

KENDALL COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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AGENDA

June 21, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

<u>ROLL CALL</u>: Eric Bernacki (Secretary), Elizabeth Flowers (Vice-Chair), Kristine Heiman, Marty Shanahan, and Jeff Wehrli (Chair)

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</u> Approval of Minutes of May 16, 2022 Meeting (Pages 2-3)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Plaque for Historic Preservation Award and Related Invoice from Leo's Trophies, Gifts and Engraving in an Amount Not to Exceed \$150.00; Related Invoice To Be Paid from Historic Preservation Commission Line Item (11001902-63830) and Discussion of Preservation Award of Beverly Casey (Pages 4-5)

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Discussion of Having Commission Meetings at Historic Locations in the County
- 2. Discussion of Having a Historic Preservation Group Meeting/Event in Summer 2022 at Fern Dell
 - a. Discussion of August 15, 2022, Group Meeting Agenda (Page 6)
 - b. Review of Invitee List (Pages 7-9)
 - c. Other Meeting Logistics
- 3. Discussion of Historic Survey Project/Certified Local Government Grant
- 4. Discussion of Cemeteries (Pages 10-11)

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1. Building Code on Main Street Webinar (Pages 12-17)
- 2. May 20, 2022 Oswego Historic District Meeting Letter (Pages 18-19)
- 3. May 27, 2022, June 5, 2022, and June 10, 2022 Edith Farnsworth House Emails (Pages 20-32)
- 4. Emails Regarding Section 106 Review at Lyon Farm (Pages 33-35)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT:

If special accommodations or arrangements are needed to attend this County meeting, please contact the Administration Office at 630-553-4171, a minimum of 24-hours prior to the meeting time.

^{1.} Tour of the Edith Farnsworth House

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. May 16, 2022-Unofficial Until Approved

CALL TO ORDER

Secretary Eric Bernacki called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Eric Bernacki (Secretary), Kristine Heiman, and Marty Shanahan Absent: Elizabeth Flowers (Vice-Chairwoman) and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman) Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Senior Planner) and Johanna Byram

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Shanahan made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to approve the agenda as presented. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Shanahan made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2022, meeting. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Secretary Bernacki noted that Chairman Wehrli was absent due to family health reasons.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Plaque for Historic Preservation Award and Related Invoice from Leo's Trophies, Gifts and Engraving in an Amount Not to Exceed \$150.00; Related Invoice To Be Paid from Historic Preservation Commission Line Item (11001902-63830)

Mr. Asselmeier presented the invoice. The invoice was for the award for the plaque for the Yorkville Jail and Sheriff's residence only. The cost was less than last year's invoice because the design for the logo was not needed.

Member Shanahan made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to pay the invoice. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

Discussion of Having Commission Meetings at Historic Locations in the County

Commissioners seemed open to the idea of meeting at other locations. Discussion occurred about the Open Meetings Act requirements for the meeting. The Farnsworth House and Kohlhammer Barn were selected as the top two (2) places to meet. The consensus of the Commission was to have the June meeting at the Farnsworth House. If the Farnsworth House was unavailable, the meeting would occur at the Kohlhammer Barn. If both the Farnsworth House and Kohlhammer Barn were unavailable, the meeting would be in the County Boardroom. Commissioners also requested a short presentation from the host discussing the history and happenings at the property. Commissioners also wanted to know from Chairman Wehrli how frequently he would like to have meetings at historic locations.

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Discussion of June Meeting Date

Mr. Asselmeier noted the next meeting date is June 21, 2022, which is a Tuesday because of Juneteenth.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of Preservation Award for Beverly Case

Mr. Asselmeier reported that several people wanted to surprise Ms. Casey with the award. She was unavailable to attend the May 17th County Board meeting. At this point, Ms. Casey would not be available until July. Mr. Asselmeier will check to see if the County Board was having two (2) meetings in July. Once the date is set, Mr. Asselmeier will contact Leo's Trophy and Gifts to have the plaque made.

Discussion of a Having a Historic Preservation Group Meeting/Event in Summer 2022

The Commission reviewed the properties on the National Register of Historic Places. Following the second public comment portion of the meeting (see below), the consensus of the Commission was to have the meeting at either the Fern Dell Museum or the one (1) room school house museum. The Millington Newark Chapel at the cemetery was the second choice. The Stone Church in Plano was the third choice. The meeting date would be August 15th at 6:00 p.m. The historic structure survey would be a topic of discussion.

Discussion of Historic Survey Project/Certified Local Government Grant

Commissioners reviewed the grant. The proposal and the contract with WJE are currently under review at the State's Attorney's Office.

Discussion of Cemeteries

Commissioners reviewed an email related to the Elmer Dixon Library; the information is copyrighted.

Discussion occurred regarding getting a list of service members buried in Kendall County. The aim would be to have the list by Memorial Day 2023.

CORRESPONDENCE

May 10, 2022 Email from Lisa DiChiera Regarding Historic Preservation Awards Commissioners reviewed the email.

May 5, 2022 and April 21, 2022 Emails from Lisa Wolancevich Regarding Historic Preservation Awards Commissioners reviewed the emails.

Discussion occurred about organizations getting awards in the future.

Discussion occurred about using some of the Commission's budget for the volunteers for the survey.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Johanna Byram suggested Fern Dell's one (1) room school house and the Millington Newark Chapel at the cemetery.

ADJOURNMENT

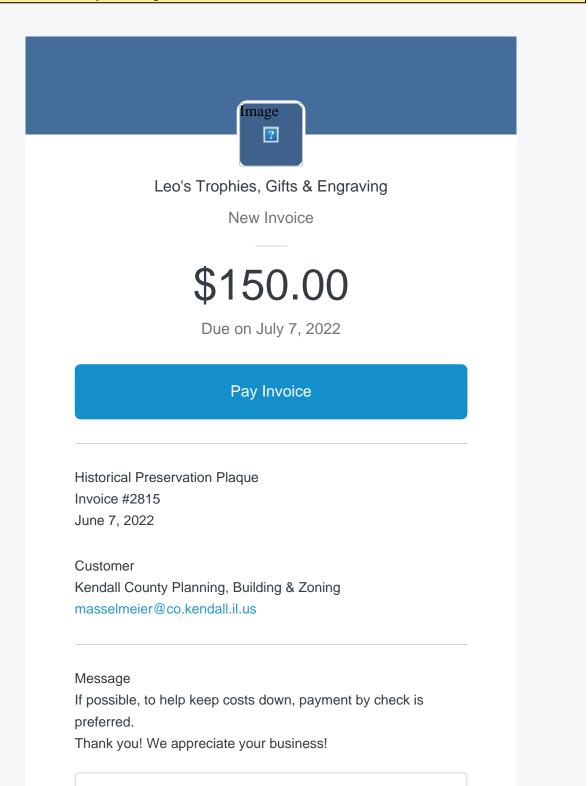
Member Shanahan made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to adjourn. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

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

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Invoice summary

Exempt CAS186 Sign holder w/stem	\$120.00
Exempt Outdoor plate	\$12.00
Engraving	\$18.00
Subtotal Total Due	\$150.00 \$150.00

Leo's Trophies, Gifts & Engraving 36 E Railroad St Sandwich, IL 60548-4068 United States leostrophies@gmail.com 815-786-7380

Please contact Leo's Trophies, Gifts & Engraving about its privacy practices.



Matt Asselmeier

	Marilynn Thompson - Wednesday, June 8, 2022 10:52 AM
То:	Matt Asselmeier
Subject:	Re: [External]Re: Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission Group Meeting

The school is at 302 Chicago Road. 9 Front street is the museum.

On Wed, Jun 8, 2022 at 10:39 AM Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov> wrote:

What is the address of the museum?

Thanks,

Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM

Senior Planner

Kendall County Planning, Building & Zoning

111 West Fox Street

Yorkville, IL 60560-1498

PH: 630-553-4139

Fax: 630-553-4179

From: Marilynn Thompson < Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 10:38 AM To: Matt Asselmeier <<u>masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov</u>> Subject: Re: [External]Re: Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission Group Meeting

yes, we will be happy to host . if you like we can open FERN DELL SCHOOL for a tour at 6 p.m. that evening.

Then we will hold the meeting at Fern Dell Museum. Entry door to our meeting room is on the east side of the building.

Thank you again for this opportunity.

Mr. John Purcell	United City of Yorkville
Mr. Bob O'Dekirk	City of Joliet
Mr. Troy Parlier	Village of Oswego
Mr. John Argoudelis	Village of Plainfield
Ms. Jackie Kowalksi	Village of Millbrook
Mr. Doug Holley	Village of Millington
Mr. Paul Pope	Village of Lisbon
Mr. Ric Offerman	Village of Minooka
Mr. Jim Davis	Village of Newark
Ms. June McCord	Village of Plattville
Mr. Todd Latham	City of Sandwich
Mr. Matt Brolley	Village of Montgomery
Mr. Mike Rennels	City of Plano
Mr. Richard C. Irvin	City of Aurora
Mr. Lee Hohmann	Kendall County Historical Society
Subash George	Oswego Historic Preservation Commission
John Brenneman	Oswego Historic Preservation Commission
Kelly Schomer	Oswego Historic Preservation Commission
Rod Zenner	Village of Oswego
Jon Prouxl	Plainfield Historical Commission
Michael Bortel	Plainfield Historical Commission
Roger Matile	Little White School Museum
Ted Clauser	Oswego Historical Association
Jeanne Valentine	Plano Library
Ken Donart	Chapel on the Green
Jeanette Lee	Montgomery Historic Preservation Commission
Sonya Abt	Village of Montgomery
Robyn Sutcliff	Yorkville Historic Preservation Society
Jason Engberg	Yorkville
Victor Scott	Ferndell
Marilyn Thompson	Ferndell
Joan Hardekopf	Sandwich Historical Society
Chris Phillips	Sandwich Historical Committee
Lisa DiChiera	Landmarks Illinois
Scott Mehaffey	Farnsworth House
Jennifer Downing	Farnsworth House
Leon Liss	Farnsworth House
Jill Morgan	Aurora Preservation Commission
Russell and Michelle George	Gaylord House
Jayne Bernhard	City of Joliet
Greg Peerbolte	Joliet HPC
Brook McDonald	Dickson-Murst Farm
Sarah Skilton	Oswego Public Library District
Lynnette Heiden	Charles B. Phillips Public Library District
Lisa Pappas	Plainfield Library District
Tina Beaird	Plainfield Library District
Amanda Bennett	Sandwich Public Library

