

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

October 11, 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, Jackie Getzen, Louise Rayppy, Jim Davis, Chris Brookes and Cindy Flower. Mary Tanner was absent.

Approval of minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of September 13, 2018.

Comments from the public and correspondence. Tim Dunn attended our meeting as a guest.

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and Maple Park Homeowners. Grace Hanny has agreed to replace Mary Tanner on the Commission. Tuesdays @ Two: The Golden Era of Steam Yachting—October 2nd. Fill'er Up Wisconsin—November 15th.

Update on programs at the 1928 Geneva Theater Building, restoration work at The Riviera and local news relating to the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission. Geneva Theatre Actors Guild 2018 Fall Season is going on now. Prior to their work on the Riviera MSI General has some issues to discuss with the City Council relating to the leaking roof and condition of the foundation.

Review of any updates re: Black Point Estate & Gardens, Horticultural Hall, and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours on every 1st and 3rd Thursday. The summer walking tours have ended for this year. The annual meeting of the Black Point Preserve met recently. Bequest in honor of Gwen Tveter, how best to use it. Money will stay with the Preserve.

Review of recent bills, invoices and the current balance in the Historic Preservation Commission City 2018 Budget and discussion regarding proposed 2019 LGHPC Budget. The 2019 LGHPC Budget is being discussed in the City Council. 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 including the possible razing of the 1902 Frank Johnson residence / Bricks & Mortar building at 832 Geneva Street. Review and Recommendation of a Conceptual Plan meeting at City Hall on October 15th, concerning 832 Geneva Street. We will be there. Emily Hummel notified the residents in Maple Park of this.

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. We will have the dedication in the Spring.

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. Jackie will contact Josh and e-mail him all the new info included in the I-Phone Packet for our Walking Tour app.

Discussion regarding new projects for the LGHPC, including future “Tales of Lake Geneva”, updates on our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org, and the wall signs at the Dunn Lumber Building. Patrick Quinn said that the museum wants another “Tales of Lake Geneva” to be held there in the future. The recent one that was held there on October 9th was a big success. “Tales of Lake Geneva” budget for flyers, etc. will be on next month’s budget.

Discussion re: rehangng the 2009 Dozen Distinctive Destinations banners and contacting the Street Department to install and store banners. Ken filled out the application to have our banners displayed. The Bid usually puts them up. Cindy will see if we need to go through Bridget Leech

Review of recent Historic Plaque Program applications, including Steve Ryan at 424 Elmwood Avenue, 1875 plaque at 406 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 plaque recipients, and repairing existing historic signs. No new information.

Update regarding the nomination of Oak Hill Cemetery as a National and / or Local Historic Site, including any additional information on Oak Hill Cemetery and H.W.S. Cleveland. Process is finally underway. Carol Cartwright retired. Gail Klein from the U. of W. will help us with this—80 hours of work—\$1,700. Need photographs of all buildings, etc. in cemetery. Should wrap it up in the Spring.

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 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy