

MEETING MINUTES  
**CITY OF HIGHLAND HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
KORTE RECREATIONAL CENTER, 1 NAGEL DRIVE, HIGHLAND, IL  
MONDAY, August 22, 2022  
6:30PM

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:**

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

**MINUTES:**

Motion – Approve Minutes of the May 23, 2022 Historical Commission Meeting  
Motion passed by roll call voice vote.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

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

- Four guests in attendance: Karen Mason, Emily Rose, Andrea Garson, and Angela Kim.
- Angela Kim (Director of the Louis Latzer Public Library) discussed the library's efforts in scanning old local yearbooks and newspapers. Microfilm digitization of newspapers is complete (from ~1830 through current year) and the library is only missing the 1933 Highland High School yearbook to complete the set. Renovation of the library is expected to be completed in about 1 year and the library is always open to accepting local art for display. Angela also reported that the library had submitted a Highland Community Foundation grant request to fund the scanning of the german microfilm records.

**REPORTS:**

1) Historic Properties Reports

- Latzer Homestead –
  - Currently on hold to prioritize other projects.
- City Hall Bell Tower-
  - Rotten wood on sides was removed and the replacement wood is ready to be painted.
  - Loose paint on the rest of the structure needs scraping then painting.
- Suppiger House sidewalk-
  - Volunteers cleaning off and reset bricks on the sidewalk.
  - A retaining border of some sort should be installed to prevent continued migration of dirt onto the now clean brick sidewalk.
  - There may be use concerns regarding American Disabilities Act down the road.

- 1000 Laurel Street (the old Marx Brothers building).
    - The new business is named Tullaghan's Irish Pub.
    - The new owners also purchased the Kaempf building across Main Street and the entire southeast portion of the block and are remodeling the facade (east of the alley before Lory Theatre).
  - 1014 Laurel Street (old Journal Printing / Appel building).
    - The building was purchased by Schlafly.
    - The previous owners donated a few items to Joe and Andrea Garson for archiving purposes.
- 2) Highland Historic Commission Guidelines Manual and Preservation Plan
- Currently on hold.
- 3) Landmarks Committee (A Highland Historical Society Committee) (Commission Auxiliary)
- Digital Archive Website
    1. Digital archive of photos and documents.
    2. Scanning equipment is purchased and in the Latzer library. It is not yet available to the public but the commission is able to utilize. Report any bugs to the library staff.
    3. Looking to set up an inventory of historical buildings, including photos and specific information about the properties. Categories are set up for search functions and terms. Karen Mason has a list of local historical buildings. Jeff Menz has a collection of photos to scan into the database.
    4. A calendar of who is working in the library on what days may prevent competition for the scanners.
    5. Advertise on Facebook the availability for the general public of records at the Latzer Library.
  - SIUE Successful Collaborative Program
    1. Dr. Margaret Smith has been hired to work through the Southern Illinois University -Edwardsville IRIS Center
    2. SIU-E collaboration plans to begin scanning Roland Harris' columns from the Highland News Leader in the spring of 2022 in conjunction with Karen Mason.
  - Mexican-American War cannon.
    1. A letter is drafted to send to the Sharpshooters about the preservation of the cannon and cannonballs and any documents associated with the history of the cannon.
    2. Plans are to remove the cannon balls from their current location in Lindendale Park and reunite them on display with the cannon.
    3. The Highland Historical Society are now partnering with the Sons of Union Veterans. Dave Wildermuth is the point person for a grant application to fund this project.

- Workers' Progress Mural.
  1. No changes from previous meeting.
  2. 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. Caroline Giger will assist.
  3. Currently at the City of Highland Public Works building. It needs to be relocated to the Louis Latzer Library and rolled out. Estimate of \$30,000 or more is expected for its restoration and mounting.
  4. The exterior copy of the mural that used to hang on the east side of the old Chamber of Commerce building belongs to the Highland Arts Council and is also located at the City of Highland Public Works Building.
  5. A Highland Community Foundation Grant could be used to help with bidding costs.
  6. Funding is approved to get bids on the mural restoration.
  7. An archival film, provided by the historical society, will be used to protect the paint pigment from further damage.

4) Historic Building Inventory.

- Buildings considered “historic” in Highland could be inventoried through filling out a form and a photo of the building. Karen Mason has a list of local historic buildings.
- This does not imply any regulation on those buildings.
- Groups of “historic” buildings could be organized into a “historic district”.
- New front exterior photos of the buildings are requested.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Angela Kim graciously offered the use of the Louis Latzer Public Library to hold the Historic Commission quarterly meetings. Motion made to meet going forward at the library. Motion passed unanimously by roll call voice vote.

There is one vacancy on the committee and interested persons are asked to contact Jacob Rose or Megan VonHatten.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion carried by roll call voice vote.

Adjournment made at 7:52pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

NEXT MEETING DATE – Monday, November 28, 2022 at 6:30pm at Louis Latzer Public Library. Anyone requiring accommodations, provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), to attend this public meeting, please contact Dylan Stock, ADA Coordinator (654-7115).