

LAKE GENEVA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
JUNE 11, 2024 – 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 May 14, 2024, *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 2024 City Budget*.
9. Discussion and comments regarding recent building / remodeling projects within *National & State Historic Districts*.
10. Update regarding Paula Porubcan’s *Certified Local Government Grant Application* for *Hillmoor Archaeological Survey*, meeting at the Historic Railroad Site, and possible nomination of the former *Hillmoor Golf Course* property as a National Historic Landscape under the *Department of Interior Historic Landscape* program.
11. Update from Chris Brookes regarding working with Mallory Hansen at the WHS, the opening of the “*Wisconsin Historical Makers Tour History Walks*” project on June 14, 2024, and scheduling an official ribbon-cutting ceremony.
12. Discussion regarding the recent updates to the *City of Lake Geneva Chapter 34 - Historic Preservation Ordinance*, development of a new *Local Historic Landmark Application Form*, and additional items we need to complete to nominate buildings as Local Historic Landmarks.
13. Updates regarding the *Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site*, including approval of proposal from Juan Aceves, for the clean-up and repairs to the paver “footprints” of the *Railroad Turntable*, *Engine House*, and *Water Tower*. Juan’s proposal would include removing a 16” wide strip of sod, raising the existing pavers, installing landscaping fabric, and resetting the pavers in a bed of mulch.

14. Review of recent *Historic Plaque Program* applications, including Pat Strenger's home at 953 Henry Street, and 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. Update and discussion regarding the repair and/or replacement of any of the existing historic plaques and signs by Jim Sherin at *Timberline Signs*.
16. Discussion regarding the status of the *Three Graces* statue, the relocation from Flat Iron Park to the Geneva Lake Museum, and the future plans and funding for repair and/or replacement of the *Three Graces* statue.
17. 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.
18. Discussion regarding new projects for the *LGHPC*, updates regarding the status of our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org, who to contact at City Hall regarding website revisions, and suggestions on potential future *LGHPC* projects that we might want to consider.
19. Discussion regarding any new correspondence from Stephanie Klett and Deanna Goodwin at *Visit Lake Geneva / Lake Geneva Chamber of Commerce* on how the *LGHPC* can help promote tourism in Lake Geneva and better publicize our role in the community.
20. Update on any new 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*.
21. Adjournment

**THE NEXT LAKE GENEVA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING WILL BE AT CITY HALL @ 7:00 P.M.
ON TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2024.**

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2024 - 700 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, Sonja Akright, Emily Hummel and Peg Esposito, our new City Council representative. Grace Hanny was absent.

Approval of minutes; Review and approval of the minutes from April 9, 2024, Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.

Comments from the public and correspondence. None

Reports on the Geneva Lake Museum upcoming events, including "Tuesdays @ Two" programs and and news from the Maple Park Homeowners' Association, including updates on the regulation of short-term rentals in the Maple Park Historic District. Tuesday @ Two: The Fontana Story- May 28th. Fundraiser for the Museum - "Taco Tuesday" at Magpie's Den & Pen on June 18, 6:00 till 8:00 P.M.- \$12.00 per person. Short-term rentals: busy putting language together. Cannot rent: 185 days a year. Owners in Madison has to live in the house. Rules are going to be enforced.

Updates regarding Black Point Estate & Gardens, Horticultural Hall, and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours, including Black Point programs at the Lake Geneva Public Library. Black Point is off to a good start for the new season, opened May 4th. Thursdays at Two at the Library: Michael Rehberg - Researching the History of your house.

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. At the Geneva Stage: Savannah Sipping Society. Five murals will appear on different walls throughout the City.

Review of recent bills and invoices and updates on the current balance in the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission 2024 City Budget. Our current balance is \$10,965.00. We received \$100.00 from Visit Lake Geneva for our Walking Tour booklet.

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

Update regarding Paula Porubcan's Certified Local Government Grant Application for Hillmoor Archaeological Survey and possible nomination of the former Hillmoor Golf Course property as a

National Historic Landscape under the Department of Interior Historic Landscape program. Archaeological dig was approved last night, according to Jason Tish. Will not hear about grant until next month. Hillmoor Golf Course property was formerly John Quinn's farm - 1840.

Update from Chris Brookes regarding working with Mallory Hansen at the WHS and participating in the "Wisconsin Historical Makers Tour History Walks" project here in Lake Geneva. Mayor is aware of this, and will move ahead with historic markers tours. Tours will probably start in early June. Panels will be up at the Library for about two months.

Discussion and updates regarding the updates to the City of Lake Geneva Chapter 34 - Historic Preservation Ordinance, development of a new Local Historic Landmark Application Form, and additional items we need to complete to qualify for landmark status. Landmark application form on the website, we all need to know how it works. Use the right language for owners who are interested in landmark and also how to do research.

Update and discussion regarding the repair and/or replacement of any of the existing historic plaques and signs by Jim Sherin at Timberline. We completed the signs that needed repair, but will check to be sure.

Update regarding the status of the Three Graces statue, the relocation from Flat Iron Park to the Geneva Lake Museum, and the future plans and funding for repair and/or replacement of the Three Graces statue. Ken talked to Tom Earle about the \$50,000 for the repair of the statue, it has not been approved by the City Council.

Review of recent Historic Plaque Program applications, including 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. Update from Sonja Akright on any new information regarding renewal of I-phone app. It needs to be recreated.

Discussion regarding new projects for the LGHPC, updates regarding the status of our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org, and discussion on any other potential future LGHPC project that we might want to consider. Update from Sonja Akright regarding who to contact on website update. Pertaining to Historic Preservation, we need this to appear on the city website. Peg will look into it.

Updates regarding the Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site, including possible options for 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 repair 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. We will try to get estimate for cost to repair existing pavers. We received an estimate from Juan Aceves for the restoration of the railroad site for \$1,800.00. We made a motion to approve the work.

Discussion regarding any new correspondence from Stephanie Klett and Deanna Goodwin 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 and better publicize our role in the community. Stephanie wants to be updated about the History Walks.

Update on any new 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.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.
Respectfully submitted, Louise Rayppy