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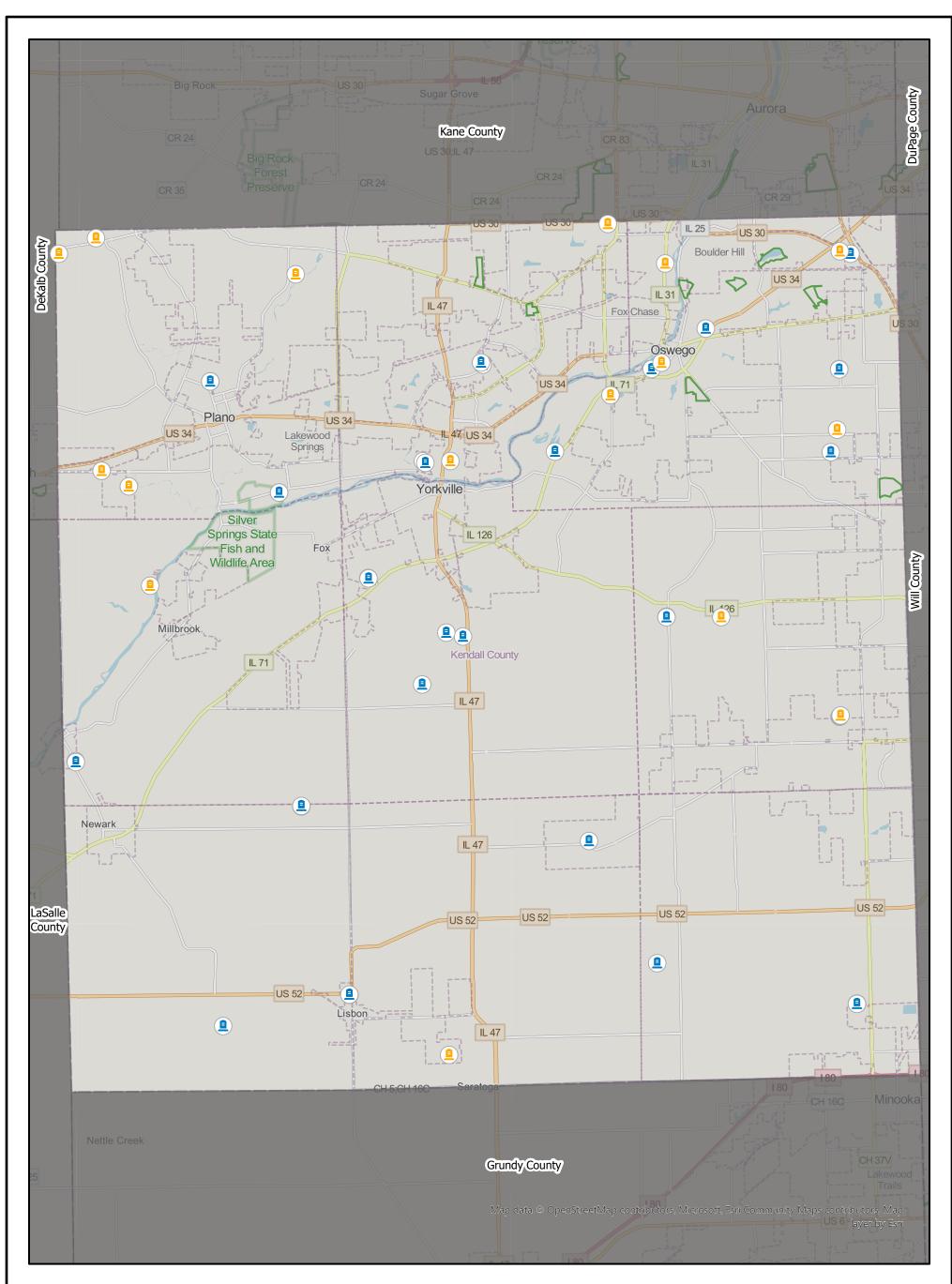
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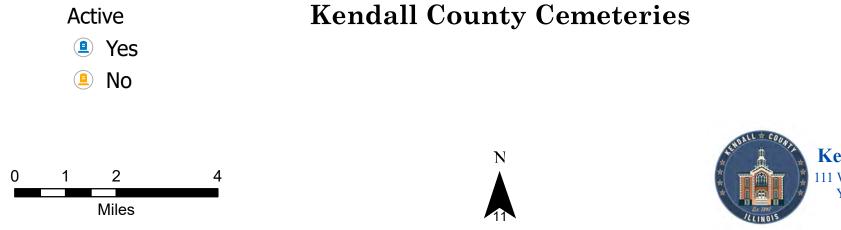
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Kendall County GIS

111 West Fox Street - Room 308 Yorkville, Illinois 60560 630.553.4212 Hi all,

Please see this training opportunity.

Thanks,

Jon L. Pressley, MA, RPA Certified Local Governments Program Coordinator and Historic Preservation Fund Manager State Historic Preservation Office, IDNR 1 Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois, 62701 Office - 217-785-5730 Cell – 217-299-4878

From: Dyson, Carol <<u>Carol.Dyson@Illinois.gov</u>> Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 2:33 PM To: Mayer, Carey <<u>Carey.Mayer2@Illinois.gov</u>>; Pressley, Jon L. <<u>Jon.L.Pressley@Illinois.gov</u>> Cc: Barris, Anna Margaret <<u>AnnaMargaret.Barris@Illinois.gov</u>>; Bryjka, Darius <<u>Darius.Bryjka@illinois.gov</u>>; Dyson, Carol <<u>Carol.Dyson@Illinois.gov</u>>; Rubano, Anthony <<u>Anthony.Rubano@Illinois.gov</u>> Subject: Building Codes on Main Street Virtual Workshop August 2-4

Jon: Please disseminate to our local Commissions. This is the result of several years of work by the Association for Preservation Technology's building codes committee and could be of tremendous help to many communities. Thanks.

A major training opportunity titled *Building Codes on Main Street* will be held **August 2-4, 2022**. This **three-day virtual workshop** was developed by the Association for Preservation Technology International (APT), with sponsorships from the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT) and the Historic Preservation Education Foundation (HPEF). Main Street America is a coordinating partner as well.

This workshop will focus on code issues related to the renovation of existing and historic commercial buildings found in Main Street districts across America. It is designed for code officials, architects, contractors, property owners, developers, preservationists, and Main Street practitioners. It will take place from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM CST each day.

Fees are

- \$175 APT and Main Street members
- \$295 Non-members
- \$175 Government Rate
- \$75 Student

To register, go to http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=ctpvpccab&oeidk=a07ej6ukxli0c2eca26

The full agenda will include speakers from around the United States, and delve into the International Existing Building Code (IEBC), accessibility, energy conservation, fire separation, fire protection, change of use, the multiple compliance paths of IEBC, case studies, and a 2.5 hour deep dive into the Performance compliance method. Many of these topics are not taught in typical code training seminars, which focus mostly on new construction, so even veteran code officials and architects should learn a great deal from it, as well as property owners, developers and Main Street practitioners.

We strongly encourage you to forward this information on to your local code officials, developers, property owners, etc. It could make a substantial difference in the types of renovation projects allowed in your communities.





The Association for Preservation Technology in cooperation with Main Street America presents...



Decoding Building Code Challenges

Dates: August 2, 3, 4 2022

Where: Wherever you are – online!

About this workshop:

There are thousands of designated and informal Main Streets in America's smaller towns and urban neighborhoods. These districts are often composed of smaller, one- to three-story masonry or wood-frame buildings with retail shops or offices on the first floor and opportunities for residential units above. Far too often, the entire building or upper stories are vacant or underutilized, hampering reinvigoration of neighborhoods. Owners wanting to rehabilitate these buildings are commonly stymied by the high cost of building upgrades forced upon them "to meet modern building codes." These demands become economic barriers to investment and burdens to owners.

The code barrier has become a reality in many communities, particularly for the upper stories, where vacancy rates can exceed 50%. This workshop will provide a detailed examination of the building stock on Main Street to explore its typical building features and connect these characteristics to compliance paths within the International Existing Building Code (IEBC). The team of experts for this workshop will break down issues related to fire safety, accessibility and energy conservation and explore more financially viable alternatives to make buildings safer and meet codes.

Building Codes on Main Street - Decoding Building Code Challenges

Who Should Attend:

Building Code Officials Design Professionals Building Owners Preservationists Main Street Professionals

Learning Objectives:

- 1. Understand the code structure applicable to rehabilitation projects across the United States.
- 2. Understand the common model codes used for rehabilitation and property maintenance.
- 3. Identify common code issues and options for rehabilitation of Main Street buildings.
- 4. Present actions for local engagement.

Fire Ratings



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Fire Rating for Archaic Materials was published by HUD in the 1980s and is now an appendix of the IEBC.

AIA and RCEP credits have been applied for.

Registration opens in early June. Government rates are available.



