

KENDALL COUNTY
Historic Preservation Commission
Kendall County Office Building
Rooms 209 & 210
111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville, Illinois
6:30 p.m.
September 17, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Kristine Heiman called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Kristine Heiman, Sarah Herbig, and Jeff Wehrli

Absent: Elizabeth Flowers and Melissa Maye

Also present: Matt Asselmeier, Senior Planner

In the Audience: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Wehrli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Herbig, to approve the agenda as presented. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Herbig made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wehrli, to approve the minutes from August 20, 2018, meeting. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Asselmeier reported that the Part-Time Office Assistant (Zoning) position is vacant.

Mr. Asselmeier reported that zoning related committees can no longer require the submission of addresses and email addresses.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement Between the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District and the Illinois State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding the Millbrook Bridge Removal Project Located in Kendall County, Illinois-Commission Could Also Refer the Matter to the State's Attorney Office

Mr. Asselmeier reported that one of the Whereas was changed to reflect ACHP not to participate and no language was included regarding the interpretative piece. This proposal has not been reviewed by the State's Attorney's Office.

The consensus of the Commission was to send a message to the Forest Preserve District asking that space be reserved for an interpretative marker if funds become available in the future and to preserve, at a minimum, the plaques on the bridge stating when the bridge was constructed and by whom.

This item will be on the October Historic Preservation Commission agenda.

Review and Recommendation on Article II-The Historic Preservation Commission Section of the Historic Preservation Ordinance

This matter was laid over until the October meeting.

Discussion of Awards for Historic Preservation

Ms. Herbig suggested including a student's or a group of student's research project from Aurora University.

Mr. Wehrli suggested an award for the Walker property on Ashley Road as an adaptive reuse of a property. Mr. Wehrli also suggested an award for La Salle Manor.

Chairwoman Heiman liked the application example from the City of Joliet. Joliet's deadline was March 1st with awards presented in May. The consensus of the Commission was to use Joliet's application as a template.

The consensus of the Commission was to have the following categories: person/groups (including student projects and family farms), adaptive reuse, residential/commercial buildings, and site. These categories would be refined at future meetings.

The consensus of the Commission was to post the opening of applications in January. Applications would close in March and awards would occur in May at the day County Board meeting.

Discussion of Social Media Campaign

Ms. Herbig said that she is willing to be the administrator for a Facebook page. She will maintain screenshots of deleted comments. Instagram is ADA compliant if captions are provided. If Ms. Herbig decided not to run the page in the future, a statement would be placed on the page saying the page is no longer operational. Posts can be deleted if a copy exists someplace else. Ms. Herbig will create a Facebook page for the Commission.

Discussion of Doing a Meeting with Other Historic Preservation Organizations

Discussion of Prospective Speakers

Mr. Asselmeier reported that Bob Dressel and Sean Foley are the prospective speakers. The speakers would be restricted in ten to fifteen (10-15 minutes).

Discussion of Prospective Invitees

The Commission reviewed the invitee list. Mr. Asselmeier added the individuals provided by Ms. Herbig from Aurora University; he is looking for contact information for the save the jail group. Ms. Herbig requested that the President and Vice President of Aurora University be added to the list of invitees.

Commissioners reviewed the save the date cards. They will be mailed in October or November; the official invitation will be sent after January 1st.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Asselmeier reported that a banquet facility is proposed on Hughes Road and Fox Township is reviewing their regulations to confirm that they are a dry township.

Discussion occurred about looking at the records in the basement of the historic courthouse. Mr. Wehrli will investigate securing a tour; this item will be placed on the Commission's October agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Herbig made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wehrli, to adjourn. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP
Senior Planner