

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

October 10, 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, Louise Rayppy, Jim Davis, Chris Brookes, Grace Hanny and Tim Dunn. Jackie Getzen was absent.

Approval of minutes from September 12, 2019, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.

Comments from the public and correspondence. None

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and Maple Park Homeowners. Tuesday @ Two: The Strange Facts and History of Coffee—November 5th. Sanitariums of Lake Geneva—November 12th.

Update on programs at the 1928 Geneva Theater, 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. "The Humans" on Wednesday, 11/13/19, 7:30 P.M.—Friday, 11/15/19, 10:00 A.M. City officials are considering different possibilities for the Riviera. Ken sent an e-mail to Scott Williams and Dennis Hines, asking them to please mention in the Lake Geneva Regional News about our Conference.

Review of any updates re: Black Point Estate & Gardens, Horticultural Hall, and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours. Dave Desimone and Michael Rehberg from Black Point will conduct Walking Tours for the Conference. Chris Brookes will portray Agatha Christie at Black Point on Saturday, October 26th.

Review of recent bills, and invoices and updated current balance in the Historic Preservation Commission City 2019 Budget, discussion regarding the proposed 2020 LGHPC City Budget and presentation at Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, September 26, 2019. So far this year we have spent \$4,757.90. We have put together our budget for 2020—\$6,500.00, and it has been presented to the City for approval. The registration fees for attending the Conference will be taken out of our budget.

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 / Brick & 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. The owners of 322 Madison Street, probably will demolish the house.

Follow-up regarding the Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site, including commemorative plaque, memorial tree, and future bench in memory of Ed Yaeger. We received the proof from Plaque Marker concerning the Ed Yaeger memorial granite marker. We will proceed with the purchase.

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. Josh Sullivan, who developed the Android app for us, asked if we would give him a reference for a future job, if he needs one. We agreed to do so.

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 on December 10th. It 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), applications 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. Dunn Lumber is not interested in having the Wall Signs painted. Jackie informed us that the small signs that will be hung from the bottom of our historic signs are ready, just need to be hung.

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 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy