

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

October 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, Emily Hummel and Tim Dunn.

Absent: Grace Hanny, Sonja Akright.

Review and approval of the minutes from September 13, 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 regarding the number of Airbnb residences in the Maple Park Historic District. Tuesday @ Two: Kishwauketoe Nature Conservancy, presented by author Jim Killian, on November 1st. Emily informed us that they had a City Meeting on 10/3 to discuss this issue. Also Emily said that Madison is able to restrict, cannot have B & B unless owner lives there. If there are more than 4 people the code is enforced and license is taken away.

Update regarding news on Black Point Estate & Gardens, Horticultural Hall, and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours. Oak Hill Cemetery Tours: Saturday, October 8th, and 15th, at 5 to 6:30 p.m. For the first tour they had about 15 to 25 people. Seventy people showed up for the Pioneer Cemetery Tour on 9/10.

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, and discussion regarding proposed 2023 Budget. Our current balance is \$7,238.92. We have submitted our budget for 2023 to the City Council.

Updates on tributes to honor Jim Davis and Jackie Getzen's contributions to the LGHPC, including planting an oak tree and plaque at Oak Hill Cemetery in memory of Jim Davis and donating to the Lake Geneva Public Library in honor of Jackie Getzen. The cemetery has decided on a Burr Oak, which will be placed by the office building. Plaque is ready to be put near tree, we received the invoice for it -- \$148.00. It will read: In memory of our dear friend and local Historian Jim Davis -- Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission. The paver for Jackie will be installed at a later 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 work is progressing on the porch at 534 Madison Street.

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 and Grace will meet with Dan Draper on October 13th to discuss the revised Ordinance for Historic Preservation.

Update regarding Lake Geneva Post Office Building signage by Patrick Quinn on the historic Post Office mural, and the brochure by Sonja Akright promoting the history of The Riviera. Sonja has put together a larger sign for the mural at the Post office, still needs a border around it.

Update regarding the installation of a new Historic Sign for Oak Hill Cemetery to commemorate its designation as a National & State Registers of Historic Place and the new Historic Oak Hill Cemetery Plaque to be located on stone piers at entry gates. The new historic sign designating it as a National & State Registers of Historic Place has been attached to the Civil War sign. The Plaque is ready to be put on pillar at entrance to cemetery. Ken showed it to us. We have a donor who offered to pay for the plaque.

Update regarding the status of the replacement of six existing historic plaques and signs by Jim Sherin at Timberline Signs, including the two additional plaques for the 700 Block of Main Street Historic District, and discussion on which signs should be repaired next. We received the two new 700 Block of Main St. Historic District signs. They are at the Street Department. We received an invoice from Jim Sherin for installation of sign at cemetery and two Main Street signs for a total of \$690.00. Jim will replace the Donian Park sign and remake the smalls ones.

Discussion regarding status of the Three Graces statue in Flat Iron Park, needed repairs, and potential relocation to the Geneva Lake Museum, and e-mail Ken Etten sent to the Mayor, City Administrator, and City Council members. We agreed to partly fund the restoration of the statue. Will get an estimate. Ken did not receive a reply to the e-mail that he sent to the Mayor, City Administrator, and City Council.

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. We received a request for a plaque for 519 Madison Street. Will send an application.

Update 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. No new information.

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. No new information.

Update regarding the Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site, including information from the Park Board regarding the park bench in memory of Ed Yaeger. Ken called Tom Earle at Street Department, they are in the process of refinishing a bench. 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, and 2022 Local History & Historic Preservation Conference on October 12—14, 2022. Ken and Chris signed up for it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Louise M. Rayppy