



**KENDALL COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**
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AGENDA

November 18, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of October 21, 2024, Meeting (Pages 2-9)

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of 2025 Meeting with Historic Preservation Group (Page 10)
2. Discussion of Historic Preservation Awards (Page 11)
3. Discussion of 13860 Fox Road
4. Discussion of Having Commission Meetings at Historic Locations in the County; Commission Could Determine Meeting Locations and Times
5. Discussion of Native American Tribes Associated with Kendall County (Page 12)

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. November 8, 2024, Email from Wiss, Janney, Elstner, Associates Regarding Historic Structure Reports (Pages 13-14)
2. November 10, 2024, Email from the Edith Farnsworth House Regarding the 2024 Review and Appeal (Pages 15-17)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting December 16, 2024

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**KENDALL COUNTY
Historic Preservation Commission
County Boardroom
111 W. Fox Street
Rooms 209 and 210 Yorkville, IL 60560
6:00 p.m.
October 21, 2024-Unofficial Until Approved**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Elizabeth Flowers

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier and Wanda A. Rolf

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Shanahan 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 Bernacki made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2024, meeting. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

Recommendation on FY2024-2025 Meeting Calendar

Mr. Asselmeier stated that in November the Historic Preservation meeting would be held at 6:00 p.m., because it is in the same fiscal year. The December meeting would start at 5:30 p.m. with the new fiscal year. Chairman Wehrli asked the Commission if they wanted the general meeting to start at 5:30 p.m. or at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Asselmeier stated that the winter meeting is in February. The summer meeting rotates between July and August. The Commission stated they would like the group meetings to be at 5:30 p.m.

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, to recommend approval of the meeting calendar and the group meetings. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

Approval of a Recommendation to Authorize the County Board Chairman and Other Appropriate County Officials to Sign and Submit a Certified Local Government Grant to Conduct an Historic Structure Survey in Unincorporated Na-Au-Say and Seward Townships for a Total Project Cost of \$40,000 (Grant Amount is \$28,000 and County Match is \$12,000)

Mr. Asselmeier presented the quote from Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates and the email from the State announcing the opening of the grant window. Mr. Asselmeier stated he is waiting for the paperwork to apply

for the grant. He said the application is basically formatted the same as it was for the project in Bristol and Kendall Townships.

Chairman Wehrli asked what the timeline is for applying for the grant. Mr. Asselmeier stated the application has to be submitted to the State by November 15, 2024.

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to recommend that the County Board Chairman and Other Appropriate County Officials sign and submit the grant application.

The votes were as follows:

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

Nays (0): None

Abstain (0): None

Absent (1): Flowers

The motion carried.

The proposal will go to the County Board on November 6, 2024.

Approval of Historic Preservation Award Application and Press Release

Commissioners reviewed the dates for the press release which will be on January 13, 2025, and February 14, 2025.

Chairman Wehrli stated he would like to have “adaptive reuse of a building” as one of the award designations. He requested Mr. Asselmeier to contact the Village of Oswego to get the status of the old Oswego Firehouse. The Vault in Yorkville and the winery on Plattville Road were also suggested as possible applicants for awards under the adaptive reuse category.

The application deadline is on February 28, 2025.

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, to approve the application and press release. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of 2025 Meeting with Historic Preservation Groups

Chairman Wehrli asked Commissioners to keep looking for a meeting place with the Historic Preservation Groups. The Historic Courthouse is default meeting location.

Discussion of 13860 Fox Road

Mr. Asselmeier stated he received an email from Anna Margaret Barris stating that her staff met with the roofing contractor in August but have not heard back with any estimates or that they were not interested. Ms. Barris said she would contact the secondary roofing contractor on her list. Ms. Barris also stated that they would not be able to let anyone in the house until the roof is completed and the interior has been cleaned up. The house has been vacant for fifteen (15) years. Ms. Barris will let Mr. Asselmeier know when the house will be available for a tour.

Discussion of Having Commission Meetings at Historic Locations in the County; Commission Could Determine Meeting Locations and Times

Member Shanahan spoke about The Plano Stone Church and will look into the possibility of having a future meeting at that location.

Discussion of Native American Tribes Associated with Kendall County

Mr. Asselmeier received an email from the Farnsworth House stating they were hosting a Pow Wow in September 2025. Mr. Asselmeier also stated he would like to coordinate something with Kendall County and The Farnsworth House and possibly partner with them on a meeting on Native American Tribes in Kendall County. He will contact the Farnsworth House to get more information on that event.

CORRESPONDENCE

September 17, 2024, Email from the Village of Montgomery Regarding Historic Cemetery Walk

Commissioners reviewed the email.

September 19, 2024, Email from Wiss, Janney, Elstner, Associates Regarding Materials Selection, Substitution and Unintended Consequences

Commissioners reviewed the email.

September 24, 2024, Email from Kendra Parzen Regarding the Suburban Preservation Alliance

Commissioners reviewed the email.

October 3, 2024, Email from Wiss, Janney, Elstner, Associates Regarding Collapses

Commissioners reviewed the email.

October 9, 2024, Email from the Edith Farnsworth House Regarding the Farnsworth House Fall Festival

Commissioners reviewed the email.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Asselmeier presented an email regarding a wind event training offered by Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates on October 30, 2024.

Member Bernacki asked about scenic routes. Mr. Asselmeier stated that the Regional Planning Commission decided not to incorporate scenic routes into parking setbacks in A-1 districts. The remaining zoning districts will be discussed with the land resource management plan update. Discussion occurred regarding the definition of scenic, the possibility to recognize certain routes and what that recognition would look like, and regulation of uses and structures along scenic routes.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Heiman 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 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wanda A. Rolf
Administrative Assistant

Enc.

Matt Asselmeier

From: Barris, Anna Margaret <AnnaMargaret.Barris@Illinois.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2024 2:55 PM
To: Matt Asselmeier
Subject: RE: [External]Silver Spring State Park

Hi Matt,

Sorry for the delay in this update! Our staff met with the roofing contractor in August, however, they have yet to hear back from them on a proposal or timeframe- or even a response that they are uninterested in doing the project (this is after many emails and phone calls).

So now we are contacting the secondary contractor on our Master Contract list to see if we have a better response. Unfortunately, we cannot let anyone tour the house until the roofing project has been completed and the interior has been cleaned-up. It's been sitting vacant for 15+ years...

I'll keep you posted when I hear more info.

Thanks!

Anna Margaret Barris
Project Reviewer
State Historic Preservation Office
Illinois Department of Natural Resources

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Springfield, IL 62702-1271
217-785-7929
AnnaMargaret.Barris@illinois.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Barris, Anna Margaret
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2024 8:42 AM
To: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov>
Subject: RE: [External]Silver Spring State Park

Good morning Matt! I'm waiting to hear back from our regional staff overseeing the roofing project. I'll let you know asap.

Thanks!

Anna Margaret Barris
Project Reviewer
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Matt Asselmeier

From: Tolmie, Clare <ctolmie@illinois.edu>
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2024 7:09 AM
To: Matt Asselmeier
Cc: Lewis, Mike
Subject: [External]re: Evelyn Site QuestionDear Mrs Assel

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Dear Mr. Asselmeier

Thank you very much for contacting us via Ask an Archaeologist. Your query about the Evelyn Site was forwarded to me as our office works in northern Illinois. Unfortunately (for us but not for them) the people with the most expertise on the Evelyn site have retired or moved on and there is now no-one in our office with direct experience of the project.

If your organization is interested, we can provide a speaker who can talk more generally about the work of ISAS in the region, or on other aspects of the archaeological record in northern Illinois.

Sincerely

Clare Tolmie

Clare Tolmie, PhD, RPA
Field Station Coordinator

Illinois State Archaeological Survey
Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois
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Matt Asselmeier

From: Jolie Diepenhorst <JDiepenhorst@savingplaces.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 3:37 PM
To: Matt Asselmeier
Cc: Jeff Wehrli; Christina Burns
Subject: RE: [External]Re: Gerald Savage Contact Information

WOW! That's a great idea! Let me know if Edith Farnsworth can help with anything. We hope to host a Pow Wow next September.

Rapheal Wahwasucck contact: [REDACTED] Raphael is a tribal council member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi.

Truman Lowe is deceased and is HoChunk from Wisconsin. His widow is not a public speaker.

Best,

Jolie Diepenhorst, MA
Senior Manager of Programs and Interpretation
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From: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 3:20 PM
To: Jolie Diepenhorst <JDiepenhorst@savingplaces.org>
Cc: Jeff Wehrli <jeffw.ent.2022@gmail.com>; Christina Burns <cburns@kendallcountyil.gov>
Subject: RE: [External]Re: Gerald Savage Contact Information

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The Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission is looking for contacts from Native American tribes that were in this area to potentially organize an educational event.

Thanks,

Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM
Director
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Fax: 630-553-4179

From: Jolie Diepenhorst <JDiepenhorst@savingplaces.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 3:18 PM
To: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov>

Matt Asselmeier

From: Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. <webinars@wje.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2024 8:32 AM
To: Matt Asselmeier
Subject: [External]You're Invited to a WJE Webinar

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Wind Events and Glass Breakage: Lessons Learned in San Francisco



In March 2023, winter storms produced two significant wind events in San Francisco within a span of one week. Glass at several mid- and high-rise buildings fell to the street below, resulting in "shelter in place" directives and local media coverage. Additional storm-related glass breakage and other facade failures occurred but were not as widely publicized. Following WJE's investigation of these buildings, the City of San Francisco issued revisions to their Facade Inspection and Maintenance Program. Primarily affecting buildings fifteen stories and taller, these changes were intended to safeguard against future failures and have already led to the identification and repair of broken glass on other high-rises in the city.

In this complimentary, one-hour webinar, architects **Andrew Bishop** and **Aaron Weiss**, along with engineer **Kaat Ceder**, will discuss the failures observed in San Francisco, explain recent updates to the city's facade inspection and maintenance program, and offer practical recommendations for owners and facade designers—in San Francisco and beyond—based on their investigations.

By the end of the webinar, you will be able to:

- Identify common causes of glass breakage in high-rise glazing and clarify how facade inspectors can evaluate an "unsafe condition," as defined by the code

- Describe measures that property owners can take to mitigate the risk of broken glass falling to the street during a storm
- Summarize design considerations for architects, facade designers, and specifiers to lower the probability of glass fall-out and help their clients reduce maintenance costs and liability
- Explain the San Francisco facade inspection and maintenance program requirements, including the recent updates

There will be plenty of time for your questions during the presentation. Attendees are eligible for one American Institute of Architects (AIA) HSW Learning Unit.

DETAILS

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

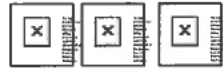
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Matt Asselmeier

From: Benn Joseph <b[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2024 10:56 AM
To: Matt Asselmeier
Cc: Jeff Wehrli
Subject: RE: [External]RE: 13860 Fox Road Question

Hi Matthew,
I'd be delighted to speak on this topic at the upcoming meeting in February. In fact, I had been looking for an opportunity to get more involved in researching the Tribune Experimental Farm, so this would be a great and very timely opportunity. Please let me know about next steps, and I'll get started. This would be an in person meeting, correct?

Best,
--Benn

From: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 12:53 PM
To: Benn Joseph <b[REDACTED]>
Cc: Jeff Wehrli <jeffw.ent.2022@gmail.com>; McCormick Library <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: [External]RE: 13860 Fox Road Question

Benn:

Every year in February and in the summer, the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission hosts a group meeting of all of the historic preservation organizations in Kendall County. We usually try to have 1 or 2 speakers on a relevant topic in Kendall County history.

Would you or do you know someone that could speak to the group for 15-20 minutes on the history of the McCormick experimental farm formerly at Silver Springs?

Thanks,

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From: Benn Joseph <b[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 5:55 PM
To: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov>
Cc: Jeff Wehrli <jeffw.ent.2022@gmail.com>; McCormick Library <[REDACTED]>
Subject: [External]RE: 13860 Fox Road Question

Matt Asselmeier

From: Rachel Riemenschneider <RRiemenschneider@oswegoil.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 4:30 PM
To: Matt Asselmeier
Cc: Rod Zenner
Subject: [External]RE: Old Oswego Firehouse Question

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Hi Matt,

No concerns on our end. We have contact info for the building owner if you need it and I *might* have some historic photos of the fire station in our files somewhere. If contact info or pictures would be helpful, or there's anything else that Oswego HPC or staff can do to help, just let me know!

Thanks,

Rachel Riemenschneider

Assistant Development Services Director



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From: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 9:07 AM
To: Rachel Riemenschneider <RRiemenschneider@oswegoil.org>
Cc: Rod Zenner <RZenner@oswegoil.org>
Subject: Old Oswego Firehouse Question

Rachel:

The Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission is working on the logistics for the 2025 Historic Preservation Awards.

They were wondering what the status was of the old Oswego Firehouse where the Oswego Brewing Company was previously located. The Commission was wondering if the work that has occurred at the building warranted an award in the adaptive reuse category.

Does the Village have any comments or concerns if the Kendall County HPC granted an award to the owners of the building next year?

Thanks,

Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM

Matt Asselmeier

From: Matt Asselmeier
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 9:31 AM
To: Jolie Diepenhorst
Cc: Jeff Wehrli; Christina Burns
Subject: RE: [External]Re: Gerald Savage Contact Information

Jolie:

Were you able to provide answers to the questions that I sent previously?

