

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2017 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. Mary Tanner, Jackie Getzen and Elizabeth Chappell were absent. Provisional member: Chris Brookes.

Approval of minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of September 14, 2017.

Comments from the public and correspondence. Received an E-mail from Bridget Leech. The Bid is applying to become a Connect Community. She is asking for our help in providing dates on buildings that are only in the Bid District.

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and Maple Park Homeowners. Tuesdays @
Two programs: Black Point—The Novel, November 7th; Eastland Disaster of 1915,
November 14th.

Update on the historic 1928 Geneva Theater Building and the restoration work at The Riviera. The Geneva Theater Actor's Guild will be bringing theater performances to the theater once a month from September through May. The City is looking for a new architect for The Riviera.

Report regarding future programs at Black Point or Horticultural Hall and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours from David Desimone and/or Michael Rehberg. Black Point will be closing for the season at the end of the month. No future information available at this time.

Review of recent bills, invoices and the current balance in the 2017 Historic Preservation Commission City Budget and discussion regarding proposed 2018 LGHPC Budget. The current balance is: \$1,342.67. Our budget for 2018 has been reduced to \$3,500.00.

Update regarding proposed Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site proposed by the late Ed Yaeger, creation of a plan for Proposed Historic Railroad Site for review and comment by the City of Lake Geneva, and acknowledgement of Ed Yaeger's contribution to historic preservation in Lake Geneva. Public Works Committee gave us approval to move ahead with the Site, but we still need to get approval from the entire City Council. We received two good bids from Lakes Brick & Block and B & J Landscaping. The question is how are we going to pay for this, since

our budget for next year has been reduced. Street Department will clean up the site sometime this Fall. Ed Yaeger's wife said at the Memorial people donated \$1,000 toward the site.

Update regarding the status of the I-phone app version of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour created by Dr. Alana Platt and the staff at UW-Whitewater Innovation Center, getting the app in the Apple App Store and creation of an Android version. We are up and running concerning our Lake Geneva Walking Tour app. But there was a question concerning some of the pictures shown were not the best ones. Dr. Platt explained how we could change that. Concerning the Android version—the project is about 90% finished. Dr. Platt has a student who is interested in working on it. Will work with him to come up with a mutually agreeable price.

Report regarding restoration of the wall signs at the Dunn Lumber Warehouse Building on North Street and potential new projects for the LGHPC, including future "Tales of Lake Geneva" and updates on our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org. Patrick Quinn suggested that we write a letter to Mike Dunn concerning the building, that the City will not gain control of the building just because it has been painted. At our last meeting it was suggested that we have a "Tales of Lake Geneva" at the Geneva Theater sometime this winter.

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.

Review of recent Historic Plaque Program applications, updating of the cost of plaques from Timberline Signs to \$145.00 each, and presentation of new Historic Plaque for the 175th Anniversary of St. Francis de Sales Parish. No new information.

Update on information from the Wisconsin Historical Society, National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Society of Architectural Historians, the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions and Traditional Building & Period Homes magazines. We reviewed the information.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy