
Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2024 - 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, Louise Rayppy, Chris Brookes, Grace Hanny, Emily Hummel and Peg Esposito. Patrick Quinn and Sonja Akright were absent.

Approval of minutes; Review and approval of the minutes from May 14, 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 news from the Maple Park Homeowners' Association, including updates on the regulation of short-term rentals in the Maple Park Historic District. 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. Also "A Buffet & Bingo Fundraiser at Hawk's View Golf Club on Thursday evening, October 17th. Short-term rentals: Emily called in their troops to attend the S.T.R. Committee - need to pack the audience. Ordinance needs to be enforced. If there is an ordinance to maintain

it - this is it. Cannot rent: 180 days a year. People are paying fines. Jason Renz - call about violations.

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 program at the Library: Wedding Bliss thru the Ages. Wisconsin History Makers Tour - June 14 - August 30th at the Library.

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. Geneva Stage: Musical Revel.

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 \$11,065.00 Grace is working on obtaining a grant to help to resurvey the City of Lake Geneva, to identify all buildings 50 years of age. Need a letter of intent, and someone to write it. Grace will call Paula Porubcan to see if she wants to do this.

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, 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. Application due date June 11. Survey for money - end of month. Forty acres out of 200 acres to find physical stuff.

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. Ribbon Cutting - June 21st at 10:00 A.M. The list of boats that sunk and are still down there.

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. How the application works and how to promote it, so it is easier for owners to apply for landmark.

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. Archaeological - doesn't seem it matters. Need to get a work permit.

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. We turn down the 1890 plaque request for 953 Henry Street, it goes

against our guide lines. We consider the exterior and it has been modified.

Update and discussion regarding the repair and / or replacement of any of the existing historic plaques and signs

by Jim Sherin at Timberline Signs. Plaque for Sanitarium, Sonja has a book coming out about Sanitariums and

would want a plaque.

Discussion regarding the status of the Three Graces status, 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. Peg will

follow thru about the Three Graces, get moving forward. The repairs will probably cost between \$227,000 - \$300,000.

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 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. Peg did not follow up last time if our commission can appear on City web-site, will check History of Lake Geneva. org. Also will check if URL is still in use.

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. Chris informed Stephanie about Wisconsin History Makers Tour.

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. Reconstruction of Highway 50.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.
Respectfully submitted, Louise M. Rayppy