

MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF HIGHLAND HISTORICAL COMMISSION
HIGHLAND CITY HALL, 1115 BROADWAY
MONDAY, February 28, 2022
6:30PM

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

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

MINUTES:

Correction made to street name of the side street at City Hall.

Motion – Approve corrected Minutes of the November 22, 2021 Historical Commission Meeting

- Motion to accept – Jacob Rose
- Second – Sara Knobloch

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.
- Three guests in attendance: Highland Mayor Kevin Hemann, Karen Mason, and Joe Garson who has submitted his application to join the Highland Historic Commission as a board member. Megan Von Hatten with the City of Highland was also present.

REPORTS:

1) Historic Properties Reports

- Latzer Homestead –
 - The preliminary evaluation application for nomination to the National Historic Register was submitted by Jacob Rose. The State of Illinois had approved the application and recommends moving forward with the full application process. The Belleville News Democrat/Highland News Leader published an article February 13, 2022 on the registration application. The registration is based primarily on the property’s architecture, but it may also qualify for its association to Louis Latzer and his contributions to the dairy industry.
- 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. No other progress.

- The Old First National Bank / Chamber Building / Schlafly Brewhouse–
 - 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. Caroline Giger will assist.
 - Restoration of the mural is estimated to cost \$30,000 which includes cleaning and mounting. A bid will go out for restoration project. The grant request was sent to Highland Area Community Foundation, and they responded with \$3500 to help with the scanning process.
 - Kaeser Park-
 - This property is next on the list for submission to the National Historic Registry.
 - Discussion about applying a protective coating on the exterior brick to protect it from weathering. The roof also needs repair/replacement.
 - City Hall Bell Tower-
 - Waiting for engineering inspection report. Oates & Associates to evaluate and notify the City of Highland the findings.
 - Repairs will be coordinated after inspection. Repairs may be performed the Summer of 2022.
 - Installation will be on Broadway across Pestalozzi Street from City Hall.
 - Preliminary discussion about putting together a bell celebration based on the historic town bells.
- 2) Highland Historic Commission Guidelines Manual and Preservation Plan
- Currently on hold due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- 3) Landmarks Committee (Commission Auxiliary)
- No additional information since the November 23rd, 2020 meeting.
- 4) Digital Archive Website
- Digital archive of photos and documents. Several grants have been received to fund the scanning process.
 - Scanning equipment is purchased and in the Latzer library.
 - Offers to help with the software program and translations are coming in.
 - Looking to set up an inventory of historical buildings, including photos and specific information about the properties.
- 5) SIUE Successful Collaborative Program
- The scanned material will be an online searchable website using open-source software.
 - An award of \$3500 from the Highland Area Community Foundation (HACF) to help with the scanning.
 - Looking to publicize this project through local media outlets.

- Discussion of projects expected in December 2021 through January 2022 with the onset of scanning in January 2022.
 - SIU-E collaboration plans to begin scanning Roland Harris' columns from the Highland News Leader around March 12, 2022.
- 6) Mexican-American War cannon.
- 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.
 - Plans are to remove the cannon balls from their current location in Lindendale Park and reunite them on display with the cannon.
- 7) Workers' Progress Mural.
- 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. Caroline Giger will assist.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - A Highland Community Foundation Grant could be used to help with bidding costs.
- 8) 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".
- 9) Commission Budget.
- Discussion with Mayor Hemann.
 - Looking for the possibility of money from the City of Highland for anything that might require a short-turnaround emergency response.
 - Advisory groups are not in the city budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Suppiger House Sidewalk.
- The brick sidewalk in front of the Suppiger House on Main Street needs refurbishing.
 - This includes removing vegetation and resetting loose bricks.
 - Volunteers will be identified, and a date set for the work.

There are two vacancies on the committee and interested persons are asked to contact Jacob Rose or Megan VonHatten. Joe Garson has filled out an application to join the committee.

Motion to adjourn:

- Motion to accept – Jacob Rose
- Second – Jeff Menz

Motion carried by roll call voice vote.

Adjournment made at 7:40pm.

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE – Monday, May 23, 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).