

MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF HIGHLAND HISTORICAL COMMISSION
HIGHLAND CITY HALL, 1115 BROADWAY
MONDAY, May 24, 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 February 22, 2021 Historical Commission Meeting

- Motion to accept – Jacob Rose
- 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.
- Four guests in attendance: Joe and Andrea Garson, Fred Groves, Karen Mason. Megan Von Hatten with the City of Highland was also present.

REPORTS:

1) Historic Properties Reports

- Latzer Homestead –
 - The application for the architectural structure is written for the National Historic Registry. There may be remnants of the lab inside the building and may be included in the registry application.
- Pet Milk Factory Report –
 - Jon Hardy, the building superintendent of Westrock, stated they were holding off on tours until after the COVID-19 pandemic is passed. Reviewed February 22nd. No change.
- Schott Brewery Report –
 - The formal announcement made of the renovation of the old First National Bank / Chamber office building into a Schlafly Brewhouse.
 - The bank vault will remain inside the building.
- The Old First National Bank / Chamber Building Mural–
 - We will look into crowdfunding to finance the restoration of the mural.
 - Funds from the Highland Area Community Foundation may be available.

- The outdoor mural is owned by the Highland Arts Council.
- 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 February 22nd. No change.
 - 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 Highland Arts Council received a grant from the National Arts Council for mural placement on the west exterior wall of the Weinheimer Building.
 - The work on the mural is expected to begin in September 2021.
- 2) Kayser Park building
 - This building will be the next building for which an application for inclusion in the National Historic Registry.
 - The Kayser Park barn will be open to the public on June 6th, 2021 during the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Highland Historic Society.
- 3) City Hall Bell Tower
 - The bell tower will be cleaned and inspected and Fred Gross can begin repairs.
 - The bell dates from the 1870s.
 - The bell and tower may be relocated to a more visible location just off of Broadway across Zschokke Street from Highland City Hall.
 - Discussion about a sign or a kiosk describing the bell and tower. Can it be identified as a city landmark?

Mention was made there is an old bell in the Highland Community Schools district office. How many old bells are in town? Are there enough to create an interest in a Bell Day in Highland?

- 4) Woodcrest Building on Broadway
 - The building has been redone.
 - The owner of the building has expressed interest in joining the mission of the Highland Historical Commission.
- 5) SIUE Successful Collaborative Program

- Accepted the grant of ~\$2500 for a professional book scanner and student assistance. Additional money may be sought to fund an assistant professor.
- They will work with the Louis Latzer Memorial Library, the Wildi Masonic Lodge, and the Harris Museum scanning printed material from ~1830s through around 1970.
- The scanned material will be an online searchable website using open-source software.
- Marilyn McDevitt and Lynn Rehberger have volunteered to assist.

The Highland City Hall is hoping to reopen to the public the first week of March 2021.

Motion to adjourn:

- Motion to accept – Jeff Menz
- Second – Lynnette Schuepbach

Motion carried.

Adjournment made at 7:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE – Monday, August 23, 2021 at 6:30pm at Highland City Hall
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