

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2018 5:00 p.m. at Lake Geneva City Hall

President Ken Etten called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at Lake Geneva City Hall

Present: Ken Etten, Louise Rayppy, Jim Davis, Chris Brookes and Cindy Flower. Patrick Quinn, Jackie Getzen and Mary Tanner were absent.

Approval of minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of July 12, 2018.

Comments from the public and correspondence. None

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and Maple Park Homeowners. Maple Park Historic District Lantern Tour—September 29th. Sunday August 19th at 8:00 P.M., Venetian Night Cruise--\$45.00 per person. Call for reservations. Tuesdays @ Two: Lake Geneva's Toy Inventor—August 14th. The 60's—August 21st.

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. The Theater Actor's Guild will once more put on productions for the Fall and Winter season. On August 2nd, City signed a contract with MSI General Corp. to start work on The Riviera in the coming weeks.

Review of any updates re: Black Point Estate & Gardens, Horticultural Hall, and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours on every 1st and 3rd Thursday thru the summer. Plein Air Art Invitational--August 31, from 4:00—8:00 P.M.

Review of recent bills, invoices and the current balance in the Historic Preservation Commission City 2018 Budget. Our annual budget is \$3,500.00. So far this year we renewed our membership in the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions with \$40.00. We received a check from Nancy Yaeger for \$1,000.00. And \$21.00 from sell of Walking Tour booklets. Our City Budget meeting is scheduled for September 27th at 4:00 P.M. At the meeting we should present our projects for next year, which would include: updating our Walking Tour App and book, creating of an Android version. And asking Dan Draper about how, or could we, go about raising funds, etc.

Report re: discussions with Building Inspector Fred Walling on Historic Preservation Design Review for building projects within National & State Historic Districts and updates on current potential

building projects. No new information.

Update regarding the completion of the Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site project, planning for dedication and memorial tree donation for Ed Yaeger, and “Thank You’s” to the Lake Geneva Street Department, Tras Landscaping and Lakes Brick & Block. All the pavers have been installed. Jackie Getzen reported that the Tree Board will donate a tree of their choice to honor Ed Yaeger. It will take place on Arbor Day, April 26, 2019, at the railroad site.

Update regarding publicizing the I-phone app version of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour, potential photo additions and upgrades, and update re: discussions with Dr. Alana Platt at UW-Whitewater Innovation Center on creating of an Android version. We are in the process of updating our walking tour app.

Discussion regarding new projects for the LGHPC, including future “Tales of Lake Geneva”, the possibility of using the historic Geneva Theater, updates on our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org, and the wall signs at the Dunn Lumber Building. We are planning on having the “Tales of Lake Geneva” in the Fall at the Theater. Cindy will talk to Tom Earle about our Banners.

Review of recent Historic Plaque Program applications, the cost of plaques from Timberline Signs at \$145.00 each, application form, creating a list of past plaque recipients, and repairing existing historic signs. Ken talked to Jim Sherrin about the two plaques: 1875 and 1856. Jim had computer problems, but it has been resolved and the plaques will be ready shortly.

Update regarding the nomination of 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. No new information.

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 5:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy