

KENDALL COUNTY
Historic Preservation Commission
Kendall County Historic Courthouse
East Wing Conference Room (Hybrid Meeting)
109 W. Ridge Street, Yorkville, Illinois
6:30 p.m.
January 19, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Eric Bernacki (Secretary), Elizabeth Flowers (Vice-Chairwoman) (Attended Remotely), Kristine Heiman (Attended Remotely), and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Absent: None

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Senior Planner)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Bernacki made a motion, seconded by Member Flowers, to approve the agenda as presented.

The votes were as follows:

Yeas (4): Bernacki, Flowers, Heiman, and Wehrli

Nays (0): None

Absent (0): None

Abstain (0): None

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2020, meeting.

The votes were as follows:

Yeas (4): Bernacki, Flowers, Heiman, and Wehrli

Nays (0): None

Absent (0): None

Abstain (0): None

The motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Wehrli stated that Dave Guritz was working on obtaining information about the cemetery that is owned by the County.

Discussion occurred regarding having a projector for the February 10th meeting. Mr. Asselmeier noted that seven (7) people have submitted RSVPs for the meeting. Three (3) of the individuals indicated that they will be attending in-person. Mr. Asselmeier noted that the allowable number of people in the room is forty-six (46).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Review of Certified Local Government Agreement

Commissioners reviewed the agreement.

Mr. Asselmeier noted that Jon Pressley is allowing the County to opt-out of completing an Annual Report. The County's first Annual Report will be due in 2022. Mr. Asselmeier will check with the State regarding training opportunities and any related fees. Mr. Asselmeier also noted that the County would verify addresses as part of its normal processes if an application for historic district was submitted.

The proposal was approved by the County Board at their meeting on January 19, 2021.

Member Heiman asked when the County could pursue grants. Mr. Asselmeier said that Jon Pressley would have the answer to that question.

Discussion of February 10, 2021, Meeting with Historic Preservation Organizations

Approval of Agenda for the Meeting

Mr. Asselmeier presented the draft agenda. No changes to the agenda were offered.

Discussion of Other Meeting Logistics

Mr. Asselmeier confirmed Jon Pressley's virtual attendance for the meeting. Mr. Asselmeier noted that the Village of Plainfield, City of Joliet, and several library representatives had RSVP'd.

Chairman Wehrli reviewed the draft letter to attendees. The letter encourages people to attend remotely. The consensus of the Commission was to have bottled water available at the meeting. The letter will be sent on January 25th.

The consensus of the Commission was to have multiple computers at the meeting to watch for comments and questions from people attending virtually.

The consensus of the Commission was not to bring maps to the meeting.

The consensus of the Commission was to have one (1) meeting with groups. If things improved with the public health situation, a picnic with other groups could occur in the future.

Discussion of Recognizing Joseph Platt Brown and Ashby Farms

Member Bernacki said that he received everything in the mail and everything looks good. He is still planning for a May event. Ms. Ashby liked the look of the plaque.

Discussion of Cemeteries

The Commission reviewed the cemetery information. The Commission will wait until the weather improves before doing additional cemetery research.

CORRESPONDENCE

December 2020 Edition of The Bell Tower

Commissioners reviewed the December 2020 Edition of The Bell Tower. It was noted that Boulder Hill was turning sixty-five (65).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Member Heiman asked about a County museum or other historical items. The consensus was that no historical preservation on any scale has occurred. Official, legal documents are in a temperature controlled area. Chairman Wehrli will contact Jim Smiley to see if the Facilities Department has any information on historical items the County may possess.

Member Bernacki suggested inviting someone from Will County to discuss how their Commission started and the activities they undertook after becoming a Certified Local Government. Mr. Asselmeier will invite them to the March meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to adjourn.

The votes were as follows:

Yeas (4): Bernacki, Flowers, Heiman, and Wehrli

Nays (0): None

Absent (0): None

Abstain (0): None

The motion carried.

The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM
Senior Planner