

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

July 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, Emily Hummel and Peg Esposito. Guest: Mary Jo Fesenmaier, Alderperson.

Approval of minutes: Review and approval of the minutes from June 11, 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. Meet the Author Event: Sonja Akright and her new book "The Sanitariums of Lake Geneva," on July 16th. at 6:00 p.m. A Buffet & Bingo Fundraiser at Hawk's View Golf Club - 10/17, \$100.00. The Maple Park Homeowners are having get-togethers in their neighborhood this summer. Also Maple Park Neighborhood Walking Tour on September 7th, 1 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Short-term rentals: Ordinance needs to be enforced. 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 Beer Barons: July 13; Beer Cruise: August 10. Crawford Industrial Revolution - July 11 at 2:00 P.M. 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. No new information.

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.

Discussion and comments regarding recent building / remodeling projects within National & State Historic Districts. Eduard Babayev wishes to demolish a house at 833 Wisconsin Street and build a new house. Would appreciate our feedback concerning this project. We explained our position about historic preservation. Resurvey of City-- We should notify Plan Commission before Committee to Review - wait a few days to review - owner will wait for our comments. Emily will notify owner that Ken will get back to him. City has to get involved with resurvey of city. Need financial agent - 30,000, then pay consultant, then will be revised. Grants writing starts here, then will present to city council, what we want to do.

Hillmoor Golf Course: Company that will do the archaeological survey received a grant for \$30,000.00 Jason approved Letter of Intent.

Report on the ribbon - cutting and opening of the "Wisconsin Historical Makers Tour History Walks" project on June 14, 2024, and any new follow-up information. Chris has the ribbon, we signed it.

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 status of nomination applications for buildings, such as The Riviera as Local Historic Landmarks. Make application form simple - so we don't scare people.

Updates regarding the status of the repairs to 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. He has obtained a city permit and is scheduled to proceed. The job has been finished.

Review of recent Historic Plaque Program applications 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, goes against our guide lines.

Update and discussion regarding the repair and/or replacement of any of the existing historic plaques and signs by Jim Sherin at Timberline Signs. Motion was approved to notify Jim Sherin about sign to direct people to the lay out of the different buildings at the Railroad Site.

Discussion regarding the status of the Three Graces statue, the relocation from Flat Iron Park to the Geneva Lake Museum, latest City funding information, and the future plans for repair and/or replacement of the Three Graces statue. Turn it over to the Park Board.

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. Walking Tours -- be updates --run thru website.

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. Website -- information thru the city -- don't have control over the domain.

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. The ribbon cutting ceremony at the Wisconsin Shipwreck History Walk.

Update on any new information from Jason Tish at the Wisconsin Historical Society, National Trust for Preservation, the Society of Architectural Historians, and the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions. Renewed membership in the WAHPC - \$40.00.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.
Respectfully submitted, Louise M. Rayppy