

KENDALL COUNTY
Historic Preservation Commission
Kendall County Office Building
Rooms 209 & 210
111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville, Illinois
7:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Whitney French at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ken Donart, Vice-Chair Whitney French, Kristine Heiman, and Jeff Wehrli

Absent: Richard Scheffrahn

Also present: John Sterrett, Senior Planner

In the audience: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Wehrli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heiman, to approve the agenda as written. With a voice vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wehrli made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donart, to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2015 meeting. With a voice vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

NEW BUSINESS

Kendall County 175th Anniversary Proclamation

Mr. Sterrett explained that the PBZ Committee referred the topic of Kendall County's 175th anniversary to the Historic Preservation Commission. Mr. Sterrett presented the Commission with a draft proclamation acknowledging the 175th anniversary of Kendall County. Mr. Donart made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heiman, to forward the proclamation onto the PBZ Committee as presented. With a voice vote of all ayes the motion carried.

Spring Workshop Event

At the previous meeting, the Commission had a recap of the historic preservation workshop from September and began discussion on putting together another event in the spring. The Commission discussed reaching out to the historic preservation commissions of the Villages of Oswego and Plainfield and also other historic groups in the County. The Commission believed that one of the topics for the event should be on awareness of the Commission for more interest in membership from other historic groups and individuals interested in historic preservation. Other topics may also include various projects that are taking place by both the Commission and other historic groups to generate interest in the public for possible participation. For the February meeting, the Commission will report ideas for the event including a list of potential groups to invite. Possible locations for the event include Hoover Forest Preserve, Historic Courthouse, or LaSalle Manor. The Commission will have further discussions at the February meeting regarding topics for the event, groups to invite, possible locations, and a date for the event.

OLD BUSINESS

Farnsworth House

Ms. French provided a brief description of the event she attended regarding the Farnsworth House. Ms. French stated an additional update will be provided at the next meeting.

Social Media and Marketing

Mr. Sterrett updated the Commission on the aspect of using social media. The County will be maintaining one Facebook page in which departments are able to post news on it by way of posting on the County website. The County already maintains a Twitter account. The Historic Preservation Commission can utilize the County's social media by posting information on the County website. This will remain as an item on the agenda for continued discussion each meeting. Mr. Sterrett stated he is working with Waubensee Community College to set up a meeting on collaborative ways to develop marketing materials for Historic Preservation. Mr. Sterrett suggested that a press release with information on the proclamation of the 175th anniversary be put on the County's website.

Update on Millbrook Bridge

Mr. Wehrli updated the Commission on the Forest Preserve District's effort with the Village of Millbrook to develop an agreement with regards to improving the Millbrook bridge.

Historic Courthouse Improvements

The Commission discussed available grants for lighting for courthouses through Landmarks Illinois as well as cost estimates for replacing the windows at the County's historic courthouse. Mr. Wehrli stated he will speak to Facilities Management about proposals for the window replacement.

Elections and Terms

Mr. Sterrett explained that nominations for officers of the Historic Preservation Commission occur in July and elections take place in August.

Review Reconnaissance Survey Pictures

The Commission will continue review of the pictures at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wehrli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heiman, to adjourn. With a voice vote of all ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
John H. Sterrett
Senior Planner