

LAKE GENEVA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA- AMENDED
JULY 11, 2023 – 7:00 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 June 13, 2023, *Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting*
4. Comments from the public and correspondence.
5. Reports on the *Geneva Lake Museum* upcoming events, including “*Tuesdays @ Two*” programs, follow up on “*Taco Tuesday*” fundraiser at Champs Sports Bar & Grille, and news from the *Maple Park Homeowners’ Association*, including updates on the regulation of short-term rentals and paid parking 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.
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 recent bills and invoices and updates on the current balance in the *Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission 2023 City Budget*.
9. Updates on tributes to honor Jim Davis and Jackie Getzen’s contributions to the LGHPC, including the LGPL paver for Jackie and scheduling the dedication of the oak tree and plaque at *Oak Hill Cemetery* in memory of Jim Davis.
10. Discussion and comments regarding recent building / remodeling projects within *National & State Historic Districts*.
11. Update regarding submittal of *Certified Local Government* renewal application by February 28, 2023, and update on the proposed new *City of Lake Geneva Local Historic Landmark Ordinance* including latest discussions with City Attorney Dan Draper and Jason Tish at *Wisconsin Historical Society* and scheduling of *Special Meeting with Jason Tish on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall to discuss proposed changes in more detail*.
12. Discussion regarding the repair and/or replacement of existing historic plaques and signs by Jim Sherin at *Timberline Signs* and review of list on which additional plaques and signs should be repaired and/or replaced next.

13. Update regarding current status of the *Three Graces* statue, the relocation from Flat Iron Park to the Geneva Lake Museum, and the future plans for repair and/or replacement of the *Three Graces* statue.
14. Review of recent *Historic Plaque Program* applications, 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.
15. Updates on the status of 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, any new information regarding required update renewal of I-phone app.
16. Discussion regarding new projects for the *LGHPC*, updates to our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org, and discussion on any other potential future *LGHPC* projects that we might want to consider.
17. Updates regarding the *Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site*, including the new park bench and plaque in memory of Ed Yaeger and clean-up and repairs to the paver “footprints” of the *Railroad Turntable, Engine House, and Water tower*.
18. 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.
19. 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*.
20. Adjournment

***THE NEXT LAKE GENEVA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING WILL BE AT CITY HALL @ 7:00 P.M.
ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023.***

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2023 7:30 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, Patrick Quinn, Louise Rayppy, Chris Brookes, Grace Hanny, Sonja Akright, Emily Hummel and Tim Dunn.

Review and approval of the minutes from May 9, 2023, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.

Comments from the public and correspondence. None

Reports on the Geneva Lake Museum upcoming events, including "Tuesdays @ Two" programs, "Taco Tuesday" fundraiser at Champs Sports Bar & Grille on June 27, and news from the Maple Park Homeowners' Association, including updates on the regulation of short-term rentals and paid parking in the Maple Park Historic District. "Tuesdays @ Two" will continue once a month in the evenings thru the summer. We had our "Tales of Lake Geneva" at the museum in the evening of June 13th. It was well received and also there was a good attendance. The Museum's 7th Annual Golf Outing will take place on September 17th at 9:00 A.M. at Hawk's View Golf Club. Also the Black Point Clothing Exhibit is on display now through October. The Maple Park Homeowners' Association are having their Block Party at Topsy Turvy on June 25th, at 2-6 p.m. No paid parking in Maple Park for the time being. No new information concerning 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. Programs about Historic Weddings on Geneva Lake at Black Point on August 26, 6:00-8:00 P.M. Local History series at the Library twice a month.

Update on events at The Riviera, at the 1928 Geneva Theater / Geneva Stage, or local news items relating to the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission. On Thursday, July 6th at 7 p.m. at the Geneva Theater there is going to be a screening of Ja Nelle Powers' daughter's short film "Something New", which is free, reception will follow.

Review of recent bills and invoices and updates on the current balance in the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission 2023 City Budget. Our current balance is \$4,885.00.

Updates on tributes to honor Jim Davis and Jackie Getzen's contribution to the LGHPC, including the LGPL paver for Jackie and scheduling the dedication of the oak tree and plaque at Oak Hill Cemetery in memory

of Jim Davis. The paver for Jackie has been installed. Sonja reached out to Jim's sister, but have not heard back.

Discussion and comments regarding recent building / remodeling projects within National & State Historic Districts. No new information.

Update regarding submittal of Certified Local Government renewal application by February 28, 2023, 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 met with Dan Draper and together they went through the final draft. Also need to discuss this with Jason Tish and send him a copy of the final draft for his review and if he has any comments. Would like Jason to come to one of our meetings, will set up a date with him. Planning on setting a date sometime in July.

Discussion regarding the repair and/or replacement of existing historic plaques and signs by Jim Sherin at Timberline Signs and review of list on which additional plaques and signs should be repaired and / or replaced next. The 3 signs that need to be repaired are: Wisconsin Power & Light – #11: \$755.00. Old Mill Race – #12: \$755.00. Taggart Lumber Yard & Railroad Warehouse – \$770.00. These are the estimates that we received from Jim Sherin. He also gave us estimates on the other signs that need to be repaired at a later date.

Update regarding current status of the Three Graces statue, the relocation from Flat Iron Park to the Geneva Lake Museum, and the future plans for repair and/or replacement of the Three Graces statue. Patrick said that we need to get the ball rolling concerning the repair of the statue. We need to know how much it will cost and how much money we can raise for the project. The Beautification Committee is responsible for collecting donations. Patrick will contact Tom Earle concerning what needs to be done and the cost .

Review of recent Historic Plaque Program applications, 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. No new information.

Updates on the status of 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, any new information regarding required update renewal of I-phone app. Sonja is working on this.

Discussion regarding new projects for the LGHPC, updates to our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org , and discussion on any other potential future LGHPC projects that we might want to consider. Patrick will have some suggestions about new projects.

Update regarding the Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site, including information from the Park Board regarding the park bench and plaque in memory of Ed Yaeger, any feedback from the Yaeger family, and scheduling a date for the dedication. Tom Earle informed us that the bench is in place. We were informed that some of the pavers need repairing and some are missing and that the area needs to be cleaned up. Will need money for that.

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. When Chris goes to their next meeting she will inform them of "Tales of Lake Geneva".

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. NAPC training webinars – June 29th.
Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Louise M. Rayppy