

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

April 9, 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, Patrick Quinn, Louise Rayppy, Chris Brookes, Grace Hanny, Sonja Akright, and Tim Dunn. Emily Hummel was absent. Guests: Don Rose, Mary Jo Fesenmaier - Alderperson.

Approval of minutes: Review and approval of the minutes from the March 12, 2024, Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting. Association

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. "Tuesday @ Two": Field Trip to Church of the Holy Communion - April 23 at the Church. Annual Members Meeting; April 21st at 11:00. Service for Dale Buelter at the museum on April 20th at 1:00 p.m. The Ad Hoc STR listening session was held the first week of April. Had a good turn-out. Next one is Wednesday April 17th, 5-6:30 at City Hall.

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 opens on May 4th. Mother's Day Cruise on the 12th. Local History Series at the Library, twice a month - May to September.

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. Musical programs at the Theatre.

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 \$10,885.00.

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. The Friends of Hillmoor will apply for a Companion Grant.

Update from Chris Brookes regarding working with Mallory Hansen at the WHS and participating in the "Wisconsin Historical Makers Tour History Walks" projects here in Lake Geneva. WHS asked Lake Geneva to display banners. They also approved the display of the banners at east end of the Library for 1 or 2 months. We took a vote and all approved of Makers Tour History Walks, and will participate.

Discussion and updates regarding the submittal of the 2023 Certified Local Government Annual Report, review of revisions and 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. Update Ordinance on website, the codification company that the City utilizes is in the process of posting the new Ordinance. Sonja volunteered to fill out a form about The Riviera, see if the Landmark form will work. Type on website, so people don't have to download it.

Update and discussion regarding the repair and/or replacement of any of the existing historic plaques and signs by Jim Sherin at Timberline Signs. Most of the signs have been finished, need sign for sanitarium. We approved rest of signs that need repair.

Update regarding current 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. Chris will take it on.

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. Have to have a new I-phone developed.

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 projects that we might want to consider. Update from Sonja Akright regarding who to contact on website update. Ask Jason about I-phone, if he can refer us to someone to develop it. We also can ask Jeff Miskie at 262-248-3790.

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 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. We will try to get estimate for cost to repair existing pavers. Ken will call Mark Polyock about who we can get to work on footprints, also will ask Tom Earle.

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. Chris will talk to Stephanie about the "Wisconsin Historical Makers Tour 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. WAHPC Spring Conference April 25-26, Mineral Point.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Louise M. Rayppy