

**Newport World Heritage Commission**

**Minutes of the December 12, 2012 meeting**

**Newport County Chamber of Commerce, Middletown, Rhode Island**

**Attending**

**Mark Brodeur**

**Paul Carroll**

**Meryle Cawley**

**Mohamad Farzan, AIA**

**Garry Fischer, MD**

**Elizabeth Francis, PhD**

**Morgan Grefe, PhD**

**John Hattendorf, PhD**

**Eric Hertfelder**

**Karen Jessup, PhD**

**Edward Kane**

**William Leeman, PhD**

**Paul McGreevy**

**Karen Mellor**

**Naomi Neville**

**Ronald Onorato, PhD**

**Mary Mills Riggs**

**Timothy Sandiford**

**Bailey Silechnik**

**Evan Smith**

**Jonathan Stevens**

**Joyce Stevos, PhD**

**Jody Sullivan**

**Ruth Taylor**

**Kaitlynn Ward**

**Jeremy Wells, PhD**

**Rich Youngken**

**Jo Yellis**

**Ken Yellis**

**Morgan Devlin (representing**

**Val Talmage**

**Not attending**

**Mark Brodeur**

**Mohamad Farzan**

**Lynn Fisher, PhD**

**Ronald Lee Fleming**

**Thomas PI Goddard**

**Eric Hertfelder**

**Karen Jessup**

**Ed Kane**

**Hasan Khan**

**Michael J. Murray**

**Pieter Roos**

**Ted Sanderson**

**Val Talmage**

**1. Call to Order Commissioner Stevens called the meeting to order at 8:35AM**

**2. Introduction of Members**

**3. Report of the Newport World Heritage Committee 2004-2008**

**Commissioners Taylor, Stevens, Hattendorf, J. Yellis, K. Yellis, Youngken, and Smith related their work and results of the Newport World Heritage Committee between 2004 and 2008.**

**4. Establishment of Sub-Committees**

**Commissioner Stevens recommended the Commission adopt a structure of three sub-committees (Steering, Technical, and Outreach) with the roles and duties as explained. On a motion by R. Onorato, seconded by K. Ward, the Commission VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.**

**Discussion: The Commission considered the amount of money that needed to be raised to facilitate the work of the Commission.**

**5. Nomination of Co-Chairs**

**Commissioner Stevens stated recommended that he and Commissioner Taylor be nominated as the Co-chairs of the Commission, given their previous Newport World Heritage**

**experience. On a motion by R. Youngken, seconded by R. Onorato, M. Riggs, K. Yellis, and K. Ward , the Commission VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.**

**Discussion: The Commission discussed its tax status and the process of receiving money. Commissioner Ward stated that the Executive Order creating the Newport World Heritage Commission had provision for a 501 (c) 3 tax-exempt organization to be set-up. Previously, the Newport World Heritage Committee partnered with the Newport Restoration Foundation in this regard.**

#### **6. Establishment and membership of the Steering, Technical, and Outreach Committees**

**Chairperson Stevens recommended that the Commission should be organized with the following sub-committees; steering, technical, and outreach.**

**Steering Committee should consist of the following Commissioners with himself and Chairperson Taylor as the Co-chairs of the sub-Committee:**

**R. Taylor, J. Stevens, J. Yellis, K. Ward, P. Roos, K. Jessup, N. Neville, and T. Goddard.**

**Technical Committee should consist of the following Commissioners with Commissioner K. Yellis as the Chairperson of the sub-Committee:**

**K. Yellis, E. Hertfelder, R. Onorato, R. Youngken, J. Hattendorf, E. Sanderson, M. Farzan, G. Fischer, M. Cawley, C. Grefe, E. Francis, J. Stevos, J. Wells, H. Khan, L. Fisher, W. Leeman, T. Sandiford, and G. Silechnik.**

**Outreach Committee should consist of the following Commissioners with Commissioner McGreevy as the Chairperson of the sub-Committee:**

**P. McGreevy, P. Carroll, E. Smith, J. Sullivan, R. Fleming, M. Brodeur, V. Talmage, M. Murray, K. Mellor, M. Riggs, and E. Kane.**

**On a motion by R. Onorato, seconded by: N. Neville, and J. Hattendorf, the Commission VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.**

**Discussion: Chairperson Stevens recommended that the Commission hear testimony from other external experts, including Prof. William Dupont who is a leader of the San Antonio Missions nomination that is currently before the UNESCO World Heritage Committee.**

#### **7. Scheduling of the Next Meeting**

**Chairperson K. Yellis and Commissioner J. Yellis stated that they were aware of a coalition of cities that were seeking to challenge the Administrative Laws resulting from the National Historic Preservation Act.. Chairperson K. Yellis suggested that this was a matter the Steering Committee should consider. Chairperson Yellis stated his intention to schedule a Technical Committee working session in January, to meet with the 2007 World Heritage Committee members.**

#### **8. Adjournment**

**There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made by Commissioner Ward the meeting was adjourned at 9:36AM.**

**Respectfully submitted, Timothy Sandiford**