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JIM PATRICK NAMED ALMA B. HOWES AWARD WINNER

The City of Newport's Alma B. Howes Award is named in honor of a long-time city volunteer who made an amazing difference. Each year, an outstanding volunteer is selected to receive this award, as it recognizes their volunteer commitment to the city, and exemplifies the type of energy and commitment that would make Alma B. Howes very proud.

The 2012 Alma B. Howes Award was presented to Jim Patrick at the city's annual volunteer recognition celebration on April 17, 2012. Patrick has served on the Planning Commission since January of 2005; much of that time, he has served as Commission chair. Patrick was nominated by Community Development Director, Derrick Tokos, who said that, "Jim brings a can-do attitude to the group; is always prepared; and provides thoughtful comments that help move issues to a positive outcome." Tokos added that "through Patrick's leadership, the Planning Commission has successfully navigated some difficult issues." Tokos noted that "Patrick provides well thought out and reasoned land use recommendations."

City Manager, Jim Voetberg reported that "Patrick has exhibited the volunteer attitude and commitment that would make Alma B. Howes proud, and, while he has never sought recognition, Patrick is very deserving of this prestigious award."

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