



**KENDALL COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**
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AGENDA

November 20, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tour of Helmar Lutheran Church

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of October 16, 2023, Meeting (Pages 2-5)

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of 2024 Historic Preservation Awards
2. Discussion of February 2024 Meeting with Historic Preservation Groups (Pages 6-7)
3. Discussion of Historic Structure Surveys (Page 8)
4. Discussion of Having Commission Meetings at Historic Locations in the County
 - a. United Plattville Association in January 2024 (Tentative)
 - b. Plano Masonic Lodge in March 2024
 - c. Henneberry Barn and Ashley Farm
 - d. Pickerill Pigot House for Summer Meeting with Historic Preservation Groups

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. October 19, 2023, Email from Edith Farnsworth House (Pages 9-11)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting December 18, 2023

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.

KENDALL COUNTY
Historic Preservation Commission
Pickerill Estate House
Pickerill-Pigott Forest Preserve
6350A Minkler Road, Yorkville, Illinois
6:00 p.m.
October 16, 2023-Unofficial Until Approved

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Eric Bernacki (Vice-Chair) (Arrived at 6:07 p.m.), Kristine Heiman (Secretary), and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman), Elizabeth Flowers, and Marty Shanahan

Absent: None

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Director), Wanda A. Rolf (Administrative Assistant), David Guritz (Forest Preserve Director), and Todd Volker (Economic Development)

NEW BUSINESS

Tour of the Pickerill-Pigot House

Commissioners toured the house and received information regarding the Pickerills and the property.

Member Bernacki arrived at this time (6:07 p.m.).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, to approve the agenda. With a voice vote of five (5) ayes, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2023, meeting. With a voice vote of five (5) ayes, the motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Discussion occurred regarding having a meeting in Plattville. The Commission will try to meet in Plattville in January 2024. Mr. Asselmeier confirmed the February meeting would still occur at Au Sable Presbyterian Church on February 21, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Asselmeier introduced Todd Volker, the new Kendall County Economic Development Coordinator.

NEW BUSINESS

Recommendation on FY2023-2024 Meeting Calendar

Member Bernacki made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, to recommend approval of the meeting calendar. With a voice vote of five (5) ayes, the motion carried.

Approval of Historic Preservation Award Application and Press Release

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to approve the application and press release. With a voice vote of five (5) ayes, the motion carried.

Discussion of 2024 Meeting with Historic Preservation Groups

Mr. Asselmeier reported that the Pastor for the Au Sable Grove Presbyterian Church was agreeable to having the meeting at the church on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Asselmeier needed to confirm if a person from the Church could provide a history of the building and congregation. Jon Pressley from the State would discuss the importance of landmarking a structure.

Discussion occurred regarding the oldest structure in Kendall County. Mr. Asselmeier provided an email from Ken Itle on the matter.

Discussion of Historic Structure Surveys

Mr. Asselmeier reported the structure survey of Na-Au-Say and Seward Townships was still in the proposed budget.

Discussion occurred regarding uploading the surveys from Kendall and Bristol Township into the GIS.

Discussion also occurred regarding the stone monuments in the Native American reservations.

Discussion of Having Commission Meetings at Historic Locations in the County

Commissioners discussed having future meetings at the Henneberry Barn, Ashley Road Banquet Center, Plano Hotel, the Gaylord House, Lisbon Congregational Church, Plano Masonic Temple, and Plano Post Office. Mr. Asselmeier will investigate the option of having meetings at these properties.

Commissioners favored having the summer 2024 group meeting at the Pickerill House.

Discussion occurred regarding the oldest business in Kendall County.

Discussion of Cemeteries

Commissioners reviewed the list of cemeteries.

Chairman Wehrli felt the Commission had done all it could related to cemeteries.

CORRESPONDENCE

September 28, 2023, Email from Edith Farnsworth House

Commissioners reviewed the email. The email provided information that the Edith Farnsworth House has launched its first tour in Spanish to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month. It was led by Alejandro Saldana Perales, PhD, candidate in Architecture at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Mr. Asselmeier provided an email Kendra Parzen regarding the October 14, 2023, meeting of the Suburban Preservation Alliance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Guritz discussed using LiDAR to find historic properties and artifacts.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to adjourn. With a voice vote of five (5) ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wanda A Rolf
Administrative Assistant

Matt Asselmeier

From: Kendra Parzen <kparzen@landmarks.org>
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2023 9:25 AM
To: Kendra Parzen
Subject: [External]Suburban Preservation Alliance 10/14/2023

CAUTION - This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear members of the Suburban Preservation Alliance,

It's come to my attention that invitations to attend the meeting of the Suburban Preservation Alliance **tomorrow, October 14** may have gone to spam folders. With apologies for the short notice if that happened to your invitation, if you would like to attend the meeting and have not already responded, please RSVP **today** by responding to this email. If you have already responded, please feel free to ignore this message. Details are below. I hope to see you tomorrow.

