

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2015 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 and Jim Davis. Mary Tanner, Jackie Getzen, Elizabeth Chappell, were absent. Michael Rehberg was there representing Black Point.

Approval of the Minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of September 10, 2015.

Comments from the public: No new information.

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and the Maple Park Homeowners.

The museum will have their annual Trick or Treat on Our Street.

Sunday-October 25th, from Noon to 1 P.M.

Third Annual Craft Fair-Saturday November 28th-10 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Free admission

Update on the Geneva Lake Theater Building.

Still for Sale. No contract is currently pending. No other new information available.

Discussion on Proposed New 2016 City Budget for the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission and review of bills, invoices and income from the Historic Walking Tour booklets. Elizabeth Chappell presented our request for a budget of \$6,500.00 for the year of 2016 to the City Council. We received \$20.00 from the last Black Point Walking Tour for this year.

Continued discussion on the updated version of a Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour booklet. We have had 1,000 more copies published. Michael Rehberg discussed the Black Point Walking Tour. They had a good first year. Will keep it on Thursday evenings next year. Half of the attendances was local people. Need better promotion at hotels and need rack cards. Michael will have a presentation at our library on 11/12 and also at the museum.

Update on the status of 833 Wisconsin Street.

The School District withdrew their request for amending the Comprehensive Plan and rezoning of this property. They are looking for other parking options.

Presentation by Jackie Getzen regarding her discussions with staff at UW-Whitewater Innovation Center on creation of phone app version of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour.

Jackie Getzen has been in contact with Alana Platt, a professor at Whitewater University. We are changing our next meeting to Nov. 10th, at 6:30 P.M., so Alana Platt can attend and explain to us the apps for the Lake Geneva Walking Tour. We have the money to pay for the Apple application of \$2,500. The money is in our budget for 2015, and would like to designate it's use before the end of the year. Black Point will also be involved in this.

Continued discussion regarding nomination of Oak Hill Cemetery as a National Historic Site, including input from Historic consultant John Notz. Patrick Quinn has been in contact with Susan Benjamin (architectural historian). She will charge \$18,000 to put together a recommendation of Oak Hill Cemetery. John Notz said we could raise the money—cannot do. Patrick Quinn will try to do this himself. Will not pay out \$18,000. Will discuss further at next meeting.

Also discussion on John Notz's request for recognition of three extant buildings designed by William Le Baron Jenney on former Maple Lawn property in the City of Lake Geneva. No new information.

Review of recent Plaque Program applications, and information from the Wisconsin Historical Society, National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Society of Architectural Historians and the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation.

Will pay for the replacement of the plaque on the James Simmons' house, due to the incorrect date on it. It should have the date of 1869. Replacement cost: \$130.00.

Review of potential projects and promotional ideas for the LGHPC, educational programs and updates on the website.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Rayppy