

LAKE GENEVA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA: AMENDED
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL,
626 GENEVA STREET, LAKE GENEVA, WI 53147

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of minutes: Review and approval of the minutes from the August 12, 2025, meeting. The September 9, 2025, *Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting* was cancelled so there were no minutes from that meeting.
4. Comments from the public and correspondence.
5. Reports on the *Geneva Lake Museum* upcoming events, including “*Tuesdays @ Two*” programs and the *Maple Park Homeowners’ Association* and updates on the regulation of short-term rentals in the *Maple Park Historic District*.
6. Updates regarding *Black Point Estate & Gardens*, *Horticultural Hall*, and *Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours*, including *Black Point* programs at the Lake Geneva Public Library and Badger High School.
7. Updates on events at *The Riviera*, at the *1928 Geneva Theater / Geneva Stage*, or local news items relating to the *Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission*.
8. Review of the current *2025 Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission City Budget* and recent bills, invoices, and payments.
9. Discussion and comments regarding recent building / remodeling projects within *National & State Historic Districts*, including repairs at Oak Hill Cemetery office and *Eduard Babayev’s New House* at 833 Wisconsin Street.
10. Update regarding the *Hillmoor Archaeological Site Survey*, the *Hillmoor Commission*, the ongoing work at the *Hillmoor* property, and the status of the grant for the proposed new *Intensive Historic Survey of Lake Geneva*.
11. Update regarding the *City of Lake Geneva Chapter 34 - Historic Preservation Ordinance*, creation of a new *Local Historic Landmark Application Form*, and the status of nomination applications for buildings such as the *Lake Geneva Public Library* and *The Riviera* as *Local Historic Landmarks*. Also review of our status as a *Certified Local Government*.

12. Ongoing discussion regarding the repair and/or replacement of any of the existing historic plaques and signs, the proposed new *Haskins / Crawford* historical sign, the *Lake Geneva Sanitariums* sign, a potential *Old Mill Pond* historic sign in conjunction with the *Lake Geneva Beautification Committee*, and changes to the Sign Ordinance.
13. Update regarding the status of the *Three Graces* statue and the 3-D scan of the *Three Graces* statue in Allerton Park in Monticello, Illinois, the latest City funding information, and the future plans and options for repair and/or replacement of the *Three Graces* statue.
14. Status of recent *Historic Plaque Program* applications, the cost of plaques from *Timberline Signs* at \$300.68 each (including sales tax), application forms, and ongoing updating the list of past plaque recipients.
15. Discussion regarding new projects for the *LGHPC*, updates regarding our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org, who to contact at City Hall regarding reactivation and website revisions, and discussions with Jeff Miskie.
16. Discussion regarding adding a picture of Holy Communion Episcopal Church to display of National & State Historic Buildings in City Hall lobby.
17. Update on the status of the *I-phone app* and *Android app* for *A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour*, including who to contact regarding reactivation of *I-phone* and *Android* apps, and discussion on how to better promote the apps.
18. Discussion regarding any new correspondence from Stephanie Klett and Deanna Goodwin at *Visit Lake Geneva / Lake Geneva Chamber of Commerce* on how the *LGHPC* can help promote tourism in Lake Geneva and better publicize our role in the community.
19. Review of any new information from Jason Tish at the *Wisconsin Historical Society*, *National Trust for Historic Preservation*, the *Society of Architectural Historians*, and the *Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions*.
20. Adjournment

***THE NEXT LAKE GENEVA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING WILL BE AT CITY HALL @ 7:00 P.M.
ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025.***

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2025 - 7:00 p.m. at Lake Geneva City Hall

President Ken Etten called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Lake Geneva City Hall

Present: Ken Etten, Louise Rayppy, Chris Brookes, Grace Hanny, John Halverson and Ja Nelle Powers.
Absent: Sonja Akright, Emily Hummel.

Approval of minutes: Review and approval of the minutes from the July 8, 2025, Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting. Motion to cancel meeting on September 9, John made motion and it was seconded, motion approved. No meeting on September 9.

