

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2024 - 7:00 P.M. at Lake Geneva City

President Ken Etten called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Lake Geneva City Hall

Present: Ken Etten, Louise Rayppy, Chris Brookes, Sonja Akright, and Peg Esposito. Absent: Patrick Quinn, Emily Hummel, Grace Hanny.

Approval of minutes: Review and approval of the minutes from the August 13, 2024, Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, and discussion regarding election of LGHPC officers for the upcoming year as required by the City. Motion approved for Ken Etten, as Chairman and Louise Rayppy as Secretary.

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 and MPHA get togethers. A Buffet & Bingo fundraiser at Hawk's View Golf Club - 10/17, \$100.00. Swift Night Out--went well. Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Dungeons & Dragons, September 28, 29, Library Park. No new information on short-term rentals. Summertime Get-Togethers are over with.

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 Library is having a fundraiser -- "Lets Go to the Fair", at the museum. Successful Maple Park Tour. Agatha Christie - sold out, at Black Point. Also walking tours downtown.

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, updates on the current balance in the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission 2024 City Budget, and discussion regarding proposed 2025 LGHPC City Budget. Our current balance is: \$9,225.00. Will ask for \$10,000, landmark status for Library. Also additional \$2,000 to nominate for State & National. Will submit budget as is, except for Library.

Discussion and comments regarding recent building / remodeling projects within National & State Historic Districts, including discussions and correspondence with Eduard Babayev proposed New House at 833 Wisconsin Street. House is still standing.

Update regarding the status of the Hillmoor Archaeological Site Survey and the proposed new Intensive Historic Survey of Lake Geneva and discussion regarding the nomination of the former Hillmoor Golf Course property as a National Historic Landscape under the Department of Interior Historic Landscape program. Books contributed to Library about the Archaeological Site Survey. Outreach -- Archaeologist will be at Library thru October and November to show students what they do.

Discussion regarding nominating the Lake Geneva Public Library as a National & State Historic Building and input from Library Board. No new information.

Update on the "Wisconsin Historical Makers Tour History Walks" project at the Lake Geneva Public Library and any new follow-up information. September 5th was the last day, next stop - Mequon, Wisconsin.

Discussion regarding updates to the City of Lake Geneva Chapter 34 -- Historic Preservation Ordinance, development of a new Local Historic Landmark Application Form, and the status of nomination applications for building such as The Riviera as Local Historic Landmarks. No new information.

Updates regarding the repairs to the Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site by Juan Aceves for the clean-up and repairs to the paver "footprints" of the Railroad and discussion regarding the addition of directional signage at the existing Historic Railroad Site sign. Jim Sherin is making a directional signage to hang from the large sign to indicate where buildings were.

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.

No new plaques.

Update and discussion regarding the repair and/or replacement of any of the existing historic plaques and signs by Jim Sherin at Timberline Signs. New sign for sanitarium.

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. Pre-scan of statue - find someone to replicate the statue.

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 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. Update the app each year. Someone has to manage the app. Cannot find website.

Discussion regarding any new correspondence from Stephanie Klett and Deanna Goodwin at Visit Lake Geneva. Chris represents Black Point at Visit Lake Geneva meetings. Better if you are a member.

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, including the Local History & Historic Preservation Conference on October 16

to 18th at the Hilton Appleton Paper Valley hotel in Appleton, Wisconsin. Ask Jason about grants.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Louise M. Rayppy