

MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF HIGHLAND HISTORICAL COMMISSION
LOUIS LATZER MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 1001 9TH STREET, HIGHLAND, IL
MONDAY, February 27, 2023
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

MINUTES:

Motion – Approve Minutes of the November 28, 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.

- One guest in attendance: Karen Mason.

REPORTS:

1) Historic Properties Reports

- Latzer Homestead –
 - National registry application submission planned by October.
Rosemary Siefried to be interviewed for homestead information.
- Kaeser Park –
 - Porch railings were fixed and some windows were repaired.
- City Hall Bell Tower-
 - Fred Grove and Lynn Hargis worked on the tower. Fred documented the findings of inspection and repair. The plan is to set the tower in place this spring.
 - A lawyer agreement for maintenance and upkeep is being drafted between the City of Highland and the Highland Historical Society.
 - Is there a need for installation of protective barriers or bollards?
 - There is no current need for additional student help with the project.
- 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.
- 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
 - March 15, 2023 meeting scheduled with Jacob Rose, Angela Kim, and Margarete Smith to set up a numbering system for scanned material.
 - SIUE Successful Collaborative Program
 - This is running long and an extension is granted.
 - Software is being updated.
 - Mexican-American War cannon.
 - No changes since last meeting. Concentrating on the Workers' Progress mural.
 - Workers' Progress Mural.
 - Look for a source of money for mural restoration, in the neighborhood of \$50,000. The Historic Preservation Office (Illinois) may be a good resource for restoration.
 - Mural once restored will be installed near the front desk of the Louis Latzer Memorial Library.
- 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 information to property owners / homeowners prior to photographing their properties. Options discussed included: Letters to property owners, fliers on vehicles, contact law enforcement in case of resident concerns, have a script to follow if confronted, get involvement of owners, submit an article for publication in the Pioneer newspaper, post on Facebook community page, Highland Happenings (city of Highland outreach page, contact Chamber of Commerce, GIS for ownership of rental properties.
 - Tentative date set for Saturday, May 6.
 - Need a list of properties to photograph.
 - Photos will be exterior, front views of the properties as well as detailing interesting architecture and lot placement.
 - Karen Mason to send a copy of photos from the Historical Society Self Tour.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Certified Local Government Program – Cooperation of state and local governments provide property owners with tools and information to preserve

properties, including access to some grants. Jacob will discuss with Mayor Hemann.

- Highland Historic Commission officers – Jacob Rose was reelected Chairperson and Jeff Menz was reelected Secretary for this commission.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion carried by roll call voice vote.

Adjournment made at 7:51pm.

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE – Monday, May 23, 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 (618-654-7115).