

## Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

February 11, 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, Sonja Akright, and Peg Esposito. Absent: Emily Hummel, Grace Hanny. Guests: John Halverson; Jennifer Goldman, Joe Lawniczak, Alexandria Binant, BID. Also Ja Nelle Powers, local historian.

Approval of minutes: Review and approval of the minutes from the January 14, 2025, Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.

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. "Tuesdays @ Two" - The Congdon Brothers & Significant Others - With Author Michael T. Sullivan, March 4th. No new information from Maple Park.

Updates regarding Black Point Estate & Gardens, Horticultural Hall, and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours, including Black Point programs at the Lake Geneva Public Library. Also discussion regarding upcoming special events this year at Black Point. Local History at Big Foot and Badger High School About the Crawfords at Badger, 6:30 P.M.

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 recent bills and invoices, updates on the remaining balance in the L. G. Historic Preservation Commission 2024 City Budget and our current 2025 LGHPC City Budget. The current balance is \$10,932.08 Laura Pisarcik will inform Ken about rollovers for 2025.

Discussion and comments regarding recent building / remodeling projects within National & State Historic Districts, including update on status of Eduard Babayev's New House at 833 Wisconsin Street and potential demolition of the Baker House. New house has been built at 833 Wisconsin St. We approved new windows for Tom Bachmann business at 737 Main Street, then will go to Planning, then Council.

Update regarding the Hillmoor Archaeological Site Survey and the Hillmoor Commission and the status of the grant and proposed new Intensive Historic Survey of Lake Geneva. Archeologists will be at the Museum in May to inform us of the final results that they had found at Hillmoor. Three people of the Friends of

Hillmoor will be at the Library in June.

Discussion regarding updates to 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. Sonja will write up application and create a power point for the nomination of Baker House as a private residence for landmark status. Commission submit to Council - final step. We talked about signage in front of buildings- who wants to be a landmark - 5 signs - \$293.00. Motion approved for signs, and then get them done. The guide that Sonja put together has been approved for printing. We were thinking about 500 colored at 875, but these figures could change.

Discussion regarding potential memorial to honor Patrick Quinn and nominations to fill his position on the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission. He was very interested in the restoration of the Three Graces statue, we can have his name included in the restoration or something involving the Library.

Update regarding the status of the Three Graces statue, the latest City funding information, and the future plans for repair and /or replacement of the Three Graces statue based upon the existing Three Sisters statue in Allerton Park in Monticello, Illinois. Hold over until we find out how much money the scan will cost.

Discussion regarding the repair and / or replacement of any of the existing historic plaques and signs by Jim Sherin at Timberline Signs, the proposed new Lake Geneva Sanitarium sign, and a potential new Mill Pond historic sign in conjunction with the Lake Geneva Beautification Committee. Sign for the Sanitariums will be located at park across from Kentucky Fried Chicken. The Mill Pond sign, words for the sign was worked on by Larry Larkin, estimated cost - \$2,000.00. Wait for City to inform us where plaque should be placed.

Review of recent Historic Plaque Program applications and the cost of plaques from Timberline Signs at \$258.48 each (including sales tax), application forms, and ongoing updating the list of past plaque recipients.

Signs for Hillmoor and James and John Haskins, also Crawford district.

Update on the status of the I-phone app and Android app of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour, including reactivation of I-phone and Android apps, and the discussion on how to better promote the apps, including presentations to the Lake Geneva City Council. Have to start over concerning the I-phone app.

Discussion regarding new projects for the LGHPC, updates regarding the status of our website [www.historyoflakegeneva.org](http://www.historyoflakegeneva.org), who to contact at City Hall regarding website revisions, and suggestions on potential future LGHPC projects that we might want to consider. We need to get our website up and running.

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. **WHEN WE GET APPLICATIONS DONE -- WE WILL BE BIG NEWS! LANDMARK**

Update on 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.