

## Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

March 11, 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: Sonja Akright, Grace Hanny. We welcomed our new member John Halverson, who is replacing Patrick Quinn, who passed away on January 3rd.

Approval of minutes: Review and approval of the minutes from the February 11, 2025, 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 the Maple Park Homeowners' Association and updates on the regulations of short-term rentals in the Maple Park Historic District. "Tuesdays @ Two" -- Bird Migration, presented by the Lake Geneva Avian Committee, April 1, 2025. Archaeological Findings at Hillmoor, Library - May 6th at 11:30 A.M. Maple Park - Meet & Greet Candidates for District 1, at local church -- 3/12.

Updates regarding Black Point Estate & Gardens, Horticultural Hall, and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours, including Black Point programs at the Lake Geneva Public Library and Badger High School. Also discussion regarding potential special events this year at Black Point to commemorate Conrad Seipp's 200th birthday and the 20th Anniversary of the dedication as a State Historic Site. Bill Petersen and his wife Jane donated Black Point to the state in 1997 and it became a historic site in 2005.

Update on events at the Riviera, at the 1928 Geneva Theater / Geneva Stage, or local news items relating to the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission, "The Miss Geneva Lake Senior Citizens Beauty Pageant, March 20, 2 P.M. and 7 P.M. at Geneva Stage.

Review of recent bills and invoices, updates on the remaining balance in the L. G. Historic Preservation 2024 City Budget and our current 2025 LGHPC City Budget. The current balance is \$10,932.08. No final approval yet by City Council.

Discussion and comments regarding recent building / remodeling projects within National & State Historic Districts, including updates on status of Eduard Babayev's New House at 833 Wisconsin Street and potential demolition of the Baker House. Not approved yet by City Council -- Edie. Baker House - no new information. New house at 833 Wisconsin - still working on new building.

Update regarding the Hillmoor Archaeological Site Survey and the Hillmoor Commission and the status of the grant and proposed new Intensive Historic Survey of Lake Geneva. Hillmoor Archaeological Survey -- final copy - 109 pages. Lake Geneva City Survey - not accepted yet, also grant was not accepted yet.

Discussion regarding the City of Lake Geneva Chapter 34- - Historic Preservation Ordinance, creation 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. Trying to prevent Baker House from demolition. If we are able to give it landmark status - cannot tear it down, we will try to protect it. Can still nominate Library. Ja Nelle Powers is asking that her house be nominated for landmark status. Need to get booklet done. Should have signs around city alerting people about Baker House. Motion approved on Dan Draper's recommendations.

Discussion regarding potential memorial to honor Patrick Quinn and nominations to fill his position on the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission. He was very interested in the restoration of the Three Graces statue, we can have his name included in the restoration or something involving the Library.

Update 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. Get 3-D scan done, find out how much we need -- find out if roll-over money is available-- first.

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 Old Mill Pond historic sign in conjunction with the Lake Geneva Beautification Committee. Signs for Hillmoor, James and John Haskins, also Crawford district. Old Mill Pond sign, will leave it to Jim -- how it should be done -- alot to put on 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 the list of past plaque recipients  
No new information.

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 reactivation and website revisions, and discussion with Jeff Miskie. Also review of potential options for printing new copies of our Historic Walking Tour booklets. Website - We need to find out who can help us with this, maybe Jeff Miskie. We also need to get our tour back, who would publicize it and how much it would cost.

Update on the status of the I-phone app and Android app for A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour, including who to contact regarding reactivation of I-phone and Android apps, and discussion on how to better promote the apps. 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 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Louise M. Rayppy