

MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF HIGHLAND HISTORICAL COMMISSION
HIGHLAND CITY HALL, 1115 BROADWAY
MONDAY, November 22, 2021
6:30PM

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

Officers:	Present	Absent
Jacob W. Rose – Chairperson	X	
Jeff Menz – Secretary	X	
Sara Knobloch	X	

MINUTES:

Motion – Approve Minutes of the August 23, 2021 Historical Commission Meeting

- Motion to accept – Sara Knobloch
- Second – Jeff Menz

Motion passed.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Anyone with anything to address the Historical Commission may do so at this time.

- No public input at this time.
- One guest in attendance: Blackie Kuhl. Megan Von Hatten with the City of Highland was also present.

REPORTS:

1) Historic Properties Reports

- Latzer Homestead –
 - The application for nomination to the National Historic Register is close to being submitted. Jacob Rose is working with the State of Illinois.
- Pet Milk Factory Report –
 - Progress on the Pet Milk factory is put on hold until COVID-19 pandemic risks are lessened.
- Schott Brewery Report –
 - Work is performed on sealing up windows with plywood to reduce water damage to the interior. No other progress.
- The Old First National Bank / Chamber Building / Schlafly Brewhouse–
 - Angela Kim of the Louis Latzer Memorial Public Library said the library will host the removed mural in a basement room until it can be restored.
 - Restoration of the mural is estimated to cost above \$30,000 which includes cleaning and mounting. A bid will go out for restoration project.

- Kaeser Park –
 - This property is next on the list for submission to the National Historic Registry.
 - Discussion about applying a protective coating on the exterior brick to protect it from weathering.
 - City Hall Bell Tower –
 - Waiting for engineering inspection report. Patrick Netemeyer is to send a letter to the City of Highland detailing the inspection.
 - Installation will be on Broadway across Pestalozzi Street from City Hall. The tower will be moved to the new location and then repaired. Lighting for the tower is an option.
- 2) Highland Historic Commission Guidelines Manual and Preservation Plan
 - Currently on hold due to COVID-19 pandemic.
 - 3) Landmarks Committee (Commission Auxiliary)
 - No additional information since the November 23rd, 2020 meeting.
 - 4) Highland Historical Society – Digital Archive Project
 - Digital archive of photos and documents.
 - Scanning equipment was purchase through the SIUE Meridian Foundation, and the Louis Latzer Library has agreed to host the equipment for the Highland Historical Society.
 - Offers to help with the software program and translations are coming in.
 - Looking to set up an inventory of historical buildings, including photos and specific information about the properties.
 - A letter has been drafted to send to the Sharpshooters to propose a partnership in preserving historic resources that the Society possesses.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) SIUE Successful Collaborative Program
 - The scanned material will be an online searchable website using open-source software.
 - An award of \$3500 from the Highland Area Community Foundation (HACF) to help with the scanning efforts.
 - Looking to publicize this project through local media outlets.
 - Discussion of projects expected in December 2021 through January 2022 with the onset of scanning in January 2022.
- 2) Mexican-American War cannon.

- A letter has been drafted to send to the Sharpshooters about the preservation of the cannon and cannonballs in coordination with the Sons of Union Veterans of the American Civil War.

Meetings for the Year 2022 will be on the 4th Monday of February, May, August, and November.

There are two vacancies on the committee and interested persons are asked to contact Jacob Rose or Megan Von Hatten.

Motion to adjourn:

- Motion to accept – Jacob Rose
- Second – Sara Knobloch

Motion carried.

Adjournment made at 7:35pm.

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE – Monday, February 28, 2022 at 6:30pm at Highland City Hall
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