

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

July 12, 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, Grace Hanny, Emily Hummel. Sonja Akright and Tim Dunn were absent.

Review and approval of the minutes from June 14, 2022, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.

Comments from the public and correspondence. None

Reports on the Geneva Lake Area Museum upcoming events including Tuesdays @ Two programs, and news from the Maple Park Homeowners' Association. Museum's Summer Evening Programs: Lake Geneva's Sanitarium: July 20th at 6:00 P.M. Fundraiser to be held at the Maxwell Mansion the evening of July 15th at 6 P.M., \$50.00 per person. The 6th Annual Golf Outing, at Hawk's View on September 18th at 9:00 A.M. Emily informed us that the Maple Park Neighbor Association is concerned about the raise of Airbnb and short-term rentals. Forty-four percent of the area is rentals. We discussed about limiting the number of nights from seven to 1 & 2 nights. Emily will contact Tim Dunn and Ken will call Dan Draper about limitation's to B & B and Airbnbs.

Updates regarding news on Black Point Estate & Gardens, Horticultural Hall, and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours. Beer and Brats with Conrad Seipp the evening of July 23rd at 6 P.M. Maple Park Historic District Walk: Pioneer Cemetery, Saturday, Sep't. 10th and Sunday, Sep't. 11th.

Update on events at The Riviera, at the 1928 Geneva Theater, or local news items relating to the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission. No new Information.

Review of recent bills and invoices, updated current balance in the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission 2022 City Budget. Our current balance is: \$8,070.55.

Update on tributes to honor Jim Davis and Jackie Getzen's contributions to the LGHPC, including planting an oak tree at Oak Hill Cemetery in memory of Jim Davis and donating to the Lake Geneva Public Library for a paver in honor of Jackie Getzen. Patrick informed us that the cemetery will make a decision concerning the tree and where to plant it. The paver that we approved to be placed at the Library will be installed at a future date.

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. The porch at 1127 Wisconsin is being rebuilt. And the porch at 534 Madison Street is being remodeled.

Update regarding submittal of Certified Local Government renewal application, the creation of a more inclusive Local Historic Landmark Ordinance based upon the Whitewater Local Landmark Ordinance, the Fond du Lac Historic Preservation Ordinance, discussions with City Attorney Dan Draper, and additional information from Jason Tish at Wisconsin Historical Society. Chris is putting the finishing touches on our revised ordinance, used Fond du Lac as model. As it is in logical order and it pertains to local, and has nothing to do with state and nation—binding, not advisory. Grace asked if there is a form or something that we should have for Certificate of Appropriateness. Chris said she can get it. The ordinance will be reviewed by Jason Tish before it is presented to Dan Draper.

Update regarding suggestions from Mayor Charlene Klein relating to Lake Geneva Post Office Building, new signage by Patrick Quinn on the historic Post Office mural, and creation of a brochure by Sonja Akright promoting the history of The Riviera. We had a few suggestions about the signage on the historic mural. Should look more like a document and stand out more. Sonja is working on the brochure.

Discussion and update regarding placement and installation of a New Historic Sign for Oak Hill Cemetery to commemorate its designation as a National & State Registers of Historic Place. There are four people on the cemetery board and Patrick is one of them. Patrick thinks the sign should be next to the Civil War sign. Patrick and Ken will get together at the cemetery and think this out.

Update 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. Ken talked to Tom Earle, he said will have signs up in a week or two.

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. No new information.

Updates on the I-phone app and Android app of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour, including reactivation of I-phone app, and discussion on how to better promote the apps, including presentations to the Lake Geneva City Council. Also report from Sonja Akright regarding required update renewal of I-phone app within 30 days of 4-22-22. We are trying to get Sonja as our app administrator to check on this account every year. City needs to notify Apple of this. We are waiting to hear from Jeff Miskie and Lana Kropf, if they can help.

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. Patrick informed us that he has some new ideas for the next "Tales of Lake Geneva", got rave reviews from people who attended the last one. Our web page needs to include Oak Hill Cemetery as a National & State Registers of Historic Place. At the Library you are invited to share a story, as part of StoryCorps, a national oral history organization.

Update regarding the Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site, including information from the Park Board regarding the future bench in memory of Ed Yaeger. Cindy Yager said they are working on this, will get back to us. Report 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. Jason Tish informed us of the CLG Grant Program. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise M. Rayppy