

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.
January 18, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Marty Shanahan

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Senior Planner)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to approve the minutes from the December 19, 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 February meeting. He noted the importance of having the group meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of 2023 Meeting with Historic Preservation Groups

Approval of Agenda for the Meeting

It was noted that attendees would have two (2) weeks to complete the application for historic preservation awards if they received an application at the February meeting. Applicants can nominate any structure, group, or person they deem appropriate.

Ken Itle will be asked to attend the meeting and give an update on the survey. If he was unable to attend, Mr. Asselmeier will ask Ken Itle for an update prior to the meeting and report that information at the meeting.

The consensus of the Commission was to approve the agenda as presented.

Mr. Asselmeier was not able to obtain contact the Todd Family. Mr. Asselmeier will attempt to contact Whitney French and see if she had any contact information with the Todd Family. Chairman Wehrli will contact John and Mary Church to see if they have any contact information.

Discussion of Other Meeting Logistics

Mr. Asselmeier provided a list of invitees, the save-the-date document, and the letter to invitees. The save-the-date email will be sent on January 19, 2023.

Mr. Asselmeier will get two (2) dozen cookies from Panera. The drinks can be purchased at Oswego Brewing Company. Coffee will not be provided unless it is sold by the Oswego Brewing Company.

Mr. Asselmeier discussed making sure that the power strip, electric cord, and HDMI cord are available.

Discussion occurred about having a disclaimer because the meeting is at a brewery. Mr. Asselmeier said the County was not providing alcoholic drinks or encouraging anyone to buy anything at the Oswego Brewing Company. If attendees buy drinks, the attendee was responsible for their actions. Member Flowers asked that Oswego Brewing Company to have water next to the cookies.

Discussion of Historic Preservation Awards

Mr. Asselmeier provided the press release and application for the awards. WSPY planned to conduct an interview on the awards.

Discussion of Having Commission Meetings at Historic Locations in the County

The Oswego Masonic Temple will be the target location for the March meeting. Mr. Asselmeier will coordinate everything for the meeting.

Chairman Wehrli suggested announcing at the group meeting that the Commission was looking for historic locations to have the regular monthly meetings.

Discussion of Historic Survey Project/Certified Local Government Grant

Mr. Asselmeier read an email from Ken Itle discussing the field work.

Member Bernacki described the field work that he did as part of the project. He discussed an old school house at Walker and Lisbon Roads that he visited. He noted that the local township assessor's office also took pictures at some of the properties.

Chairman Wehrli discussed his experiences visiting properties.

Member Bernacki questioned how properties were selected for visiting during specific field visits. Mr. Asselmeier said that he would have to ask the consultant how the rosters were determined for specific days.

Discussion of Cemeteries

Mr. Asselmeier said the donation was submitted, but he has not heard from the Historical Society. The consensus was to wait to see if the information was provided at the February meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

December 29, 2022, January 8, 2023, and January 9, 2023 Emails from Mike Bortel

Commissioners reviewed the emails.

December 28, 2022 and January 5, 2023, Farnsworth House Emails

Commissioners reviewed the emails.

December 20, 2022 and January 5, 2023 Email from Illinois State Historic Preservation Office

Commissioners reviewed the emails. Mr. Asselmeier provided an additional email from January 17, 2023, regarding regional workshops.

January 5, 2023 Kendall County Circuit Clerk Press Release

Commissioners reviewed the press release.

Member Bernacki asked if anyone responded to the press release. Mr. Asselmeier said that he received one (1) response, but the Circuit Clerk's Office is the primary contact.

Member Bernacki asked how the County retained the material for this long. Chairman Wehrli explained how the County had kept the materials since the 1910s. Member Bernacki would like for the materials to stay in the County at the Kendall County Historical Society. Member Bernacki suggested retaining a link on the County's website after the materials were turned over to the Illinois State Treasurer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to adjourn. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

