 at 7 p.m. in the City Council room.

8:08 p.m. Jen Leithead made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Woodman Page. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS DECISION.**

Minutes taken and transcribed by Jennifer Leithead.

Approved: Charles Elliott Date: Oct. 14, 2014