

**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.**  
**December 19, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Eric Bernacki (Secretary), Kristine Heiman, Marty Shanahan, and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Absent: Elizabeth Flowers (Vice-Chairwoman)

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Senior Planner)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Bernacki made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2022, meeting. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Wehrli reported that he will not be able to attend the January meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Approval of a Donation to the Kendall County Historical Society for Preparing Burial Information for Soldiers in Kendall County in the Amount of \$50.00; Donation to Be Paid from PBZ Department's Historical Preservation Line Item 11001902-63830*

Discussion occurred regarding the amount of material that would be received since the information was not digitized. The consensus of the Commission was to pay for the information up front.

Member Shanahan asked how much money was in the Commission's budget. Mr. Asselmeier responded Five Hundred Dollars (\$500).

Member Shanahan made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to approve the donation and pay the donation before receiving the burial information.

The votes were as follows:

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

Nays (0): None

Absent (1): Flowers

Abstain (0): None

The motion carried.

Chairman Wehrli suggested sending the Historical Society a thank you note and stating that we (the Commission) look forward to receiving the document.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### ***Discussion of 2023 Meeting with Historic Preservation Groups***

Mr. Asselmeier provided an email Lacey Bower-Keller from the Oswego Brewing Company saying their building was available for the February 15, 2023, meeting.

The consensus of the Commission was to have the meeting at the Oswego Brewing Company.

Member Bernacki discussed publicizing the event. Mr. Asselmeier said a press release would be sent regarding the event.

Valeria Tarka from the Village of Oswego would also speak regarding the new Oswego Downtown Historic District. One (1) of the owners from the Oswego Brewing Company was also available to speak at the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. A roundtable discussion would occur. The consensus of the Commission was not to have additional speakers.

Several Commissioners offered to buy at the meeting. The consensus of the Commission was to bring cookies to the meeting, but all drinks, including water, would be purchased by attendees at the property. Coffee would not be purchased for the meeting.

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve having the February 2023 meeting at the Oswego Brewing Company and purchasing cookies for the meeting. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

#### ***Discussion of Historic Preservation Awards***

Mr. Asselmeier provided the list of nominees for 2022. He said that the Henneberry Barn and winery on Plattville Road were not completed projects.

The window for accepting awards starts in the middle of January 2023. The award applications are due February 28, 2023.

It was suggested giving an award to Stephenie Todd. Mr. Asselmeier will reach out to Ken Donart to see if he had any information on Stephenie or her family.

#### ***Discussion of Having Commission Meetings at Historic Locations in the County***

Discussion occurred regarding the meeting at the Yorkville Masonic Temple. Brian Holdiman was the only member of the public that attended. Commissioners were impressed about the size of the space and the length of time the Lodge has owned the property.

Member Heiman suggested meeting at the new Plano museum. The building is small.

The Plano Train Station was suggested as a meeting location.

The Oswego Masonic Lodge was suggested a meeting location in the spring or early summer.

Discussion occurred about asking people to bring donations to the various museums.

Discussion occurred about having a meeting at the Pickerill House in the future and about having a meeting at the Harris Forest Preserve.

***Discussion of Historic Survey Project/Certified Local Government Grant***

Mr. Asselmeier read an email from Ken Itle stating they started the field work and the work will continue into January. The email was provided. The first invoice for the project, for fifteen percent (15%) of the work, has been submitted.

Chairman Wehrli did some survey visits with WJE Staff. He discussed visits to various sites.

Property owners had received letters prior to the visits.

Member Bernacki will be doing visits later in the week.

***Discussion of Cemeteries***

Chairman Wehrli discussed getting a plan for Memorial Day. The Commission will review the information supplied by the Historic Society.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

***December 2022 Edition of The Bell Tower***

Commissioners reviewed the newsletter.

***November 27, 2022 Farnsworth House Email***

Commissioners reviewed the letter.

Mr. Asselmeier provided an additional email from the Farnsworth House regarding their 2022 appeal.

Mr. Asselmeier provide another email regarding nominations for most endangered places in Illinois. The suggestion was made to have Mr. Asselmeier forward this email to the historic preservation groups.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

It was noted that the January meeting would be on a Wednesday.

Member Shanahan said the Grand Army of the Republic Museum would be rebranded. He discussed the state of the Museum.

Member Bernacki will provide Mr. Asselmeier with older plat maps of some subdivisions in Na-Au-Say Township.

Member Heiman discussed the Galena Living Historic Alliance and the Galena Do Tell Stories Facebook groups.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Member Bernacki made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, to adjourn. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

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

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## Matt Asselmeier

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**From:** Lacey Bower [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 15, 2022 12:42 PM  
**To:** Matt Asselmeier  
**Cc:** Aaron Royster  
**Subject:** [External]Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

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Hi Matt,

My name is Lacey and I am the Tap Room Manager at Oswego Brewing Co. Aaron has given me your contact information about having the Commission hold a meeting here on Wednesday February 15th and having the space from 5:30pm-8:30pm.

Aaron mentioned he let you know about our Event Room, it does seat 32 people so with a larger group we would have to open up the overhead garage door to accommodate the group, but should not be an issue for noise on a Wednesday evening.

The event room does have a tv that you will have access to if needed. And we can have someone from the OBC team to speak about our building and business and will most likely be one of the owners, Aaron or Chris.

I know you had some questions about our food policy and bringing in cookies. We have an open food policy since we do not have a kitchen and you are able to bring in any food items that you would like to offer your group during your meeting. We do offer soda and water as our non-alcoholic options. If you want to bring in other non-alcoholic options you are able to do so as well.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if there is anything else I can do to help facilitate setting up your meeting here.

Thank you and have a wonderful day,

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**Lacey Bower-Keller**  
*Tap Room & Event Manager*

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## Matt Asselmeier

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**From:** Quinn Adamowski <qadamowski@landmarks.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 19, 2022 11:51 AM  
**Subject:** [External]Landmarks Illinois Most Endangered Historic Places List

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Greetings CLG Coordinators,

I am writing regarding the 2023 Landmarks Illinois Most Endangered Historic Places list, which we recently opened for nominations. We are reaching out to you to ask if you would bolster our effort to inform preservation advocates across the state. Will you share our press release (below) with preservation minded organizations and individuals? We would greatly appreciate your partnership and assistance.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank You!!

**Quinn Adamowski**  
*Regional Advocacy Manager*  
Landmarks Illinois

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**[Restoring a building in Southern Illinois? Apply for a grant from Landmarks Illinois by January 1!](#)**

### **Landmarks Illinois seeks nominations for the 2023 Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois**

CHICAGO – Landmarks Illinois is now accepting nominations for the 2023 Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois. The annual Most Endangered list is our longest-running advocacy program that calls attention to historic and culturally significant sites across the state that are threatened with deterioration, demolition or inappropriate development. Nominations for the 2023 Most Endangered list can be made [online here](#) and are due January 17, 2023.

Anyone, including residents, local community groups and city officials, can submit a nomination for a site in Illinois to be included on the 2023 Most Endangered list. Nominated sites should be in critical need of preservation. They do not need to be locally or nationally designated landmarks but should be valued by local residents and/or celebrate local history or culture.

All nominations submitted to the 2023 Most Endangered list will be reviewed by the Landmarks Illinois staff and board of directors. Landmarks Illinois particularly welcomes nominations for places that tell the stories of communities that have historically not received equal recognition from the preservation field. Nominators will

be notified in early spring whether or not their place was selected. The 2023 Most Endangered list will be announced in May 2023.

Please [review our FAQs](#) for detailed information on the annual Most Endangered list, including how sites are selected and what is required of those who nominate a site.

### **BENEFITS OF 'MOST ENDANGERED' DESIGNATION**

Sites included on Landmarks Illinois' [Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois](#) routinely receive a heightened level of statewide attention from residents, governing bodies and media outlets, which help bolster advocacy efforts for preservation of the site. Inclusion on the Most Endangered list can also lead to legislative efforts that aid in a site's eventual preservation.

Landmarks Illinois promotes the Most Endangered properties throughout the year on its website, social media, email and print newsletters and more. These communications are seen by thousands of Illinois residents and preservation partners.

Also, once a property is included on Landmarks Illinois' Most Endangered list, Landmarks Illinois staff remain committed to its preservation efforts, continuing communication and relationships with local advocates and providing resources (including small grants) and connections where possible. In many cases, this has led to years- or decades-long relationships between local advocates and Landmarks Illinois. Staff at Landmarks Illinois can also serve as a link to pro bono services from other preservation professionals such as architects, engineers, historians and more.

Explore previous Most Endangered lists and learn more about the program [at our website](#).

### **ABOUT LANDMARKS ILLINOIS**

We are People Saving Places for People. Landmarks Illinois is a membership-based, historic preservation nonprofit organization serving the people of Illinois. We inspire and empower stakeholders to save places that matter to them by providing free guidance, practical and financial resources and access to strategic partnerships. For more information, visit [www.Landmarks.org](http://www.Landmarks.org).

**Matt Asselmeier**

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**From:** Edith Farnsworth House <farnsworthhouse@savingplaces.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 17, 2022 10:14 AM  
**To:** Matt Asselmeier  
**Subject:** [External]Steel and Stone of Edith Farnsworth House

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# EDITH FARNSWORTH HOUSE

## 2022 Appeal



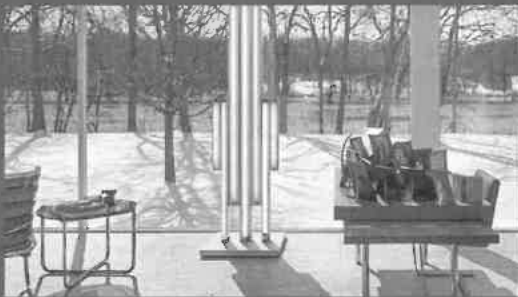
[CLICK HERE](#) to learn about what is ahead for Edith Farnsworth House in 2023!

***Real generosity toward the future lies in giving all to the present.***  
~ Albert Camus, *The Rebel*, 1951

## WITH GRATITUDE

Supporters like you are the steel and stone that supports **Edith Farnsworth House**. Your support makes possible our **creative-in-residence**, as well as new and exciting exhibitions, educational **programs**, and special events **year after year**.

**This year, you have also helped us preserve** the natural beauty that surrounds our mid-century masterpiece. With your help, we will continue to restore and manage the native landscape that is so integral to the clarity and inspiration you'll find at the **Edith Farnsworth House Historic Site**.



**HELP ENSURE OUR 2023 INITIATIVES WITH A YEAR-END GIFT TODAY!**

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## Matt Asselmeier

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**From:** KRISS HEIMAN <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 19, 2022 8:09 PM  
**To:** Matt Asselmeier  
**Subject:** [External]Re: December 19th HPC Meeting

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Matt,

The group I was talking about tonight is called Galena's Living History Alliance. They are on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100085535064557>. Also, follow the page Galena Homes Do Tell Stories <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083421490782> to hear about the homes.

Best regards,

Kristine Heiman, Designated Managing Broker  
SFR, SRS, AHWD, SRES  
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