

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

December 13, 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, Grace Hanny and Cindy Flower.

Approval of minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of November 8, 2018.

Comments from the public and correspondence. None

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and Maple Park Homeowners. Tuesdays @ Two: Lake Geneva Beautification Committee – January 15th; The 100th Anniversary of the End of WW1- January 22nd. Museum is planning on bringing Wall Dogs on rear of building.

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: "It's A Wonderful Life", based on the radio version—December 19th, at 7:30 P.M. The Riviera had it's first renovation meeting on 12/6 at The Riviera to hear comments from the public in regards to what should be done to the building. The project is scheduled to begin in 2019 with the replacement of the roof.

Review of any updates re: Black Point Estate & Gardens, Horticultural Hall, and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours. We received \$14.00 on 11/12 from Michael Rehberg from the sale of Walking Tour booklets.

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.

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. Next Plan Commission meeting on Dec. 17th will decide the fate of the Brick & Mortar building. Will also discuss moving the building to a location at the corner of Center & Wisconsin Streets.

Update regarding the completion of the Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site project and planning for dedication and memorial tree donation for Ed Yaeger in Spring of 2019. Jim Davis found the model of the railroad site in Ed Yaeger's attic. Ed's wife will donate it to the museum.

Update from Josh Sullivan regarding the creation of an Android version of our I-phone app of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour, including potential photo additions and upgrades. We found out that our I-phone app on Apple was not renewed, cannot get walking tour on app-will be renewed by City Clerk. Josh wants to attend another of our meetings. He is working on the Android version.

Report on rehangng the 2009 Dozen Distinctive Destinations banners including contacting the Street Department to install and store banners. Cindy was informed that one of the banners appeared to be torn, as they are now hanging on the poles downtown. There was a debate if the dates on the banners should be removed. Motion to table about banners passed.

Discussion regarding new projects for the LGHPC, including future "Tales of Lake Geneva", and updates on our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org. Will have another "Tales of Lake Geneva " next Spring.

Review of recent Historic Plaque Program applications, including the cost of plaques from Timberline Signs at \$152.98 each (including sales tax), application forms, creating a list of past plaque recipients, and repairing existing historic signs. We approved a plaque for Jackie Hennerly, 421 Elmwood Ave.-- 1920. We voted to table taking action on approving a Historic Plaque for 728 Wisconsin St. pending further documentation.

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. Cindy informed us that the Cemetery Board is interested in developing a walking tour of Oak Hill Cemetery. Patrick received a letter from the Wisconsin Historical Society notifying him that the cemetery would be eligible in the area of Landscape Architecture—this is first of many steps to come. We have no proof that Cleveland was the designer. Gail Klein wants to tour cemetery and attend our meeting. Professor Dan Nadinicek (historian on Cleveland's career) will write a letter saying Cleveland was the architect.

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 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy