

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2022 7:00 p.m. at Lake Geneva City Hall

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

Present: Ken Etten, Patrick Quinn, Louise Rayppy, Chris Brookes, Tim Dunn. Grace Hanny, Sonja Akright, and Emily Hummel were absent.

Review and approval of the minutes from December 14, 2021, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.

Comments from the public and correspondence. None

Reports from the Geneva Area Museum and Maple Park Homeowners. Tuesdays @ Two was canceled for January. Third Annual "Parade of Trees" was a huge success.

Update regarding news on Black Point Estate & Gardens, Horticultural Hall, and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours. Black Point is closed for the season. But they will have their Outreach programs during the winter months at Badger High School – \$5.00 / class or \$25.00 for the 6 week series.

Update on events at The Riviera and at the 1928 Geneva Theater or local news items relating to the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission. The New Year's Eve Gala at The Riviera went well. The theater is going through renovations.

Review of recent bills and invoices, updated current balance in the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission 2021 City Budget, and update regarding the 2022 City Budget. Our current Balance is \$384.32. The budget approved for 2022 is \$6,500 for regular expenditures and \$2,000 for Historic Plaque purchases.

Discuss on potential ways to honor Jim Davis and Jackie Getzen's contributions to the LGHPC. Will ask Janet Ewing at the museum about how to honor Jim. Chris brought up an idea on how we can honor Jim and Jackie. The library is going through a renovation, and they are selling pavers to help raise money for the project. We could purchase pavers as one way to honor their contributions to Lake Geneva. The pavers will be located at the new patio off the lake side of the lobby.

Discussion regarding Historic Preservation Design Review rules for building projects within National & State Historic Districts and current building projects including the New House on the site of the Douglas House at 322 Madison Street, remodeled Houses at 930 & 932 Geneva Street, 1011 Main Street, and porch remodeling work at 534 Madison Street & 1127 Wisconsin Street. No new information.

Update by Chris Brookes and Grace Hanny regarding the creation of a Local Historic Landmark Ordinance based upon presentation by Pat Blackmer & Dan Richardson on the Whitewater Landmarks Commission, discussions with City Attorney Dan Draper, and follow up on Zoom meeting with Jason Tish on December 9. At our Zoom meeting at Ken's office with Jason Tish we discussed our Lake Geneva Historical Preservation Ordinance. He informed us which parts should be changed. Jason informed us that it was time for us to submit our CLG (Certified Local Government) report. Ken will fill it out and return it to Jason

Update regarding suggestions from Mayor Charlene Klein regarding Historic Lake Geneva Post Office Building and creation of a brochure promoting the history of The Riviera. We would like to draw attention to the mural that is on the wall at the post office, with a plaque. Patrick put together a short history of what should appear on the plaque. Ken made a motion to approve a plaque. Motion passed -- to approve a plaque. Ken called and talked to the temporary Post Master, said she would get back to Ken, as of this date, has not returned his call. Patrick advised us that we need to call the main office in Minneapolis. Will talk about a brochure for The Riviera in the Spring.

Discussion regarding placement and installation of a New Historic Sign for Oak Hill Cemetery to commemorate it's designation as a National & State Registers of Historic Place. Patrick informed us that the best place for the sign would be below and in front of the Civil War sign.

Discussion regarding the status of the repair and/or replacement of six existing historic plaques and signs by Jim Sherin at Timberline Signs and which signs should be repaired next. No new information.

Review of recent Historic Plaque Program applications, including, the cost of plaques from Timberline Signs at \$226.83 each (including sales tax), application forms, and ongoing updating the list of past plaque recipients. Potential application from Frank & Judy Scott at 1122 Wisconsin St. No new information.

Report on any updates to the I-phone app and Android app of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour, problem with I-phone app and discussion with Jeff Miskie, how to better promote the apps, and future presentations to the Lake Geneva City Council. Will contact Jeff Miskie concerning the problem with the I-phone app.

Discussion regarding new projects for the LGHPC, including future "Tales of Lake Geneva" programs, updates to our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org , and discussion on any other potential future LGHPC projects that we might want to consider. "Tales of Lake Geneva" will take place at the museum sometime in the Spring.

Update regarding the Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site, including information from the Park Board regarding the future bench in memory of Ed Yaeger. No new information.

Update regarding any new correspondence from Stephanie Klett at Visit Lake Geneva / Lake Geneva Chamber of Commerce and Lake Geneva City Administrator David Nord on how the LGHPC can help promote tourism in Lake Geneva. No new information.

Update on 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. We reviewed the information

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy