

MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF HIGHLAND HISTORICAL COMMISSION
LOUIS LATZER MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 1001 9TH STREET, HIGHLAND, IL
MONDAY, November 28, 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	
Sarah Finley		X

With Jacob Rose absent, Jeff Menz chaired the meeting.

MINUTES:

Motion – Approve Minutes of the August 22, 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.

- Two guests in attendance: Karen Mason and Lee Dressel.
- Chris Conrad emailed a suggestion that we provide a history of buildings to the current owners.

REPORTS:

1) Historic Properties Reports

- Latzer Homestead –
 - A grant application was submitted to help fund the roof replacement of the homestead in the spring.
- Kaeser Park –
 - Some repair work was performed on the building’s porch.
- City Hall Bell Tower-
 - Looking to move it this spring to its final location across from the current city hall.
 - Exterior is mostly repaired. Work crews from Triad and Highland high schools helped.
 - Jonathon Price’s Eagle Scout project (raised beds) will also be installed this spring.
- Suppiger House sidewalk-
 - The house was recently purchased after being on the market for a while.
 - Coordinate with the new owner the construction of a retaining border to prevent continued migration of dirt onto the now clean brick sidewalk.

- There may be use concerns regarding American Disabilities Act (ADA) down the road. Look for an ordinance that may allow the grandfathering of the brick sidewalk regarding ADA requirements.
 - 1000 Laurel Street (the old Marx Brothers building).
 - No discussion.
 - 1014 Laurel Street (old Journal Printing / Appel building).
 - No discussion.
- 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. The process is undergoing software updates. No completion date available.
 2. Roland Harris' columns scanned. Handwritten notes need to be scanned yet.
 3. Approx. 1/4th of the building photos are scanned in TIF format.
 - SIUE Successful Collaborative Program
 1. This is running long and an extension is granted.
 2. Software is being updated.
 - Mexican-American War cannon.
 1. No changes since last meeting. Involving the Sons of Union Veterans in the ongoing project.
 - Workers' Progress Mural.
 1. No changes from previous meeting.
- 4) Historic Building Inventory.
- Photo project of historic buildings is being rescheduled due to the heavy snow on the day originally scheduled.
 - Look into providing informational flyers to property owners / homeowners prior to photographing their properties. These flyers inform the owners of the significance of the property and let them know people will be taking exterior photos of the properties.
 - Need a list of homes to photograph.
 - Photos will be exterior, front and rear views of the properties as well as detailing interesting architecture and lot placement.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Historic Preservation Plan – It would outline a roadmap for the Historical Commission and be shared with the public, etc.

- Highland Historic Commission officers – Jacob Rose and Jeff Menz renewed their assignments to the Historical Commission for 3-year terms. Sarah Finley has joined the commission as the fifth member but was unable to attend this meeting.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion carried by roll call voice vote.

Adjournment made at 7:17pm.

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE – Monday, February 27, 2023 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).