Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

November 8, 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 has submitted her resignation from the Commission, due to health concerns. Grace Hanny will be officially appointed by Mayor Hartz at the 11/12 City Council meeting to take her place. At the same time Mary will be recognized for her substantial contributions to historic preservation in Lake Geneva.

Approval of minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of October 11, 2018.

Comments from the public and correspondence. Tim Dunn is opposed to the demolition of 832 Geneva Street. Joe, Diane and Lauren May attended our meeting. Lauren is attending the Art Institute of Chicago and is studying Historic Preservation. She attended as part of a class assignment. Josh Sullivan and Michael Rehberg also attended our meeting.

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and Maple Park Homeowners. Maple Park Homeowners had a Neighborhood Watch meeting on November 8th. At the Museum: A Victorian Christmas, Sat. Dec. 1, at 12 o'clock till 3 o'clock—Free Admission.

Update on programs at the 1928 Geneva Theatre Building, restoration work at The Riviera and local news relating to the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission. Geneva Theatre Actors Guild: A Moon for the Misbegotten – 11/14, 7:30 p.m. – 11/16, 10 a.m. The Riviera is planning their outreach program. And at the same time discussions are going on concerning the roof, what type of material—etc.

Review of any updates re: Black Point Estate & Gardens, Horticultural Hall, and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours. The Walking Tours have ended for this year. Received $18.00 from Michael Rehberg from the sale of Walking Tour booklets. No programs at Horticultural Hall this Winter.

Review of recent bills, invoices and the current balance in the Historic Preservation Commission City 2018 Budget and discussion regarding proposed 2019 LGHPC Budget. So far this year we spent $230.00. Our Budget for 2019 has been approved by the City Council for $5,000.00.

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 / Brick & Mortar building at 832 Geneva Street. Next Plan Commission meeting on Nov. 19th will decide the fate of the Brick & Mortar building.

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. Josh Sullivan attended our meeting. He came to discuss the updating of our I-phone app and also to discuss the creating of an Android version. He needs digital images of all houses to be sent to him. Before we can do that we need information concerning four houses to be corrected. Jeff Miskie, guy for the City website and Advance Training Electronic—Delavan can also help with this.

Discussion re: rehanging the 2009 Dozen Distinctive Destinations banners and contacting the Street Department to install and store banners. City has approved the waiver of fees for the banners. We received the permit for the 12 Historic Banners. Will be displayed when no others are. They will be stored at the Street Department.

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. Will have another "Tales of Lake Geneva" next Spring. No change on Wall Signs. The Wisconsin Historical Society will have their Historic Preservation Conference next year at the Grand Geneva. We will participant.

Review of recent Historic Plaque Program applications, including Joe Rowell at 1300 Dodge Street, the cost of plaques from Timberline Signs at $152.98 each (including sales tax), applications forms, creating a list of past plaque recipients, and repairing existing historic signs. We have over ninety plaques.

Update from Patrick Quinn regarding meeting with John Notz and 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. All the information has been compiled and sent to the Wisconsin Historical Society for approval. Denny Teichow took the required photographs of the cemetery. Gail Klein from the U. of W. will help us with this—$20.00 an hour for 80 hours—$1,700. Cost $7.25 to mail the material.

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 7:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy