

MEETING MINUTES  
**CITY OF HIGHLAND HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
KORTE RECREATIONAL CENTER, 1 NAGEL DRIVE, HIGHLAND, IL  
MONDAY, May 23, 2022  
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	

**MINUTES:**

Motion – Approve Minutes of the February 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.

- No public input at this time.
- Two guests in attendance: Karen Mason and Fred Groves.

**REPORTS:**

1) Historic Properties Reports

- Latzer Homestead –
  - Progress is ongoing for the National Register Application
- Pet Milk Factory Report –
  - No progress at this time.
- Schott Brewery Report –
  - No progress at this time.
- Kaeser Park-
  - The south side of the building was tuckpointed this spring.
- City Hall Bell Tower-
  - Grant application completed to provide money (~\$800) to preserve. Labor will be donated.
  - An Eagle Scout project by Johnathon Price will provide planters on three sides of the tower.
  - Painting will be donated labor. The finial will be powder coated. Fred Groves discussed equipment and tools needed to perform the work, including scaffolding, shingle straps, and toe boards and brackets.
- Suppiger House sidewalk-
  - Volunteers are ready for weed removal and brick resetting.
  - Date to be determined, likely a Saturday morning.

- 2) Highland Historic Commission Guidelines Manual and Preservation Plan
  - Currently on hold until further development of a National Historic District, and Survey.
  
- 3) Landmarks Committee (Commission Auxiliary)
  - A. Digital Archive Website
    - i. Digital archive of photos and documents. Several grants have been received to fund the scanning process.
    - ii. Scanning equipment is purchased and in the Latzer library. It is not yet available to the public.
    - iii. Offers to help with the software program and translations are coming in.
    - iv. Looking to set up an inventory of historical buildings, including photos and specific information about the properties. Categories are set up for search functions and terms.
    - v. May need to sign copyright waivers for printed material.
  
  - B. SIUE Successful Collaborative Program
    - i. Scanning equipment acquired by the Historical Society, through the SIUE Meridian Foundation Grant, has been received but not yet available for use by the public. Equipment has been stored at the Louis Latzer Library per partnership with Library Director Angela Kim and the Louis Latzer Library for Digitalizing Highland's History Initiative.
    - ii. Looking to publicize this project through local media outlets.
    - iii. Discussion of projects expected in December 2021 through January 2022 with the onset of scanning in January 2022.
    - iv. SIU-E collaboration plans to begin scanning Roland Harris' column drafts and notes from the Highland News Leader in the spring of 2022.
  
  - C. Mexican American War cannon.
    - i. A letter is drafted to send to the Sharpshooters about the preservation of the cannon and cannonballs and any documents associated with the history of the cannon.
    - ii. Plans are to remove the cannon balls from their current location in Lindendale Park and reunite them on display with the cannon.
    - iii. Partnership expected between the Sons of Union Veterans and the Sharpshooters.
  
  - D. Workers' Progress Mural.
    - i. Angela Kim of the Louis Latzer Memorial Public Library said the library will host the removed mural in a basement room until it can be restored.
    - ii. Currently at the City of Highland Public Works building. It needs to be relocated to the Louis Latzer Library and rolled out. Estimate of \$30,000 or more is expected for its restoration and mounting.

- iii. The exterior copy of the mural that used to hang on the east side of the old Chamber of Commerce building belongs to the Highland Arts Council and is also located at the City of Highland Public Works Building.
- iv. A Highland Community Foundation Grant could be used to help with bidding costs.
- v. Funding that is acquired will be used to get bids on the mural restoration.
- vi. The Highland Historical Society has provided Plastic is donated to help protect the mural.

4) Historic Building Inventory

- Buildings considered “historic” in Highland could be inventoried through filling out a form and a photo of the building.
- This does not imply any regulation on those buildings.
- Groups of “historic” buildings could be organized into a “historic district”.
- New front exterior photos of the buildings are requested.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) 1000 Laurel Street (the old Marx Brothers building).
  - The new owners are remodeling but staying true to the original building.
  - Looking to make contact and get to know the new owners.
- 2) 1014 Laurel Street (old Journal Printing / Appel building).
  - Pam and Keith Federer are selling the building. Would they have any items for historic preservation?
  - Reach out to the Federers for any historic materials for archiving.
  - The front façade of the building used to be metal like the Giving Tree building. Is it still there?
- 3) Hard Road Theatre group is performing a musical in the Weinheimer Building. Any historic information available on the history of theatric productions at the Weinheimer?

There is one vacancy on the committee and interested persons are asked to contact Jacob Rose or Megan VonHatten.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion carried by roll call voice vote.

Adjournment made at 7:46pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

NEXT MEETING DATE – Monday, August 22, 2022 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).