

MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF HIGHLAND HISTORICAL COMMISSION
HIGHLAND CITY HALL, 1115 BROADWAY
MONDAY, November 23, 2020
6:30PM

DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS THE MEETING WAS CONDUCTED VIA CONFERENCE CALL.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

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

John Johnson allowed his term to expire. We thank him for his service.
Sarah Knobloch replaced John Johnson for a three-year term.
Officers were elected. Jacob W. Rose was elected Chairperson. Jeff Menz was elected Secretary.

MINUTES:

Motion – Approve Minutes of the August 24, 2020 Historical Commission Meeting

- Motion to accept – Lynn Hargus
- Second – Lynnette Schuepbach

PUBLIC FORUM:

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

- No comments at this time.

REPORTS:

- 1) Historic Properties Reports
 - Pet Milk Factory Report –
 - John Hardy, the building superintendent of Westrock, stated they were holding off on changes until after the COVID-19 pandemic is passed.
 - Schott Brewery Report –
 - Brewery development has stalled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - The Old First National Bank / Chamber Building –
 - New information listed under New Business.
 - Latzer Homestead –
 - Preliminary evaluation completed for submission of application for National Historic Registry.
 - Forms are being completed for application for entry into the National Historic Registry.

- 2) Highland Historic Commission Guidelines Manual and Preservation Plan
 - Currently on hold due to COVID-19 pandemic but will be included in the agenda going forward.
- 3) Landmarks Committee (Commission Auxiliary)
 - Committee is an attachment to the Highland Historical Society.
 - Discussed methods to develop an inventory of historic Highland buildings. A survey form could be used to canvas the town, recording any buildings that may meet consideration.
 - Persons from the Highland Historical Society interested in providing German translation and other footwork.
- 4) Website – Historic Commission Page
 - Commission officers encouraged to submit a short biography for the page.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Century Structure Program
 - Highland Historic Society presented plaques to buildings that met their criteria. Consider broadening the scope from Century Home to Century Structure as several homes have been converted to businesses.
 - Consult with and get city permission to proceed with the survey once a plan is developed.
- 2) Highland Reconnaissance Survey
 - Identify potential structures that may be considered historic.
 - Specific types of homes to identify include Stran Homes and Sears & Roebuck Homes.
 - Survey of town can be done by areas of town and include face to face interviews with residents, walking tours, and other means.
- 3) Civil War Cannon
 - A grant is available to move the cannon balls in Lindendale Park to the Civil War cannon near the entrance to the park.
- 4) Old City Hall Bell Tower
 - Discussion by city officials to move the Old City Hall Bell Tower from its current location at Kaeser Park to the new open lot across Zschokke Street from the current City Hall.
 - Discussion with city officials entering into a collaboration with Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville to restore the exterior.
- 5) The Old First National Bank / Chamber Building
 - The current owners of the building are interested in the removal of the Michael Chomyk WPA-era mural.

- Permission is being sought to preserve and relocate the mural if it is possible.
- Are there other similar hidden treasures in Highland?

Meeting dates for 2021: The 4th Monday of every third month. Dates voted on were February 22, May 24, August 23, and November 22.

- Motion to accept - Lynnette Schuepbach
- Second – Lunn Hargus

Motion carried.

Adjournment made at 7:35pm.

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE – Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6:30pm at Highland City Hall
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