

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2018 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, Chris Brookes. Mary Tanner, Jackie Getzen, Jim Davis and Cindy Flower were absent.

Approval of minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of August 9, 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. Tuesdays @ Two: Illinois Holocaust Museum—October 2nd. Norwegian Immigration to Wisconsin—October 16th.

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. Geneva Theatre Actors Guild 2018 Fall Season: Sylvia—9/19; 39 Steps—10/24, 10/31; A Moon for the Misbegotten --11/14, 11/16; It's A Wonderful Life—12/19, 12/21. MSI General is busy putting together a plan for the renovation of The Riviera.

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. Black Point will be having the Lantern Tours in Maple Park on September 29th.

Review of recent bills, invoices and the current balance in the Historic Preservation Commission City 2018 Budget and discussion regarding proposed 2019 LGHPC Budget. We decided to ask for an additional \$1,500.00 to be added to our annual budget of \$3,500.00 at the 2019 City Budget meeting on September 27th at 4:00 p.m. The \$1,500.00 will be used for any additional signs. Also we will ask that the donation of \$1,000.00 from Nancy Yaeger be carried over to next year's budget. No additional expenditures were spent since our last meeting.

Update on Historic Preservation Design Review for building projects within National & State Historic Districts and on current potential building projects. Fred Walling has informed us that the potential demolition of 832 Geneva Street will come up for discussion at the Plan Commission on Sep't 17, at

6 P.M. We will be there.

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. No new information.

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 and Josh Sullivan on creating of an Android version. We are almost finished with updating a list of all the plaques by walking or driving throughout the neighborhoods. Then will be put into suggested paragraphs for updated information for 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. The “Tales of Lake Geneva” will be held at the Geneva Lake Museum as part of the Tuesdays @ Two programs on October 9th at 2 P.M. The participants are: Peg Williams, Birdell “Burly” Brellenthin, Vern Magee, Dan Derrick. Moderator: Patrick Quinn. A donation of \$5.00 would be appreciated by the Museum.

Discussion re: rehangng the 2009 Dozen Distinctive Destinations banners and contacting the Street Department to install and store banners. Ken has about a dozen banners at his office. Discussed if we should keep them there or at the Street Department. We thought that maybe they would be safer at Ken’s office.

Review of recent Historic Plaque Program applications, including Steve Ryan at 424 Elmwood Avenue, 1875 plaque at 403 Haskins Street, and 1856 plaque at 518 Maxwell Street. Also discussion re: the cost of plaques from Timberline Signs at \$152.98 each (including sales tax), application form, creating a list of past recipients, and repairing existing historic signs. We approved the plaque for 1300 Dodge Street—1920. Also the plaque for 424 Elmwood has been approved.

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 and e-mail survey from Jim Draeger at the WHS. Ken filled out the e-mail survey from Jim Draeger.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy