Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2017 6:30 p.m. at Lake Geneva City Hall

President Ken Etten called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at Lake Geneva City Hall

Present: Ken Etten, Patrick Quinn, Louise Rayppy, Jim Davis. Mary Tanner, Jackie Getzen and Elizabeth Chappell were absent. Guests: Ed Yaeger, Michael Rehberg.

Approval of minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of January 12, 2017.

Comments from the public and correspondence. We were contacted by the owner of the Brick & Mortar business, located at the corner of Cook and Geneva streets. He wanted our opinion concerning his idea about painting the building. We voted against it.

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and the Maple Park Homeowners. Shoe La La—Exhibit Opens April 6th. Tuesdays @ Two programs: My Circus Life—3/7. Geneva Theater—March 14. Talking Shoes—March 21. You are invited to bring a pair of your own shoes and share their story.

Update on the restoration of the historic 1928 Geneva Theater Building. Discussions between Shad Branen and the Friends of the Theater are still going on. A formal contractual agreement needs to be drafted concerning the $30,000 that the Friends want to donate to the theater. Board members will vote on this, and then present it to Shad Branen.

Update regarding future programs at Black Point or Horticultural Hall and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour booklet from David Desimone and/or Michael Rehberg. Michael Rehberg attended our meeting. Michael is an instructor at the Badger Winter Adult evening classes. He presented a Walking Tour slide show, where he sold 14 Walking Tour booklets. He requested more booklets, and he received an additional 25 copies on 2/10/2017. Also on Feb. 10th, 100 copies were dropped off at the museum.

Review of recent bills, invoices and the current balance in the LGHPC account. So far this year we have spent $823.00. We received $39.00 from the Chamber, as a result from selling our Walking Tour booklets. The City Council recommended that we change

the date of our meetings. We voted to leave our meetings as is.

Discussion regarding proposed Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site proposed by Ed Yaeger and creation of a plan for Proposed Historic Railroad Site for review and comment by the City of Lake Geneva. We want to do ghost foot prints on railroad site—dotted lines where the engine house, turntable was. Ed Yaeger has a verbal commitment from the Street Dep't. that they will clean the site in the Spring. According to David Desimone, we might be able to get a grant from the State Historical Society.

Update regarding the status of the I-phone app version of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour created by Dr. Alana Platt and the staff at UW-Whitewater Innovation Center and discussions with City Attorney Dan Draper re: getting the app in the Apple App Store. We are waiting for a response from Dan Draper. Ken Etten has called him repeatedly on this. Dan Draper has suggested earlier that we should partner with the Visitor Center on this. We do not want to be under their control.

Discussion regarding restoration of the wall signs at the Dunn Lumber Warehouse Building on North Street and discussion re: potential new projects and promotional ideas for the LGHPC, including future "Tales of Lake Geneva", educational programs, and updates on our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org. Called painter—will wait until Spring. Jim Davis and Patrick Quinn will meet with Mike Dunn later. Mike seems to be O.K. with this. He was afraid that at some time in the future if he wanted to tear down the building that he wouldn't be able to—but that's not true.

Update regarding the nomination of Oak Hill Cemetery as a National and/or Local Historic Site, including any additional research information and input on Oak Hill Cemetery and H.W.S. Cleveland. No new information.

Review of recent Plaque Program applications and information from the Wisconsin Historical Society, National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Society of Architectural Historians, the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions and Traditional Building & Period Homes magazines. No new plaques have been issued.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy