

LAKE GENEVA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
NOVEMBER 12, 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 October 8, 2024, *Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting*, and follow up regarding election of LGHPC officers for the upcoming year as required by the City.
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* and MPHA get together.
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. Also discussion regarding upcoming events next year at *Black Point*.
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, updates on the current balance in the *Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission 2024 City Budget*, and discussion regarding proposed *2025 LGHPC City Budget*.
9. Discussion and comments regarding recent building / remodeling projects within *National & State Historic Districts*, including update on status of *Eduard Babayev’s* proposed *New House* at 833 Wisconsin Street.
10. Update regarding the *Hillmoor Archaeological Site Survey*, the presentation on October 23 on the *Haskins property*, the status of the proposed new *Intensive Historic Survey of Lake Geneva*, and any new discussion regarding the nomination of the former *Hillmoor Golf Course* property as a National Historic Landscape under the *Department of Interior Historic Landscape* program.
11. 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 buildings such as the *Lake Geneva Public Library* and *The Riviera* as Local Historic Landmarks.
12. Discussion regarding the repair and/or replacement of any of the existing historic plaques and signs by Jim Sherin at *Timberline Signs* and the proposed new *Lake Geneva Sanitariums* sign.

13. 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.
14. Discussion regarding the status of the *Three Graces* statue, the latest City funding information, and the future plans for repair and/or replacement of the *Three Graces* statue based upon the existing *Three Sisters* statue in Allerton Park in Monticello, Illinois.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. 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 any follow up on the *Local History & Historic Preservation Conference* on October 16th to 18th at the *Hilton Appleton Paper Valley hotel* in Appleton, Wisconsin.
219. Adjournment

**THE NEXT LAKE GENEVA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING WILL BE AT CITY HALL @ 7:00 P.M.
ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024.**

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2024 - 7:00pm at Lake Geneva City Hall

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

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

Approval of minutes: Review, corrections, and approval of the minutes from the September 10, 2024, LGHPC Meeting. **Corrections:** 1) Emily Hummel was present at the September meeting. 2) The GLM Tuesday @ Two program entitled "Let's go to the Fair" was not a Library fundraiser.

Comments from the public and correspondence. None

Reports on the Geneva Lake Museum's upcoming events, including the "Tuesdays @ Two" program and news from the Maple Park Homeowners' Association, including updates on the regulation of short-term rentals in the Maple Park Historic District. A Buffet and Bingo Fundraiser at Hawk's View Golf Club will be held on 10/17. The Tuesday @ Two program on November 12th will be on the 70 Years of History of Gordy's given by Tom Whowell.

Report given regarding Black Point Estate & Gardens programs to include Spiritualism in the Victorian Era, Sordid and Scandalous: A Walking Tour of Lake Geneva, and Poe at the Point. The estate will close on 10/31/2024 for the season.

Updates on events at the Riviera, at the 1928 Geneva Theater/Geneva Stage, or local news items relating to the LGHPC. Eric Clapton cover band will play and Janelle Powers is hosting a Halloween Show.

Review of recent bills and invoices, updates on the current balance in the LGHPC 2024 City Budget and discussion of the 2025 City Budget. The current balance is \$8,850.00. Requesting \$10,000 for the 2025 budget submitted on 9/11 by Ken Etten and Grace Hanny.

Discussion and comments regarding the recent building/remodeling projects within National & State Historic Districts. Nothing further has been heard from Eduard Babayev who proposed a new home at 833 Wisconsin Street. House is still standing.

Update regarding the Hillmoor Archaeological Site Survey. The Hillside Dig by Haskins Farm on Haskins Street will be attended by 4th graders from Eastview Elementary School. A presentation for the community will be held on 10/23 on Haskins Street with a rain date set for 10/25. There will be a presentation at the Lake Geneva Public Library in January 2025 about the Haskins Farm and Crawford Manufacturing. Looking for speakers about Glaciers as environmental and the river & wetlands as ecological education programs. The Grant Application was provided to the LGHPC to review and offer feedback, especially the project description and to return comments and edits to her via email.

Discussion regarding the nominating of the Lake Geneva Public Library as a National & State Historic Building and input from the Library Board. The Lake Geneva Board of Trustees gave Chris Brookes the approval to nominate them if there is no cost involved.

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Discussion regarding the 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 such as the Lake Geneva Public Library as Local Historic Landmarks. Chris Brookes, Emily Hummel and Sonja Akright to meet to develop the Local Landmark Application.

Updates regarding the repair of the Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site sign. Jim Sherin completed the directional signage to indicate the recent clean-up and repairs of the paver "footprints" of where the historic buildings were hung from the large sign.

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 of 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 to be completed. Proposed new sign created for Haskins Farm / Crawford Manufacturing over on Haskins Street.

Discussion regarding the Three Graces statue, the latest City funding information, and the future plans for repair and/or replacement. Tom Earle indicated that \$300,000 has been set for the 2027 budget for the statue. Needed is a 3D scanned image of the statue in Illinois. It was suggested that the LGHPC write a letter to the City Comptroller / Treasurer in support of this.

Updates on the status and renewal of the iPhone app, and discussion on how to better promote the apps on both iPhone and Android. No new information

Updates on the LGHPC website www.historyoflakegeneva.org, who to contact at City Hall regarding website redesign. The link is not currently working from <https://www.cityoflakegeneva.gov/285/Historic-Preservation-Commission>. It is listed as a "not secure site". It can be found by Google searching but cannot be reached. Best to review again the January time frame.

Discussion regarding new correspondence from Stephanie Klett and Deanna Goodwin at Visit Lake Geneva. Nothing new

Update on 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 18 in Appleton, Wisconsin. No one from Lake Geneva Historic Preservation will be attending.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 P.M.
Submitted by Sonja Akright