

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2016 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, Mary Tanner, Louise Rayppy, and Jim Davis. Jackie Getzen and Elizabeth Chappell were absent. Michael Rehberg was there representing Black Point. Also Dr. Alana Platt from UW-Whitewater.

Approval of minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of January 14, 2016.

Comments from the public: None

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and the Maple Park Homeowners. Some Maple Park homeowners suggested that the museum have some events in the evening, so they are able to attend.

"Tuesdays @ Two"

March 15th: Watch Our Garden Grow: Black Point Director Dave Desimone shares the 1901 Benson Plan being proposed to renew the spectacular gardens of this estate.

"Sitting is an Art" Chair Exhibit

April 16, 2016 thru January 16, 2017

Update on the Geneva Lake Theater Building.

On February 8th, the City Council unanimously approved a resolution to go forward with negotiations with Shad Branen, Burlington, who has a contract to buy the theater. His plans are to totally renovate the building and use it as a theater.

Review of recent bills, invoices and the current balance in the LGHPC account. The current balance as of 2/11/2016 is \$6,170.25.

Update and discussion regarding content to be included in the new I-phone app version of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour and a possible android version currently being created by Dr. Alana Platt and the staff at UW-Whitewater Innovation Center.

Dr. Platt attended our meeting and we had a discussion concerning what and how we are going to put together our walking tour on an app. Dr. Platt will return for our next meeting in March with a phototype of our walking tour. Jim Davis volunteered to take new colored photos of the houses that are in the walking tour booklet.

Discussion re: A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour booklet, including any new information regarding future walking tours from David Desimone and/or Michael Rehberg. Michael was there to provide us with his input concerning the set up of our walking tour app.

Report on the update of the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission website at www.historyoflakegeneva.org. We discussed about having an e-mail address on the new I-phone app for comments, info@historyoflakegeneva.org address would apparently work and we could even forward the e-mails on. The names of our members have been updated on our website.

Update from Patrick Quinn 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.

Discussion re: potential new projects and promotional ideas for the LGHPC, including updating sign on Dunn Lumber Building, future "Tales of Lake Geneva", educational programs, and updates on our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org. Dunn Lumber has no objection to the restoration of the Pillsbury sign. But they will not fund it. We will have to get estimates about restoring the sign. Will have another "Tales of Lake Geneva" after Memorial Day.

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 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Rayppy