

KENDALL COUNTY
Historic Preservation Commission
Kendall County Office Building
County Board Room (Rooms 209 and 210)
111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville, Illinois
6:00 p.m.
October 18, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Eric Bernacki (Secretary), Elizabeth Flowers (Vice-Chairwoman), Marty Shanahan, and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Absent: Kristine Heiman

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Senior Planner)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve the agenda as presented. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Shanahan made a motion, seconded by Member Flowers, to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2021. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Wehrli noted that the house across the parking lot had been demolished.

Chairman Wehrli also noted that the Kendall County Historical Society was going to provide information on cemeteries. To date, that information had not been provided.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Meeting Calendar

Mr. Asselmeier presented the calendar. The meetings in January and June will be on Tuesdays. The meeting in February will be on Wednesday.

Member Shanahan noted that he would be unable to attend Tuesday night meetings.

The consensus of the Commission was to postpone the decision on the February meeting until after discussion of 2022 meeting with historic preservation groups.

Discussion of Historic Preservation Awards

Commissioners reviewed the award application packet. The consensus of the Commissioners was to continue to give awards. The Commission and members of the public may submit nominations.

Lyons Farm, the Farnsworth House, the barn in Henneberry Woods, the winery on Plattville Road, and the Gaylord House were suggested nominees.

Previous winners were LaSalle Manor, Chapel on the Green, and Howard Manthei. In previous years, only one (1) nominee was submitted and one (1) awarded granted.

The consensus of the Commission was to bring a list of nominees to the November meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of 2022 Meeting with Historic Preservation Groups

Mr. Asselmeier reported the Farnsworth House was available either February 9th or 16th. A speaker from the Farnsworth House was available for the meeting. Ken Itle was also available to speaker either night.

The consensus of the Commission was to request February 16th at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners requested asking the Farnsworth House about tours of the home, their policy regarding refreshments and food, and the ability to have Jon Pressley attend remotely.

Mr. Asselmeier will bring the list of invitees to the November meeting for review.

The save-the-date letter will be sent in December with a follow-up in January.

Discussion of Historic Survey Project

Mr. Asselmeier reported that the grant has opened. The grant application is due by November 15th. The plan is to take the grant application to the November 2nd County Board meeting for approval. The State anticipates awarding grants in February or March. Grant projects must be complete and closed by September 30th. Ken Itle was confident that he could complete the survey during that time period.

The State anticipates having another round of grants opening in January 2022.

Discussion of Cemeteries

Chairman Wehrli noted that the Kendall County Historical Society had more information on cemeteries. He noted the window of opportunity to visit cemeteries before the weather gets bad.

Chairman Wehrli will contact Central Limestone regarding the cemetery on their property.

Member Shanahan requested the list of cemeteries in Excel.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Member Bernacki asked if the Kendall County Historical Society was eligible to apply to Kendall County for assistance related to the scanning project. Discussion occurred regarding application requirements. Mr. Asselmeier will send a link to the Kendall County Historical Society and state that it is a good opportunity to apply for funds for this project.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to adjourn. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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