NEWPORT CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of June 16, 2020 Meeting

Members present: John Monette
                    Mareo Oldacre
                    Denis Chenette
                    Chris Vachon

Others present: Charles Elliott, zoning administrator
                    Paul Monette, Mayor/meeting host

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the meeting was held remotely.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Upon motion made by Denis Chenette and seconded by Chris Vachon, the minutes of the June 2, 2020, meeting were unanimously approved.

The ongoing plan development discussion centered on the state-mandated components of the new plan. Most of the discussion related to available sites for new business/commercial development or redevelopment in the City. Denis noted that there is an additional commercial lot located near his business location off the Bluff Road. Most of those present were previously unaware of that location.

Mareo advised that the former Sacred Heart school site is still listed for sale and that the asking price has been significantly reduced. Denis said that he has some contacts who may be aware of any prospects for the site which has been vacant for several years and that he will see what can be learned in that regard.

John mentioned that an analytical framework that he had heard mentioned as an approach to the plan is: Maintain-Evolve-Transform.
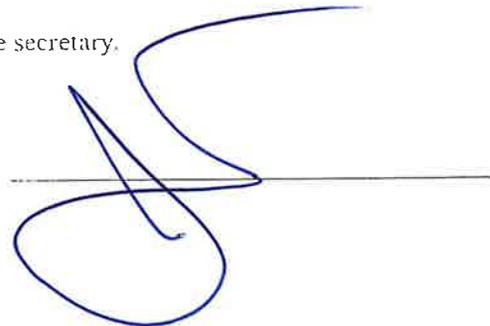
John will contact NVDA regarding materials that it may have that can serve as a basis for the technical information required in the plan.

John advised that he had been asked to participate in the remote Community Summit to be held on June 17 to provide a brief update regarding the Planning Commission, its upcoming focus on the City Plan rewrite and to introduce the SE Group. Mark Kane of SE Group will present a brief overview of its role in the next several months.

Upon motion made by Denis Chenette and seconded by Chris Vachon, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM.

Minutes taken by the chair, in the absence of the secretary.

(Unofficial until approved)