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## Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2025 - 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. Guest: Tom Bachmann.

We loss our beloved member Patrick Quinn on January 3rd. He was a walking encyclopedia of the history of the Lake Geneva area, since he was born and grew up here. He will be truly missed. We will discuss a memorial in honor of him at our next meeting

Approval of minutes: Review and approval of the minutes from the December 10, 2024, Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

Comments from the public and correspondence. Tom Bachmann attended our meeting concerning the remodeling of his business at 737 W. Main Street. Will try and get it on next Plan Commission.

Reports on the Geneva Lake Museum upcoming events, including winner of the Christmas Tree Parade, "Tuesdays @ Two" programs and the Maple Park Homeowners' Association, including updates on the regulation of short- term rentals in the Maple Park Historic District. First place goes to Lake House Fudge tree Candyland. "Tuesdays @ Two" -- Summer Living at Black Point, with Chris Brookes. Council approved \$20,000 for planting trees in Maple Park.

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 special events this year at Black Point. Planning for next year --Outreach Programs.

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 -- January 16th -- Ja Nelle Powers.

Review of recent bills and invoices, updates on the remaining balance in the L. G. Historic Preservation Commission 2024 City Budget, and discussion regarding our 2025 LGHPC City Budget. The current balance is \$8,850.00. Our budget for 2025 is \$10,000. Received \$64.00 from the Chamber of Commerce, paying for our Walking Tour books.

Discussion and comments regarding recent building / remodeling projects within National & State Historic Districts, including update on status of Eduard Babayev's demo of Existing House and construction of New House at 833 Wisconsin Street. New house going up.

Update regarding the Hillmoor Archaeological Site Survey and the status of the grant and proposed new

Intensive Historic Survey of Lake Geneva. Second report - finished study - Wisconsin History who did survey - 1,300 left from 30,000 grant. Will use for a sign about Haskin Street. River was used to run plant buildings. At Hillmoor - no Indian artifacts, not much was found, some artifacts were found, will donate to museum. Three people to speak at Friends of Hillmoor. Grant survey of houses in Lake Geneva, Peg will do this.

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. Chris, Emily, and Sonja finished putting together the revised application for landmark status. Next step is approval by City Council. They also put together a Guide pertaining to Landmark Designation for the City of L. G.

Discussion regarding the repair and / or replacement of any of the existing historic plaques and signs by Jim Sherin at Timberline Signs, the proposed new Lake Geneva Sanitariums sign, and a potential new Mill Pond historic sign in conjunction with the Lake Geneva Beautification Committee. Received the rough draft of the working for the Wisconsin State Historical marker for Fr. John Mc Namara from Cathy Koch.

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.

Sign for mill pond--how to approve -- get it approved.

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. Conrad and Courtney have to come and look at statue. Want to have statue looking not up, but looking at lake.

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 info.

Discussion regarding new projects for the LGHPC, updates regarding the status of our website [www.historyoflakegeneva.org](http://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. No new information.

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. No new information.

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. No new information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Louise M. Rayppy