Comments from the public and correspondence. None

Reports on the Geneva Lake Museum upcoming events, including "Tuesdays @ Two" programs and the Maple Park Homeowners' Association and updates on the regulation of short-term rentals in the Maple Park Historic District. Dinner & Bingo fundraiser at Hawk's View Golf Club, September 25. Swift Night Out - September 4th. No new information on short-term rentals.

Updates regarding Black Point Estate & Gardens, Horticultural Hall, and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours, including Black Point programs at the Lake Geneva Public Library and Badger High School. The 1893 World's Columbian Exposition: A Legacy. When: August 26, at 6:30 P.M. At the Lodge Geneva National. Sponsored by the libraries in Lake Geneva, Williams Bay and Fontana. There are a number of items at Black Point that were bought at the Columbian Exposition.

Updates on events at The Riviera, at the 1928 Geneva Theater / Geneva Stage, or local news items relating to the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission. No new information.

Review of the current 2025 Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission City Budget and recent bills, invoices, and payments. Our current balance is \$12,579.59.

Discussion and comments regarding recent building / remodeling projects within National & State Historic Districts, including repairs at Oak Hill Cemetery office and Eduard Babayev's New House at 833 Wisconsin Street. Application for Mill Pond sign to be approved by city. New windows and roof at Cemetery office building that used to be a chapel. City will pay for it. Tom Earle will do it according to Historic Preservation. New house at 833 Wisconsin still working on it, not historical looking.

Update regarding the Hillmoor Archaeological Site Survey and the Hillmoor Commission and the status of the grant for the proposed new Intensive Historic Survey of Lake Geneva. Application for the grant, letter of intent. Consulting with Jason.

Update regarding the City of Lake Geneva Chapter 34 - Historic Preservation Ordinance, creation of a new Local Historic Landmark Application Form, and the status of nomination applications for buildings such as the Lake Geneva Public Library and The Riviera as Local Historic Landmarks. Also review of our status as a Certified Local Government. Send to Jason for one more look, then go back to Dan Draper. Will make changes that Jason suggested to the formal application. To change ordinance, we have to go to City Council. Ordinance changes need approval. In order to remain a Certified Local Government, we have to do everything that Jason suggested.

Ongoing discussion regarding the repair and/or replacement of any of the existing historic plaques and signs, the proposed new Haskins / Crawford historical sign, the Lake Geneva Sanitariums sign, a potential Old Mill Pond historic sign in conjunction with the Lake Geneva Beautification Committee, and changes to the Sign Ordinance. Have to decide where the Haskins / Crawford sign will be placed. When decision is made, we need to get a Sign Application. Mill Pond sign - also need to know where sign will be placed, then Sign Application. Sign applications need to be approved by City Council.

Update regarding the status of the Three Graces statue and the 3-D scan of Three Graces statue in Allerton Park in Monticello, Illinois, the latest City funding information, and the future plans and options for repair and /or replacement of the Three Graces statue. No new Information.

Status of recent Historic Plaque Program applications, the cost of plaques from Timberline Signs at \$300.68 each (including sales tax), application forms, and ongoing updating the list of past plaque recipients. No new information.

Discussion regarding new projects for the LGHPC, updates regarding our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org, who to contact at City Hall regarding reactivation and website revisions, and discussions with Jeff Miskie.

Right now we have a link off of City Website. Lacey working on our own website.

Discussion regarding adding a picture of Holy Communion Episcopal Church to display of National & State Historic Buildings in City Hall lobby. Add to website.

Update on the status of the I-phone app and Android app for A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour, including who to contact regarding reactivation of I-phone and Android apps, and discussion on how to better promote the apps. No new information.

Discussion regarding any new correspondence from Stephanie Klett and Deanna Goodwin at Visit Lake

Geneva / Lake Geneva Chamber of Commerce on how the LGHPC can help promote tourism in Lake Geneva and better publicize our role in the community. No new information.

Review of any new information from Jason Tish at the Wisconsin Historical Society, National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Society of Architectural Historians, and the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions. No new information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted, Louise M. Rayppy