Thanks,

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From: Matt Asselmeier
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 9:02 AM
To: Jolie Diepenhorst <JDiepenhorst@savingplaces.org>
Cc: Jeff Wehrli <jeffw.ent.2022@gmail.com>; Christina Burns <cburns@kendallcountyil.gov>
Subject: RE: [External]Re: Gerald Savage Contact Information

Jolie:

The Kendall County Historic Preservation would be willing to consider partnering with the Farnsworth House for this event.

The Commission did have a few questions:

1. What is the specific nature of the event (i.e. what exactly is going to happen at the event)?
2. Will the speakers be talking about the Native American tribes that lived in Kendall County?
3. Who is the target audience of the event?
4. Has a date been determined for the event?

Thanks,

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Historic Structure Reports: Resources for Stewardship



If you're the owner or manager of a historic structure, the development of a formal Historic Structure Report can be a useful tool for organizing information, assessing significance, developing treatments, and guiding decision-making for its preservation, rehabilitation, and repair. Historic Structure Reports can be prepared for subjects as wide-ranging as industrial facilities, residences, schools, hospitals, churches, lighthouses, museums, visitors centers, military fortifications, government buildings, monuments, and ships. Each historic structure presents unique challenges in terms of understanding its history and significance, evaluating its material and construction, and preparing guidance for its stewardship.

In this complimentary, one-hour webinar, historian and conservator **Deborah Slaton** and historical architects **Mike Ford** and **Tim Penich** will provide an overview of Historic Structure Reports and related studies, the benefits to having one, and the process through which the reports are developed. The presentation will include case studies illustrating the significance and utility of Historic Structure Reports.

By the end of the webinar, you will be able to:

- Identify the types of resources for which Historic Structure Reports can be prepared

- Differentiate between Historic Structure Reports and related studies for historic resources
- Describe the process to prepare a Historic Structure Report
- Explain how a Historic Structure Report is used to guide planning for the stewardship of historic resources

There will be plenty of time for your questions during the presentation. Attendees are eligible for one American Institute of Architects (AIA) Learning Unit.

DETAILS

Thursday, November 21, 2024

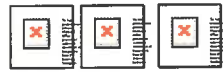
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Matt Asselmeier

From: Edith Farnsworth House <klochner@savingplaces.org>
Sent: Sunday, November 10, 2024 2:00 PM
To: Matt Asselmeier
Subject: [External]Can We Count On You?

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Edith Farnsworth House 2024 Review and Appeal



Above: This summer, we offered guided river trips in partnership with the Kendall County Outdoor Education Center

Below: West Chicago CAPE Summer Program with the Mexican Cultural Center DuPage



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Above: Eight of the original non-tempered glass panes were replaced with new tempered glass, and the original steel frames were reconditioned and reinstalled

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Help continue the momentum with a tax-deductible contribution to the National Trust's Edith Farnsworth House (tax ID #53-0210807)

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A YEAR OF IMPACT

We welcomed larger and more diverse audiences:

- 28 different U.S. colleges and universities, plus 3 from outside of the U.S.
- 5 area high schools and junior high schools
- 95 K-12 students through Chicago Arts Partnerships in Education | CAPE
- 17 junior high and high school students through Chicago Architecture Center | CAC "Girls Build" program
- 25 high school students through Chicago Architecture Center | CAC "Teen Fellows"
- 190 area teachers attended educator trainings and open houses where we participated
- 23 Private Group Tours and dozens of small groups joined our regular Guided Tours!

A YEAR OF PRESERVATION

With your financial support, 2024 was a year of tremendous accomplishments, including:

- Replacing the roof
- Replacing eight damaged windows
- Removing dead and hazardous trees
- Removing invasive understory shrubs
- Reducing mown lawn with native grasses
- Installing energy-efficient AC and interior lighting at the Visitor Center
- Producing three gallery exhibitions with art interventions and associated programs

A YEAR OF CELEBRATION

With your enthusiastic participation, we celebrated:

- 20th Anniversary of opening to the public under the National Trust and Landmarks Illinois
- Opening receptions for *Assaf Evron: Collage for the Edith Farnsworth House*, *Javier Chavira: Within Nature*, and *Beatriz Morales: Capisayo*
- EXPO Chicago 2024 Preview Tour

A YEAR OF NATURE+CULTURE

Our 2024-25 curatorial focus makes greater use of our 57-acre site, including:

- New Guided and Self-Guided Tours
- Tree Identification Walk and seasonal nature activities for kids and families
- Expanded trail network
- New interpretive wall, introductory video, and experience guide coming soon!



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