

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2019 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, Jackie Getzen, Louise Rayppy, Jim Davis, Grace Hanny, and Tim Dunn. Chris Brookes was absent.

Approval of minutes from May 9, 2019, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.

Comments from the public and correspondence. None

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and Maple Park Homeowners. MPHA Block Party on Saturday, June 22, 2019. New Exhibit Open: Mapping the Past. Tuesdays @ Two: Ulysses & Julia Grant "A Strange Partnership"— July 23rd; Northwoodside Estate – July 30th.

Update on programs at the 1928 Geneva Theater Building, restoration work at The Riviera and local news items relating to the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission including the announcement that Lake Geneva will host the 2019 Wisconsin Historical Society Conference on October 25-26, 2019, at the Grand Geneva Resort & Spa. Geneva Theater Actors Guild: They have ended their 2018-2019 season. City just talking about the upgrades that The Riviera needs. Need new Harbor Master to manage The Riviera. We want to promote our Walking Tour at the Conference. Grace will call Jim Draeger and others about this.

Review of any updates re: Black Point Estate & Gardens, Horticultural Hall, and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours. The Walking Tours start at The Riviera at 11:00 A.M. on July 13th and July 27th—\$10.00 per person.

Review of recent bills, invoices and the current balance in the Historic Preservation Commission City 2019 Budget and discussion regarding proposed 2019 expenditures. So far this year we have spent \$2,459.45. The \$1,000 (Yaeger) was donated in April of 2018. Since we did not spend the funds in 2018, it was carried forward to 2019 as an "assigned" fund balance. We are authorized

to spend these funds, even though they are not in our current budget, etc. per email from Karen Hall, on 5/10. We need to start putting together our 2020 Budget Request Letter for August.

Update on Historic Preservation Design Review for building projects within National & State Historic Districts and on current potential building projects including the status of the 1902 Frank Johnson Residence / Bricks & Mortar Building at 832 Geneva Street. Not moving the building. Mr. George wants to enlarge the enclosed porch. We have more clout to make comments and review the Historic Preservation Bi Laws than we thought. We passed a motion to have Joe De Rose (WAHPC) attend one of our meetings. Jackie will call to see if he can come. Lake Geneva is updating it's master plan, we should be involved in it. Tim will find out when the next meeting will be.

Follow-up regarding the Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site, plaque dedication and memorial tree donation for Ed Yaeger, and future bench. Jackie will call Nancy and ask what they want to do.

Update regarding the creation of an Android version of our I-phone app of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour and presentation to the Lake Geneva City Council at Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday, June 3, 2019. We attended the Committee of the Whole meeting on June 3rd and presented our Walking Tour app. Also Ken presented our Walking Tour phones at the Chamber of Commerce—Visit Lake Geneva meeting. Tim will find out from city why we cannot promote our walking tours with the Chamber unless we are members.

Discussion regarding new projects for the LGHPC, including future "Tales of Lake Geneva", and status of our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org. "Tales of Lake Geneva" will be held in the Fall.

Review the status of recent Historic Plaque Program applications, including the cost of plaques from Timberline Signs at \$152.98 each (including sales tax), application forms, ongoing updating the list of past plaque recipients, and repair of existing historic signs. Also discussion regarding "Pillsbury" and "Gold Medal" wall signs at former Dunn Lumber building. Patrick is trying to set up a meeting at Dunn Lumber concerning the wall signs. Some historic signs need painting. Jackie's niece is an artist, could restore signs. Will show her around and get an estimate. Jackie suggested that we could advertise our I-phone and Android apps on our sign at the library.

Update from Patrick Quinn regarding draft copy of National Register of Historic Places nomination by Gail Klein for Oak Hill Cemetery as a National and/or Local Historic Site, including any additional research information on Oak Hill Cemetery and H.W.S. Cleveland. Patrick will check the status of the nomination. We issued a check for \$580.00 to be sent to Gail Klein for phase 2 of 3.

Update on information from the Wisconsin Historical Society, National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Society of Architectural Historians, and the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions. We reviewed the information.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy