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**KENDALL COUNTY**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
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## **AGENDA**

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January 20, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

### CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Whitney French (Vice Chair), Ken Donart, Kristine Heiman, Richard Scheffrahn, Jeff Wehrli, and Two Vacancies

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes from the December 16, 2015 meeting

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

### PUBLIC COMMENT

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Kendall County 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Proclamation
2. Spring Workshop Event

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Farnsworth House
2. Social Media and Marketing
3. Update on Millbrook Bridge
4. Review Reconnaissance Survey Pictures

### PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT- Next regular meeting on February 17, 2016

**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 December 16, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Michael Garrigan at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Ken Donart, Michael Garrigan, Kristine Heiman, and Jeff Wehrli

Absent: Vice-Chair Whitney French, Richard Scheffrahn

Also present: John Sterrett, Senior Planner

In the audience: None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Jeff Wilkins made a motion to approve the agenda as written, Ken Donart seconded the motion. **Approved 4-0.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jeff Wehrli made the motion to approve of the minutes from the August 19, 2015 meeting. Kristine Heiman seconded. **Approved 5-0.**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Michael Garrigan announced that he will be relocating out of Kendall County and will be resigning from the Historic Preservation Commission effective in January. This will create a vacancy for the Commission and for the Chairmanship.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Farnsworth House*

The Commission briefly discussed a recent seminar held in Chicago regarding the Farnsworth House.

*Update on amendment to Article II.1 of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Ordinance to reduce the minimum required number of commissioners from nine to seven*

Mr. Sterrett informed the Commission that the County Board had approved an amendment to the Historic Preservation Ordinance reducing the minimum required number of commissioners from nine to seven. This amendment was in response to issues with satisfying a quorum for meetings. The quorum requirement is now four present members rather than five. The number of vacancies currently on the commission has now been reduced from three to one. Mr. Sterrett suggested that by-laws be created and approved by the Commission.

*2016 Meeting Dates*

Mr. Sterrett provided the Commission with a list of dates for regularly scheduled meetings of the HPC for 2016. The meetings will continue to occur on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm.

### *Social Media and Marketing*

The Commission discuss the idea of using YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, etc. as part of a marketing outreach. One potential way is to reach out to local community colleges to determine if there are any marketing classes that may be able to put together a short historic video on Kendall County as part of a class project. Plainfield and Oswego both currently have walking tours through their downtowns utilizing smart phone technology such as QR codes. There were questions regarding who at the County level is in charge of marketing/outreach to help with social media. Mr. Sterrett explained there is no single individual who handles PR for the County and that it is done collaboratively with individual departments and Technology Services to update the County's website.

### *2016 Annual Regional Plan Commission Meeting*

Mr. Sterrett informed the Commission that the annual meeting for the KCRPC is taking place on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. This is an opportunity for the public and other taxing districts to provide comment and suggestions for the County's Land Resource Management Plan. No official business takes place at the meeting. The Commission felt it would be a good idea to have a presence at the annual meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### *Update on Millbrook Bridge*

Mr. Wehrli updated the Commission on working with the Village of Millbrook to help improve the bridge. With the current state budget situation it is difficult to predict when grant monies may become available to assist with this improvement.

#### *Kendall County Historic Preservation Roundtable Workshop Debrief*

The Commission felt the workshop from September was beneficial and had a good turnout. There was discussion on possibly holding another workshop in the late spring/early summer. This will stay on as an agenda item for future meeting to continue discussions with the HPCs of Plainfield and Oswego.

#### *Remote Meeting Attendance*

Mr. Sterrett updated the Commission on the action that was taken by the County Board back in September regarding attending meeting remotely. If a commissioner chooses to participate in the meeting remotely via Skype, they may participate in discussion and vote but they do not count towards a quorum for the meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ken Donart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wehrli, to adjourn. With a voice vote of all ayes, the motion carried. The HPC adjourned at 7:44pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John H. Sterrett  
Senior Planner

A PROCLAMATION  
RECOGNIZING THE 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CREATION OF KENDALL  
COUNTY

Whereas, Kendall County has a long rich history in Illinois dating back to its first settlers in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century; and

Whereas, favorable weather conditions in the early 1830's allowed hundreds of settlers to travel west to Illinois; and

Whereas, by 1838 the communities of Oswego, Newark, Yorkville, Little Rock, Lisbon, and Millington had been settled; and

Whereas, residents of Oswego, Bristol, and Little Rock townships originally traveled north to Geneva to conduct legal business at the Kane County Courthouse; and

Whereas, those living in Na Au Say, Kendall, Fox, Big Grove, Lisbon, and Seward townships traveled to Ottawa to conduct legal business at the LaSalle County Courthouse; and

Whereas, settlers living along the Fox River between Ottawa and Aurora worked together to establish a new county to call their own; and

Whereas, the original petition circulated in the fall of 1840 asked the Illinois General Assembly to establish a new county comprised of nine townships; and

Whereas, when the new county was proposed in the Illinois House of Representatives, it included the boundaries for new townships that would eventually become the townships of Little Rock, Bristol, Oswego, Fox, Kendall, Na-Au-Say, Big Grove, Lisbon, and Seward; and

Whereas, the name of the newly created county would be Kendall, in honor of Postmaster General Amos Kendall under President Andrew Jackson; and

Whereas, the legislation creating Kendall County was approved by the Illinois Senate and Illinois House of Representatives on February 13, 1841; and

Whereas, the legislation was approved on February 19, 1841.

Now Therefore Be It Proclaimed by the Kendall County Board:

That February 19, 2016 marks the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of Kendall County in the State of Illinois and the people of Kendall County are encouraged to recognize and celebrate this historic occasion with their fellow citizens across the County.

Adopted by the Kendall County Board this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016

Attest:

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Debbie Gillette  
County Clerk

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John A. Shaw  
Chairman

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