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Please join us for a meeting of the Suburban Preservation Alliance

Hosted by Landmarks Illinois & the Maywood Historic Preservation Commission

Saturday, October 14, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

At Maywood Supportive Living, winner of a 2023 Landmarks Illinois Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Award
316 Randolph Street, Maywood, IL, 60153

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Best,

Kendra Parzen
Advocacy Manager
Landmarks Illinois

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Matt Asselmeier

From: Matt Asselmeier
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 9:05 AM
To: Jenny Hubbard
Cc: Jeff Wehrli
Subject: RE: [External]Re: Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Rev. Hubbard:

That's great news. We would like her to speak for about 10-15 minutes plus Q&A.

If she has a power point presentation, that would be helpful. If not, that's OK as well.

Thanks,

Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM
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From: Jenny Hubbard <revjennyhubbard@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 8:18 PM
To: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov>
Subject: Re: [External]Re: Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Matt,

I am at the meeting with the 175th Anniversary Committee of our church and asked them if anyone could come to the meeting you are holding on Feb 21st here at AuSable Grove. I told them you would like someone to come speak on the History of the church and yes we have someone. Judy Wheeler would be happy to come. Anything she needs to know that I can pass along?

Rev. Jenny Hubbard
Au Sable Grove Presbyterian Church
E-Mail: revjennyhubbard@gmail.com



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On Mon, Sep 25, 2023 at 10:04 AM Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov> wrote:

Historic Preservation Organization Meeting

The Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission would like to invite you to a meeting on **February 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**, at Au Sable Grove Presbyterian Church, at 5021 Wheeler Road, Yorkville. The purpose of this meeting is to explore collaborative opportunities between historic preservation groups in Kendall County and to receive updates on the activities of local historic preservation groups.

Guest speakers include a representative from Au Sable Grove Presbyterian Church, discussing the history of their building and congregation which celebrated their 175th anniversary in 2023. Also, Jon Pressley, from the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office, will discuss the importance of landmarking property.

Please RSVP to Matt Asselmeier at masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov or 630-553-4139 by **February 14, 2024**. Any questions or requests for additional information should also be sent to Mr. Asselmeier.



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Matt Asselmeier

From: Pressley, Jon L. <Jon.L.Pressley@Illinois.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 11:11 AM
To: Matt Asselmeier
Cc: Jeff Wehrli
Subject: [External]RE: CLG Grant Question

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Hi Matt,

I anticipate the next round opening in February or March.

Jon L. Pressley, MA, RPA
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and Historic Preservation Fund Manager
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From: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 11:08 AM
To: Pressley, Jon L. <Jon.L.Pressley@Illinois.gov>
Cc: Jeff Wehrli <jeffw.ent.2022@gmail.com>
Subject: [External] CLG Grant Question

Jon:

Do you know when the next round of CLG Grants will open?

Thanks,

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Matt Asselmeier

From: Edith Farnsworth House <farnsworth@farnsworthhouse.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 2:39 PM
To: Matt Asselmeier
Subject: [External]FINAL CALL FOR TICKETS - Living with Mies Tour: From Home to Photo

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FINAL CALL FOR TICKETS!
Living with Mies: From Home to Photo tour

**LIVING WITH
MIES TOUR**

a collaboration with the
Chicago Architecture Biennial

**October 28th,
11:00 am – 6:30 pm**



EDITH FARNSWORTH HOUSE

Join us for our fall fundraiser!

Living with Mies: From Home to Photo tour

Partnering with the 2023 Chicago Architectural Biennial, photographer Arina Dähnck and architect Dirk Lohan will lead us through the interiors of several iconic Mies buildings in downtown Chicago in conjunction with Dähnck's newest exhibit *Living with Mies*, now on view at Edith Farnsworth House.

The tour starts at the American Medical Association, 330 North Wabash, Chicago, IL for remarks by Dähnck. After a tour of the lobby by Lohan, who helped furnish it, guests will have a curated private lunch with Arina and Dirk at Travelle Restaurant at the Langham Hotel right next door, which is included in your ticket price. Guests will then be driven by private transport, also included in your ticket price, to 860-800 and 900-910 Lake Shore Drive to be invited into select apartment units. After the tour, join us for a beverage and lite bites before we head back to 330 North Wabash.

Tickets will be available (\$300 pp) will be available until October 21, or until tour is full. Space is limited. Please note this event is not on-site at Edith Farnsworth House.

Tour inquiries can be sent to farnsworth@farnsworthhouse.org

Secure your tickets before it is too late!



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

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