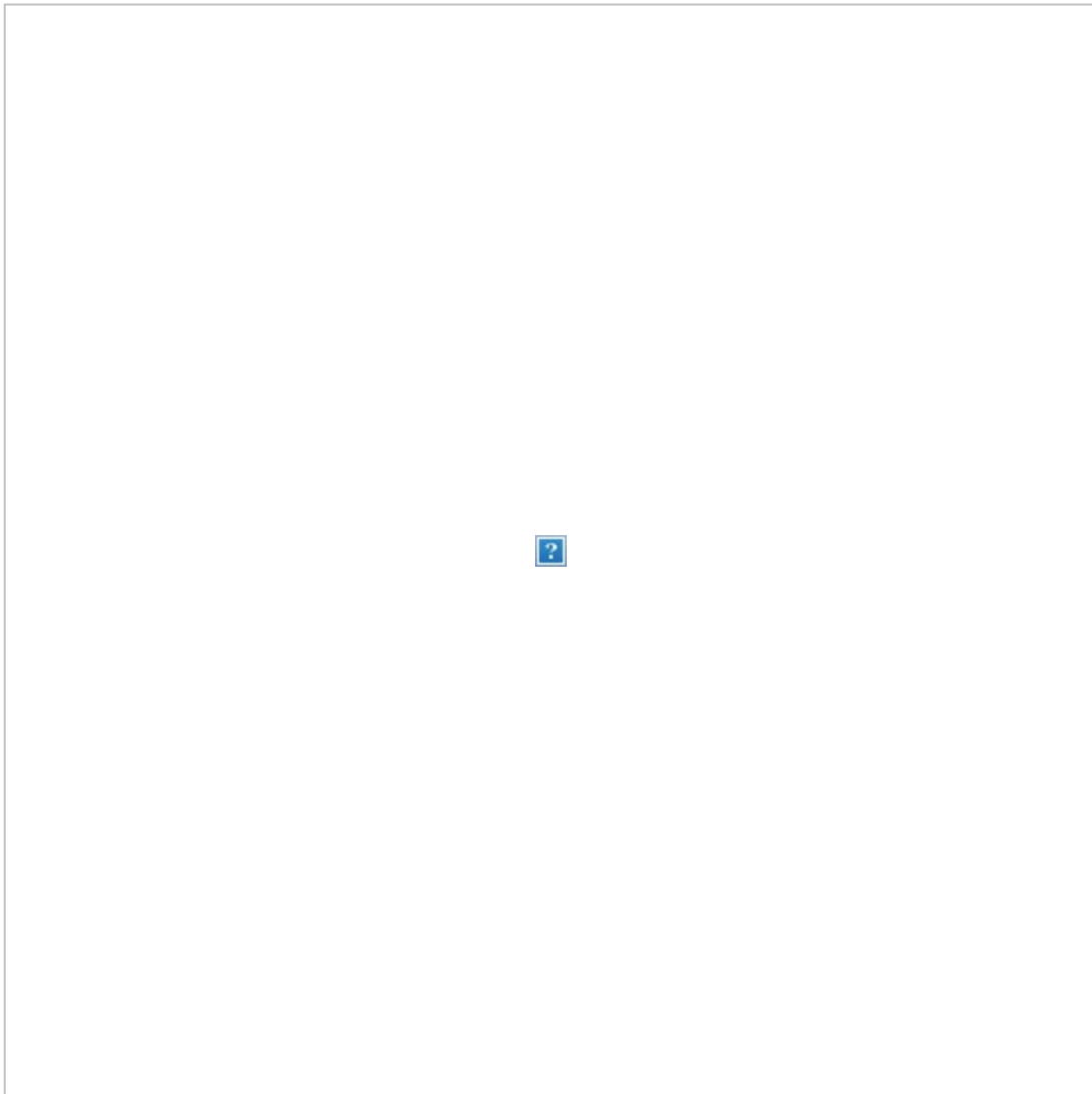
Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM
Senior Planner

