

LAKE GENEVA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
NOVEMBER 14, 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 October 10, 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 and news from the *Maple Park Homeowners’ Association*, including updates on the regulation of short-term rentals 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*. Discussion and updates regarding *Proposed 2024 LGHPC Budget* and schedule for upcoming City Council meetings regarding publication and approval of the *2024 Operating & Capital Budgets*.
9. Discussion and comments regarding recent building / remodeling projects within *National & State Historic Districts*.
10. Presentation by Paula Porubcan regarding Certified Local Government Grant Application for *Hillmoor Archaeological Survey* and discussion regarding possible nomination of the former *Hillmoor Golf Course* property as a National Historic Landscape under the Department of Interior Historic Landscape program.
11. Update regarding submittal of *Certified Local Government* renewal application on February 28, 2023; revisions and updates to the *City of Lake Geneva Chapter 34 - Historic Preservation Ordinance* including latest discussions with City Attorney Dan Draper and Jason Tish at *Wisconsin Historical Society*; follow up on *Special LGHPC* meeting with Jason Tish on July 20; and the presentation at *Committee of the Whole* meeting on Monday, August 7, and at *Finance, License & Regulation Committee* meeting on August 15 regarding proposed changes to *Chapter 34 – Historic Preservation Ordinance*, and subsequent approval by the City Council. Discussion regarding additional items we now need to complete to qualify for landmark status.

12. Discussion regarding the repair and/or replacement of existing historic plaques and signs by Jim Sherin at *Timberline Signs* including six *Maple Park Historic District Signs* and the *Mill Race Historic Sign*, and status of four additional plaques and signs should be repaired and/or replaced, including *Wisconsin Power & Light* plaque, *Chicago & Northwestern* plaque, *Lake Geneva Water & Light Co.* plaque, and the *Historic Railroad of Lake Geneva* plaque.
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, including 1033 Geneva Street, 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. Update from Sonja Akright on any new information regarding 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. Update from Sonja Akright regarding who to contact on website update.
17. Updates regarding the *Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site*, including the clean-up and repairs to the paver “footprints” of the *Railroad Turntable*, *Engine House*, and *Water Tower* and comments from Mark Polyock at Lakes Brick & Block regarding potential high cost of repairs and/or replacement. Mark suggested replacing it with 12” X 12” pavers or a simple concrete strip to mark the “footprints” but noted that any option will not be inexpensive.
18. Report regarding any new correspondence from Stephanie Klett and Chris Hunter 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*, the *Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions*, and the 17th Annual Local History & Historic Preservation Conference that was held in La Crosse, Wisconsin, on October 18-20, 2023.
20. Adjournment

**THE NEXT LAKE GENEVA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING WILL BE AT CITY HALL @ 7:00 P.M.
ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023.**

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2023 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, Patrick Quinn, Louise Rayppy, Chris Brookes, Grace Hanny, Emily Hummel and Tim Dunn. Sonja Akright was absent. Guest: Mary Jo Fesenmaier.

Review and approval of the minutes from September 12, 2023, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.

Comments from the public and correspondence. Mary Jo Fesenmaier filled us in regarding Hillmoor Golf Course property.

Reports on the Geneva Lake Museum upcoming events, including "Tuesdays @ Two" programs and news from the Maple Park Homeowners' Association, including updates on the regulation of short-term rentals in the Maple Park Historic District. "Tuesdays @ Two" will be about Warner Sallman and The Head of Christ, Presenter Helen Brandt, November 7th. The FLR Committee (Financing, License, Regulation). Filing a report every quarter, external organization, quarterly report about who is staying there –some of the subjects that should be addressed at the next Finance Committee 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. The Oak Hill Cemetery Tours are 10/7 and 10/14. Spiritualism in the Victorian Era—10/6 and 10/20.

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. The Eagles are performing at the Geneva Stage.

Review of recent bills and invoices and updates on the current balance in the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission 2023 City Budget. Discussion regarding Proposed 2024 LGHPC Budget and presentation to Finance, Licensing & Regulation Committee. There will be a City Council Budget Workshop at 4:30 P.M. Tuesday, October 17, 2023, to answer questions. Our current balance is \$2,540.00. Maple Park's little signs, Tom Earle will put them up in a month.

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 on February 28, 2023; the revisions and updates to the City of Lake Geneva Chapter 34 – Historic Preservation Ordinance including

latest discussions with City Attorney Dan Draper and Jason Tish at Wisconsin Historical Society; follow up on Special LGHPC meeting with Jason Tish on July 20; and the presentation at Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday, August 7, and at Finance, License & Regulation Committee on August 15 regarding proposed changes to Chapter 34 – Historic Preservation Ordinance, and subsequent approval by the City Council. Discussion regarding additional items we now need to complete to qualify for landmark status. Discussion about the expenses that we will have for nomination, advertising, and pamphlet like Whitewater has.

Discussion regarding the repair and/or replacement of existing historic plaques and signs by Jim Sherin at Timberline Signs including six Maple Park Historic District Signs and the Mill Race Historic Sign, and review of list on which additional plaques and signs should be repaired and/or replaced next. Balance of funds to repair the following signs: 11, 14, 17, 18,. Call Jim Sherin about funds to complete additional signs, if he could wait until our budget is approved for 2024.

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 talked to John Notz about the statue. He advised that a board committee should be set up to deal with this. Maybe get a grant. Park Board, Beautification Committee – nothing is going on. Maybe should talk to Park Manager.

Discussion regarding possible nomination of the former Hillmoor Golf Course property as a National Historic Landscape under the Department of Interior Historic Landscape program. This is different. Does not fall into our Landmark Ordinance.

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. The house at 1033 Geneva Street has applied for a plaque. Built in 1910. Owned by Lincoln Holding Group.

Update 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. Update from Sonja Akright on any new information regarding renewal of I-phone app. No new information.

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. Update from Sonja Akright regarding who to contact on website update. Items on website need to be updated. Check with Sonja about how the website at the museum is set up.

Update regarding the Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site, including the clean-up and repairs to the paver "footprints" of the Railroad Turntable, Engine House, and Water Tower and comments from Mark Polyock at Lakes Brick & Block regarding potential high cost of repairs and/or replacement. Mark suggested replacing with 12" X 12" pavers or a simple concrete strip to mark the "footprints", but noted that any option will not be inexpensive. We will postpone this for next year's budget.

Report regarding any new correspondence from Stephanie Klett and Chris Hunter 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. Should put more attention to our local history.

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, including the 17th Annual Local History & Historic Preservation Conference in La Crosse, Wi., on October 18-20, 2023. The Nature Series, Barrett Memorial Library – 10/16.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Louise M. Rayppy