

MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF HIGHLAND HISTORICAL COMMISSION
LOUIS LATZER MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 1001 9TH STREET, HIGHLAND, IL
TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024
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 February 27, 2024 Historical Commission Meeting with 2 corrections: Redwood was provided by Virgil Straeter for the finial of the belfry, and the SIUE Collaborative Program is complete.

Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM:

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

- One guest in attendance: Fred Groves. He spoke on the current status of the City Hall belfry project and is looking for additional wood for its trim.

REPORTS:

- 1) Historic Properties Reports
 - Latzer Homestead –
 - Installation of replacement gutters is scheduled for the end of April 2024.
 - Kaeser Park –
 - The to-do list of projects for the site through the Highland Historical Society is currently on hold.
 - City Hall Belfrey (previously referred to as the bell tower)-
 - Signage needed regarding the history of the bell and belfry. Tony Winter might be able to provide some information.
 - Jeff Menz will look on-line for any newspaper articles about wood donations, construction information, etc.
 - Suppiger House sidewalk-
 - No discussion.
 - 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
 - No discussion.

3) Landmarks Committee (A Highland Historical Society Committee) (Commission Auxiliary)

- Digital Archive Website
 - More items coming in to the library for scanning.
 - There are 2 backup servers containing the information but the primary information is hosted through state historical societies.
- SIUE Successful Collaborative Program
 - The Collaborative Program has been completed.
- Mexican-American War cannon.
 - Jacob Rose to put together a letter with project intent (marry the cannonballs with the cannon).
- Workers' Progress Mural.
 - The renovator has been battling health issues so no progress.
- Roland Harris Museum.
 - The museum at the Highland Home has been closed. The contents are being disbursed to the owners or their family members.

4) Historic Building Inventory.

- Looking to install some sort of information at the kiosk located at the new parking lot on the 700 block of Main Street, the former location of several historic buildings. Jeff Menz to take the lead on this.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Discussion of headstones in disrepair. Brad Koenemann through the City would be an appropriate contact for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Giving Tree store at the northwest corner of Main Street and Washington Street has new owners. They are interested in finding information on landscaping and any history of the façade. Jeff Menz to see what he can find in old Highland newspapers.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion carried by voice vote.

Adjournment made at 7:35pm.

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE – Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 6:30pm at Louis Latzer Public Library, small basement meeting room. 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).