

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

November 12, 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, Emily Hummel, and Peg Esposito. Absent: Patrick Quinn, Grace Hanny, Sonja Akright.

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. 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. The 6th Annual Parade of Trees, opens November 23, 2024 through January 5, 2025. Annual Run through Maple Park neighborhood on 11/21, 4 to 9 P.M. Raise money for cancer -- Forbeck Foundation. The MPHA Summertime Get-Togethers will take place in neighbors' outdoor spaces.

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. Black Point is closed for the season. Library had Volunteer Luncheon at Tuscan Restaurant. Black Point programs are over with at Library, until next year. Next year it will be 20 years since Bill Petersen donated the house to the State of Wisconsin.

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 is having a production Thanksgiving Day.

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. The current balance is \$8,850.00. With the money we have right now - we should get I-phone working.

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. Still standing -- Update - as of this writing it has been torned down.

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. January presentation at Library -- more about

Haskin Street, Old Silo and Hillmoor Site. Archeologists will come back in January and discuss what they had found at Hillmoor. Students at Eastview School went and toured Haskin Street. Committee will start up in January.

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. Grant money for Historic houses in Lake Geneva - \$35,000, will be discussed at 11/25 Council meeting. Survey hasn't been updated in 20 years. December 18th - deadline for grant money.

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. No new information Talking about sign for Haskin area.

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 information.

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. There is \$20,000 in capital improvement committee, according to Tom Earl. Allerton Park, if there is any one who could scan 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. Need to talk to somebody at City concerning this.

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. Concerning our website and who will manage it for us.

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. Library will be 130 years old --will have events next year. Local History stories at Library.

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.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Louise M. Rayppy