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Find the full agenda and speakers here:



Building Codes on Main Street - Decoding Building Code Challenges

The Agenda:

Aug. 2 Code Overview 10 AM – 3 PM (Break from 12:30 to 1 PM)

Main Street and Building Codes - Mike Jackson, FAIA, Principal, Upstairs Downtown

The IEBC: One Code, Multiple Code Paths – Marilyn Kaplan, Principal, Preservation Architecture

Universal Design: Access for All – Frank Heitzman, AIA, Principal, Heitzman Architects

Energy Conservation Codes – Ryan Siegel, Senior Energy Engineer, SEDAC (Smart Energy Design Assistance Center at the Univ of Illinois at Urbana Champaign IL)

Aug. 3 Fire Safety 10 AM – 3 PM (Break from 12:30 to 1 PM)

Compartmentalization (Passive controls)

What do the ratings mean? 1 Hr., 2 hr., Archaic Materials – Beth Tubbs Senior Staff Engineer, International Code Council

Intumescent Coatings: Improving Fire Ratings with Minimal Design Impact – Jonathan Miller, Code Official, Galena IL

- Detection and Alarms Thomas Newbold, PE, Landmarks Facilities Group The smoke detector is the most essential fire safety tool but there are a range of options.
- Sprinklers Nathaniel Wittasek, PE, Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, Los Angeles CA The sprinkler system is always desired but not always required. This session will look at the basics of sprinkler design for small buildings.
- Change of Use Chris Rute, AIA, RIBA, CR Design, Milwaukee WI The IEBC has a chapter on Change of Occupancy, which has historically been a trigger for improvements equal to a new building. This session will address changes of occupancy and the risk index system.

Aug. 4 Applying the Code 10 AM – 3 PM (Break from 12:30 to 1 PM)

The IEBC Performance Path – John P. Curley, AIA, Chief Development Service Officer, Aurora IL

This session will provide a detailed explanation of the Performance Path, which is a numerical scoring system primarily aimed as fire safety improvements. The

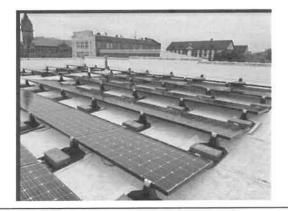
Building Codes on Main Street - Decoding Building Code Challenges

Performance Path is an underutilized IEBC Code strategy that provides a scoring system for safety that often provides a more economical path for small Main Street buildings.

Case Studies (APT Main Street Code Task Force members) Projects from across the U.S. will be showcased with complete code data to show creative solutions to complex safety problems. The examples will be selected to represent typical properties found on America's Main Streets.

"The repair, alteration, addition to and change of occupancy in existing buildings are in many cases more complicated to design and regulate than construction of new buildings." ICC Building Department Administration, 4th Edition, 2012

"Don't make the perfect the enemy of the good." Voltaire



Historic building on Main Street with Solar Panels and no impact on the historic character.

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Illinois Department of **Natural Resources**

One Natural Resources Way Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271 www.dnr.illinois.gov JB Pritzker, Governor Colleen Callahan, Director

May 20, 2022

Scott Gryder, Kendall County Board Chairman Kendall County 111 West Fox Street Yorkville, IL 60560

Property: Downtown Oswego Historic District – Roughly bounded by one-half block north of Jackson St on the north, the alleys immediately west & east of Main St. on the west & east, respectively, and one-half block south of Washington St. - Kendall County

Dear Board Chairman Gryder:

We are pleased to inform you that the place noted above is being considered by the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council at their June 24, 2022 virtual meeting for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register is the Federal government's official list of historic properties worthy of preservation (see enclosure).

- Private property owners have an opportunity to concur in or object to listing in accord with the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR 60.
- If private property owners choose to object to listing, they must send the State Historic Preservation Officer a **notarized** statement to the address below certifying that they are the sole or partial owner of the private property and object to the listing.
- Each owner or partial owner of private property has one vote regardless of what part of the property that party owns. If a majority of private property owners object, a property will not be listed; however, the State Historic Preservation Officer shall submit the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register for a determination of the eligibility of the property for listing in the National Register.
- If the property is then determined eligible for listing, although not formally listed, Federal agencies will be required to allow the Advisory Council of Historic Preservation an opportunity to comment before the agency may fund, license, or assist a project which will affect the property.
- Anyone may comment on whether a property should be nominated to the National Register. Comments should be sent to the address below.
- Anyone may attend the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council meeting at which the nomination will be considered, when they are in person. Those who require assistance to participate fully in Advisory Council proceedings should contact Andrew Heckenkamp in advance of the meeting so that necessary arrangements can be made.

All questions, a copy of the nomination form, and detailed information about the upcoming meeting can be requested at the following email address: <u>andrew.heckenkamp@illinois.gov</u>

Notarized letters should be sent to: Illinois State Historic Preservation Office Attn: Andrew Heckenkamp #1 Old State Capitol Plaza , Springfield, Illinois 62701

National Register of Historic Places | Fact Sheet

The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation. Authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and archeological resources.

Generally, properties must be fifty years of age or more to be considered historic places. They must also be significant when evaluated in relationship to major trends of history in their community, State, or the nation. Significance may be found in four aspects of American history recognized by the National Register Criteria:

- Association with historic events or activities
- Association with important persons
- Distinctive design or physical characteristics
- Potential to provide important information about prehistory or history.

A property must meet at least one of the criteria for listing and retain sufficient integrity to convey its historic qualities.

