

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

September 12, 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 August 8, 2019, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.

Comments from the public and correspondence. None

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and Maple Park Homeowners. Tuesdays @ Two: Infero—Peshtigo—1871—October 8th. Samuel W. Allerton and Geneva Lake Cottage—“Folly”—October 22nd.

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. The Geneva Theater Actors Guild has started their new season. “Music & Mayhem” on Wednesday, 10/9/19, 7:30 P.M. -- Friday, 10/11/19, 10:00 A.M. City officials are considering different possibilities for the Riviera, one is that they are thinking about going back to a tile roof. Call Dennis Hines, Lake Geneva Regional News, about our involvement in the Conference.

Review of any updates re: Black Point Estate & Gardens, Horticultural Hall, and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours. Black Point will be having their “Angels Carried Them Away” and their Sordid Walk events in October.

Review of recent bills, and invoices and updated current balance in the Historic Preservation Commission City 2019 Budget, discussion regarding proposed 2020 LGHPC City Budget to City Hall by Monday, September 16, and presentation at Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, September 26, 2019. So far this year we have spent \$2,459.45. We have put together our budget for 2020--\$6,500.00, and will present it at City Hall on September 26th.

Update on Historic Preservation Design Review rules and regulations 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, the Building on the south side of the 700 Block of Main Street, and the House at 322 Madison Street. The Brick & Mortar Building has received approval from the City Council for the renovations. Jeff and Laura Peck, owners of 322 Madison St. are thinking about tearing it down, very limited to what they can do—foundation in bad shape. We carried a motion 6-0 that we highly recommend that this house should be preserved, but we will respect their wishes.

Follow-up regarding the Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site, including commemorative plaque, memorial tree, and future bench in memory of Ed Yaeger. Will talk to Nancy about the bench. Park Board has a bench in mind that is built on railroad tracks. If Park Board wants to donate, then we will donate. Mayor Hartz is pushing this.

Discussion regarding how better to publicize and promote the new Android and I-phone app of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour, coordinate dates on apps and plaques, and organized future presentations to the Lake Geneva City Council. Tim will call City Administrator about having a link on the Chamber of Commerce, Visit Lake Geneva web page about our Walking Tour apps. Tim suggested that we could just stick a note on our Walking Tour booklets about our Walking Tour app.

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 take place at the Geneva Lake Museum at the end of October. Will be a Tuesdays @ Two and also in the evening.

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. Discussion regarding Historic Plaque application for 1115 Wisconsin Street and “Pillsbury” and “Gold Medal” wall signs at former Dunn Lumber building. We approved a plaque for 1115 Wisconsin St., 1865, additions—1915. Patrick informed us that Dunn Lumber is not interested in having the Wall Signs painted. Ken received a certification in a picture frame from Joe De Rose. Ken talked to City Hall about having it hang in the hall there, waiting for an answer.

Update by Patrick Quinn regarding status of the 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 and City Street department repairs to tombstones. The nomination will take about a year.

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 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy