

MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF HIGHLAND HISTORICAL COMMISSION
HIGHLAND CITY HALL, 1115 BROADWAY
MONDAY, August 23, 2021
6:30PM

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	

MINUTES:

Motion – Approve Minutes of the May 24, 2021 Historical Commission Meeting

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

Motion passed.

PUBLIC FORUM:

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

- No public input at this time.
- Two guests in attendance: Fred Grove, Karen Mason. Megan Von Hatten with the City of Highland was also present.

REPORTS:

1) Historic Properties Reports

- Latzer Homestead –
 - The application for nomination to the National Historic Register to be submitted by the end of August 2021. On schedule.
- Pet Milk Factory Report –
 - Progress on the Pet Milk factory is put on hold until COVID-19 pandemic risks are lessened.
- Schott Brewery Report –
 - Work is performed on sealing up windows with plywood to reduce water damage to the interior.
- The Old First National Bank / Chamber Building / Schlafley Brewhouse–
 - The construction of the outdoor patio on the east side of the building is progressing.
 - The removed indoor mural is stored in the City of Highland’s zoning building. Restoration of the mural is awaiting funds.

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. Reviewed August 23, 2021. Of note:

- Belleville, IL has historic neighborhoods that are not on the National Registry.
 - Discussion of the Wick's Organ Factory building, where the windows have been changed but the rest of the building is original.
 - The Preservation Plan timeline/outline can be activated and tied into the Landmarks Committee.
 - Check with the City of Highland about educational signage regarding historical buildings / neighborhoods.
- 3) Landmarks Committee (Commission Auxiliary)
 - No additional information since the November 23rd, 2020 meeting.
 - 4) Website – Historic Commission Page
 - Commission officers encouraged to submit a short biography for the page.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Weinheimer Building Mural
 - The muralist was taken to the Kaeser Park / Highland Historical Society 50th anniversary celebration.
 - The work on the mural is expected to begin in September 2021.
- 2) SIUE Successful Collaborative Program
 - The scanned material will be an online searchable website using open-source software.
 - An application was submitted to the Highland Area Community Foundation (HACF) for funds to help with the scanning. Funding awards are announced in October 2021.
 - Karen Mason has volunteered to help with the scanning process.
- 3) Sara Knoblach's husband has a drone that can be used for aerial photography or videography of sites that may be of interest.
- 4) Discussion of placing tour-type plaques on old buildings that contain histories of the structures.
- 5) Discussion of self-guided tours or trolley ride tours of historical buildings as potential fundraisers.

This is the last meeting for Lynn Hargus and Lynnette Schuepbach as they complete their two-year terms. We thank them for their service and wish them well.

Motion to adjourn:

- Motion to accept – Sara Knoblach
- Second – Lynn Hargus

Motion carried.

Adjournment made at 7:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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