Benefits of being listed in the National Register include:

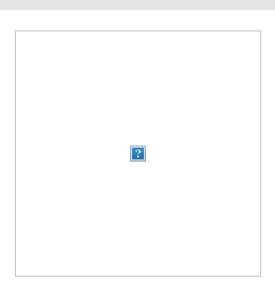
- Potentially stopping the damage or destruction of registered places by requiring state or federally permitted/funded/licensed projects to examine alternatives
- Offering a federal income tax incentive for rehabilitating income-producing places.
- Offering a property tax assessment freeze incentive for rehabilitating single-family, owner-occupied residences
- Increasing awareness and appreciation of registered places

Being listed in the National Register DOES NOT:

- Require private property owners to obtain prior approval to change their property when using private, city or county funds
- Require private property owners to preserve or restore their registered place
- Block state or federally funded/permitted/licensed projects when these are desired by the owner and shown to be in the public interest



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Jazz On A June Afternoon

June 11th, 2022 3-5 pm

On Saturday afternoon, June 11, we're hosting an outdoor Jazz Concert by the Yorkville Big Band, with some special invited guests: topperforming jazz musicians from the Yorkville Area High Schools. They'll perform on our newly restored Lower Terrace in front of the Farnsworth House, with the audience seated on the lawn. BYO lawn chairs or blankets!

Picnics or snacks are encouraged, and you can come "stake your claim" anytime after noon. House tours are not included in the event ticket price, but you can register for the 10:00am tour if you'd like to make a day of it.

\$10 Admission for 13 and up, 12 and under are free!



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Edith Farnsworth House | 14520 River Rd, Plano, IL 60545

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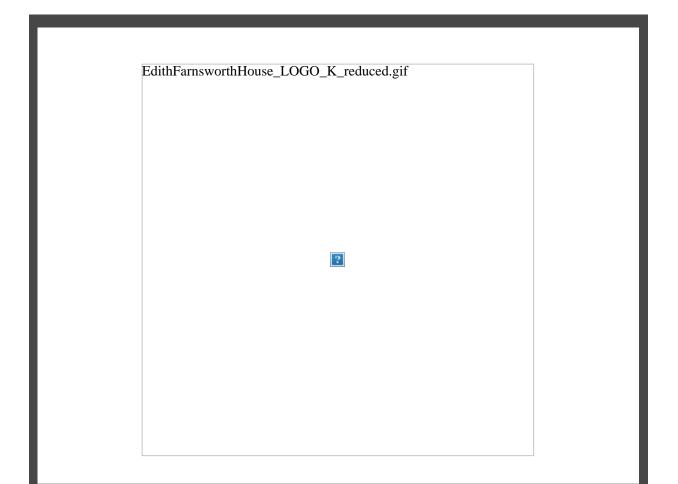
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Summer 2022 Newsletter

Summer on The Fox

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Summer is a great time for a day or weekend trip to the country – and to the Edith Farnsworth House, a highlight of the Fox River Valley! We invite you to take a guided tour or just enjoy our grounds access option for hiking, picnicking, and relaxing in a quiet, natural setting. Our café tables & chairs near the Visitor Center and picnic tables near the house are available for all guests, as are benches along our trails – and the canoe & kayak landing at the river!

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Summer Fun At Edith Farnsworth House!



Jazz On A June Afternoon - June 11th 2022 3-5 pm

Music has always been a part of the Edith Farnsworth House experience. Both previous owners Edith Farnsworth and Peter Palumbo enjoyed a wide range of music including jazz! Come enjoy the Yorkville Big Band, with guest performers from area high schools.

Concessions will be available for purchase by the local 4-H! Bring your lawn seating or a picnic blanket to enjoy your view.

The band will perform on the newly-restored lower terrace facing the river. Tickets are only \$10 for adults – and 12 & under are free!

Transportation assistance is available if needed. There will not be interior access to the Edith Farnsworth house during this event.

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Every Line Is A Decision

March 2022-December 2023

The Edith Farnsworth House is furnished as it was in 1999 - when owned by the British nobleman, Lord Peter Palumbo. From 1972-2003, the Palumbo family enjoyed the house as part of their American country place including use as a guest house for many visiting artists and sculptors. The family added a boathouse, swimming pool, tennis court, gardens and riding trails to the Farnsworth property – as well as many sculptures, which were later moved to their home in Pennsylvania. Come learn about this fascinating chapter in the history of the Edith Farnsworth House! If you're an art lover, watch for our new in-depth art tours coming soon!

David Wallace Haskins: Landscape + Art

Through December 2022

Our 2022 Creative in Residence, David Wallace Haskins, has created a striking centerpiece for the woodland clearing located between the Edith Farnsworth House and the Visitor Center. "Image Continuous" borrows the name of one of Dr. Farnsworth's poems, and also pays homage to Lord Palumbo's former sculpture collection. This work captures the ever-changing sky and reflects its natural surroundings and fascinated viewers in a cinematic way. Watch for David's next installation, coming soon!