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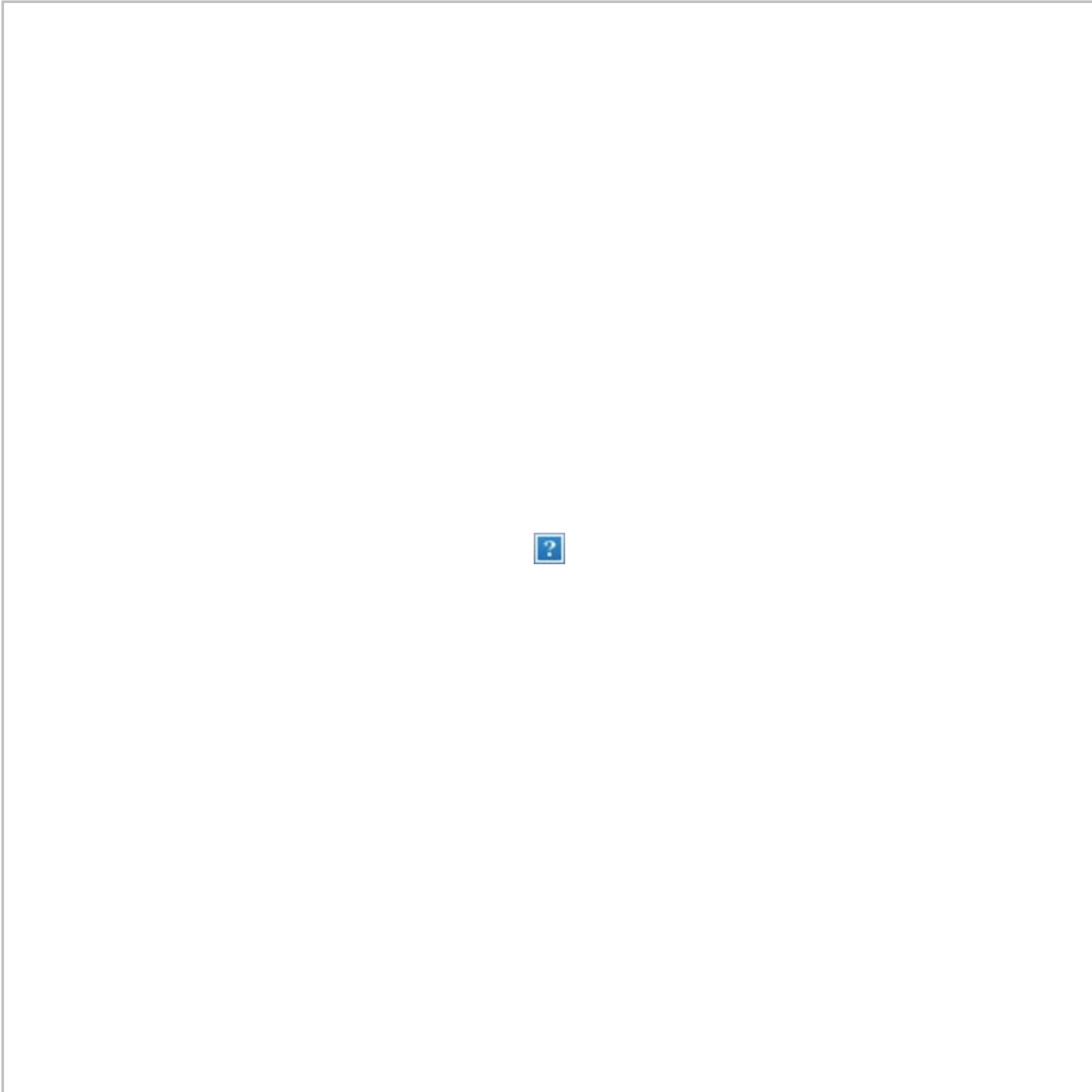
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Your Voice Matters!

The Illinois State Historic Preservation Office (IL-SHPO) invites you to attend one of several upcoming on-site regional workshops in Bloomington and Marshall in preparation of the ***Illinois Statewide Historic Preservation Plan***. These workshops provide you the opportunity to identify and discuss local, regional, and statewide issues and trends that impact preservation in your community and around the state.

These Regional Workshops are part of a broad-based stakeholder engagement program for the *Illinois*

Statewide Historic Preservation Plan, scheduled for completion by December 2023. This is a public plan informed by comments from Illinois stakeholders about local and statewide preservation priorities.

The Illinois Statewide Historic Preservation Plan guides effective decision-making by preservation partners across the state as mandated under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1996. The IL-SHPO hosts the Plan, gathers public comment for use in the Plan's development, and monitors how community stakeholders pursue the Plan's goals and accomplish its objectives. Visit the project website at www.illinoispreservationplan.com for more information.

Stay Informed!

Keep up to date with the Illinois Statewide Preservation Plan by visiting www.illinoispreservationplan.com. The website will list regular updates on upcoming meetings, and other activities related to the statewide preservation planning process.

Keep an eye out for additional regional workshops at the seven communities listed below!



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