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## Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

April 8, 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, Grace Hanny, Emily Hummel, John Halverson and Peg Esposito. Absent: Sonja Akright.

Approval of minutes: Review and approval of the minutes from the March 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 regulation of short-term rentals in the Maple Park Historic District. "Tuesdays @ Two" -- Hidden Histories of Hillmoor with Archaeologist Paul Reckner & Chris Brookes, May 6th. Archaeological Survey at Library, May and June. Annual Membership Meeting at Museum -- Sunday, April 27th at 11:00 A.M. Short-term rentals: Private software company will start keeping an eye on short-term rentals at the end of May.

Update 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. Black Point opening May 3rd. On May 11th -- Remarkable Women at Geneva Lake. Dungeons & Dragons -- April 27th, Black Point will be sponsoring it. New lake shore walking tour - Part of Black Point.

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 remaining balance in the L. G. Historic Preservation Commission 2024 City Budget and our current 2025 LGHPC City Budget. The current balance is \$495.05. No final approval yet by City Council. Will get paid back for the Hillmoor Archaeological Site Survey.

Discussion and comments regarding recent building / remodeling projects within National & State Historic Districts, including update on status of the remodeling of the Edie Boutique and the Eduard Babayevs' New House at 833 Wisconsin Street. Edie Boutique was approved. New house at 833 Wisconsin still working on it.

Update regarding the Hillmoor Archeological Site Survey and the Hillmoor Commission and the status of the grant and proposed new Intensive Historic Survey of Lake Geneva. Contact Jason Tish about a grant, also need someone to do the grant writing for the survey.

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 Rivera as Local Historic Landmarks. No new info.

Discussion regarding potential memorial to honor past LGHPC member Patrick Quinn. 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.

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 Haskins / Crawford historical sign, the Lake Geneva Sanitariums sign, and a potential Old Mill Pond historic sign in conjunction with the L. G. Beautification Committee. The Old Mill Pond sign - Beautification Committee will pay for it. Hanson signs, etc. Peg is working on this.

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. The 3-D scan -- Beautification Committee might help us with this. Statue is stored at the Museum.

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 - posting website - Jeff Miskie, who is posting website, then he can help. Where are the bills coming from?

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. Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions - Conference in Racine -- April 24 -25, \$60.00 to register for both days. Chris will go. Sounds interesting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Louise M. Rayppy