G.E. Kidder Smith Photographer

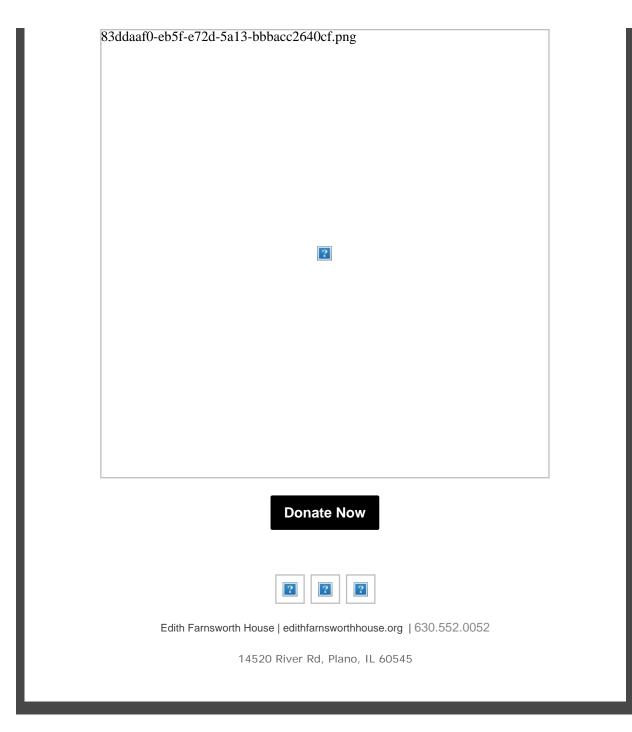
May 22, 2022–July 31, 2022

After their far-flung European travels during the 1960s, G. E. Kidder Smith (GEKS), in the company of his wife and collaborator Dorothea, turned to his own country and produced a series of ambitious photographic surveys focused on the built environment of the United States. The exhibition at the Edith Farnsworth House includes 30 prints from the G.E. Kidder Smith archive at the IUAV Archivio Progetti in Venice, along with a sampling of his published books. The exhibition includes a series of photos documenting the evolution of American housing.

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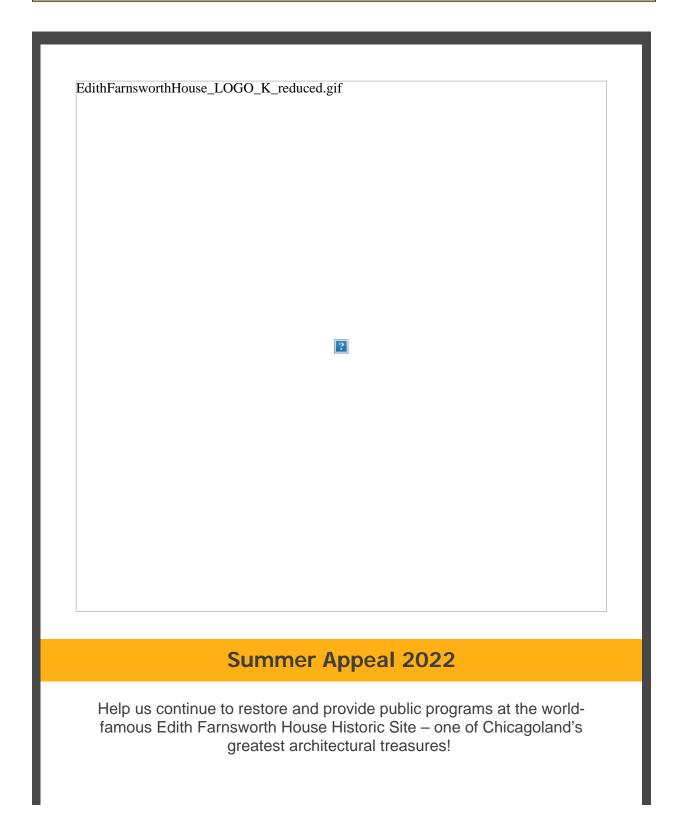
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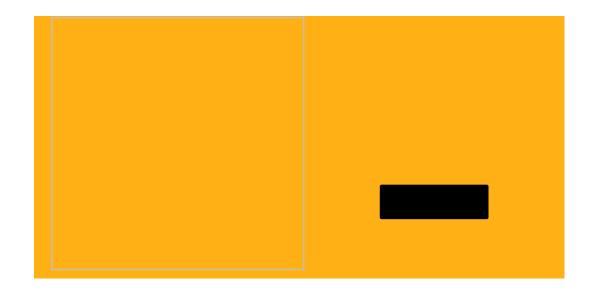
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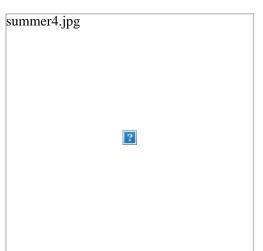
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Our Successes

Last year, we completed the ambitious restoration of the Lower Terrace, the renaming of the EDITH Farnsworth House, and the completion of "Edith Farnsworth Reconsidered," our 2020-21 programmatic focus. This year, we have begun the clearing of invasive species and planting of indigenous trees, sedges and wildflowers in the former sculpture walk area – and have launched "Every Line Is A Decision," our 2022-23 programmatic focus. This project brings landscape and art together, to improve the site and strengthen our program offerings.

Art At Edith Farnsworth House

The plein air paintings of last year's Creative In Residence, Joel Sheesley, shone a new light on the natural beauty of our 60-acre site, further enhanced this year by the work of sculptor David Wallace Haskins. Next year's Creative, Alberto Ortega-Trejo, will continue to invite visitors to explore the intersection of art, architecture, and landscape. Our gallery exhibitions, launched in 2018, continue to explore architecture, photography, art, culture, and nature – exemplified by our upcoming exhibition, "Roger Brown and Miesian Metropolitanism."



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From:	lisa wolancevich
To:	Matt Asselmeier
Subject:	Re: [External]Could we touch base
Date:	Wednesday, June 8, 2022 7:44:04 PM

Thanks Matt,

Lisa DiChiera brought up another question, Does the county view the Kendall County Historical Society as a tourism or Historical site ? If not what steps would we need to take to get it recognized? Lisa Wolancevich

Sent from Lisa Wolancevich's I phone

> On Jun 8, 2022, at 12:10 PM, Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov> wrote:

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> Lisa: >

> We have discussed this internally and have no records of receiving or commenting on a Section 106 for the IDOT expansion at Lyon Farm.

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- > Thanks,
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- > Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM
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> Hi Matt,

> As you saw in the email from Lisa DiChiera last week we are inquiring as to 106 impact study done online farm from IDOT Sent from Lisa Wolancevich's I phone

Matt Asselmeier

From:	Lisa DiChiera <ldichiera@landmarks.org></ldichiera@landmarks.org>
Sent:	Thursday, June 2, 2022 12:48 PM
То:	Rita.E.Baker@illinois.gov; Wallace, Carol; Anthony.rubano@illinois.gov
Cc:	johanna byram; lisa wolancevich; Matt Asselmeier
Subject:	[External]Route 71 expansion - IDOT - Kendall County - urgent inquiry

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Rita, CJ and Anthony,

IDOT (Ottawa office) is filing suit against the Kendall County Historical Society to quick take 1.7 acres of the Kendall County Historical Society's Lyon Farm at 7935 St. Rt. 71. (Oswego Twshp).

<u>https://www.lyonfarmkchs.org/About/about.html</u> The entire farm is 39 acres, is home to five historic buildings that were moved there in the 70s-80s, and to about ten original farm structures – the house and farmed fields financially sustains the historical society as rental property. A genealogy research center is in a building that was constructed ten years ago. Landmarks Illinois provided a grant to help fund recent repairs to the Union School (1847) roof. <u>https://www.shawlocal.com/kendall-county-now/news/local/2021/03/13/kendall-county-historical-society-awardedlandmarks-illinois-grant/</u> The 1.7 acres IDOT plans to take includes the front entrance to the farm, tenant entrance, emergency exit, septic field, underground electricity to the front sign and security fence, 680 feet of a row of French Lilac trees along the fence and 80 space parking lot. IDOT is supposed to deposit funds in the county treasury office for what they think the property is worth and the anticipated property damages (\$60,000 was last offer) and the historical society is yet to learn how they will have access to the farm during the 6 year construction staging period for their ongoing public events, genealogical office where researchers pay to do research, school groups, etc. IDOT plans to pay the historical society \$600 (\$100 a year for 6 years) to take over the front entrance area for this staging.

Mindy Colby is the IDOT attorney who has been communicating with the historic society. Planning for this began in 2013, but only now is the project approaching the section of 71 between Van Emmon and 126 and mobilizing is to begin any time. I don't recall a Section 106 on this. Lisa and Johanna (cc'd here) are fairly new board members, so they would not have been involved at that time. It's believed that the older board members still around who may have been notified about a 106 did not understand the process and don't remember notifications regarding the impact on the farm. It's not clear who at all participated in a 106 on this from the county either. I have cc'd Matt Asselmeier from the planning department here as well.

The historical society is at a standstill regarding how to proceed on planning for this disruption and impending damage to the historic farm and the project's impact on the historical society's functionality as well as their tenants. They are being advised by attorneys that they should get a survey and appraisal of the entire property and to determine the cost impact to losing their 80 space parking lot, the electric system, septic system, the need to move driveways for tenants' access (renter of house and a farmer who farms pumpkins on 13 acres), for public access and the need for new security fencing and landscaping (loss of lilac trees). The only place to build a new parking lot is on the rented land to the farmer, which the lease at this point would prevent. He also maintains a farm stand that will be impacted.

Could you please advise if there was an MOA that came out of a 106 process and if there has been any other correspondence with your office? Has there been a formal DOE of this historic farm, which dates to 1880s to 1900s? The impact of this construction project on the actual historic farm property and the historical society's education programs at Lyon Farm will be detrimental to their functionality and finances. This list of events is only a fraction of what is planned there https://www.lyonfarmkchs.org/Events/events.html for the rest of the year. They also just obtained a food

handling license for concessions during events and fear some events may get cancelled once the disruption is fully public. Fall Fest in October is their largest money making event of the year.

Lisa DiChiera Director of Advocacy Landmarks Illinois

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