

**KENDALL COUNTY
Historic Preservation Commission
Kendall County Historic Court House
110 W. Madison Street
Yorkville, IL 60560
5:30 p.m.
March 17, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Elizabeth Flowers and Marty Shanahan

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier and Wanda A. Rolf

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2025, meeting and the February 19, 2025, meeting. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Wehrli mentioned that he was pleased with the number of people who attended the Historic Presentation Organization Meeting at The Plano Stone Church on February 19, 2025. Chairman Wehrli also stated the presentation of The Tribune Experimental Farm was excellent. The speaker Benn Joseph had so much knowledge.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of a Proclamation Declaring May Historic Preservation Month

Commissioners reviewed the proclamation and approved the proposal.

The proclamation goes to the County Board on May 6, 2025.

Review of Historic Preservation Award Applications; Commission Could Select Winner(s)

223 S. Bridge Street, Yorkville

Johanna Byram

Thomas Milschewski

Mr. Asselmeier stated that there was one (1) property nominated for an historic preservation award and two (2) individuals nominated for historic preservation awards. He said there was only enough funding to grant two (2) awards, based on the cost to prepare plaques.

The consensus of the Commission was to wait until all Commissioners were present on April 21, 2025, before voting on the applications.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of February 2025 Meeting with Historic Preservation Groups

Approval of Invoice for Food and Coffee in the Amount of \$95.54; Invoice to Be Paid from PBZ Department's Historical Preservation Line Item 11001902-63830

Follow-Up Discussion on the Meeting

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve the invoice.

The votes were as follows:

Ayes (3): Bernacki, Heiman, and Wehrli

Nays (0): None

Abstain (0): None

Absent (2): Flowers and Shanahan

The motion carried.

Commissioners discussed the February 19, 2025, meeting. Chairman Wehrli stated there was a wonderful turnout at the meeting.

Member Heiman stated that she learned about The Gaylord House being for sale and shared the information with the Commission. Member Bernacki asked how long the current owners owned the Gaylord House. Chairman Wehrli stated that the owners of the Gaylord House owned it about three (3) years. Mr. Asselmeier mentioned that the current owners were sent an invitation to the February 19, 2025. Chairman Wehrli hoped that whoever purchased the Gaylord House would make it ADA compliant and allow the Historic Preservation Commission to have a meeting at the location.

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

Commissioners reviewed the list of properties on the National Register of Historic Places. Mr. Asselmeier discussed the properties in which the Historic Preservation Commission already had met. One (1) of the places that they did not meet was at the Sears House.

Chairman Wehrli stated that the Commission had a meeting at The LaSalle Manor Retreat Center and said it was amazing.

Discussion of Historic Structure Survey

Mr. Asselmeier stated he did not have any new information about the Historic Structure Survey.

Discussion of Native American Tribes Associated with Kendall County

Mr. Asselmeier spoke about Edith Farnsworth House having a Pow Wow this summer. He will reach out to the Edith Farnsworth House to ask if there was more information regarding this event.

Discussion of 13860 Fox Road

Mr. Asselmeier said that he has not received an update on the property.

Discussion of Amendments to the Kendall County Code Pertaining to Commission Review of Certain Building Permit Applications; Commission Could Recommend Amendments to the Kendall County Code and/or Approve a New Policy for Review of Certain Building Permit Applications

Mr. Asselmeier reported that the Planning Building and Zoning Committee was not in favor of voting for the amendments at this time. Chairman Wehrli asked Mr. Asselmeier if the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee could place this request on their agenda again. Mr. Asselmeier stated that Chairman Wehrli would have to contact Planning, Building and Zoning Committee Chairman Wormley.

Discussion of Landmarking Cemeteries and Funding Sources for Cemeteries

Commissioners discussed the possibility of having some of the cemeteries maintained. Member Bernacki stated that many townships perform their own maintenance on cemeteries.

Mr. Asselmeier communicated that each township must budget funds to be able to bury paupers.

CORRESPONDENCE

January 22, 2025, Email from Edith Farnsworth House Regarding Winter at EFH

Commissioners reviewed the email.

January 23, 2025, Email from Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. Regarding Fire Protection and Structural Impacts of Sustainable Designs and EV Technology in Parking Garages Training

Commissioners reviewed the email.

February 16, 2025, Email from Edith Farnsworth House Regarding Experience Edith Farnsworth House This Winter

Commissioners reviewed the email.

February 23, 2025, Email from Edith Farnsworth House Regarding Preview Party of Edith Farnsworth House Visitors Center

Commissioners reviewed the email.

March 4, 2025, Email from Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. Regarding Planning for Plaza Repairs and Renovations

Commissioners reviewed the email.

Member Heiman asked when the training would take place. Mr. Asselmeier stated that the training would be on March 18, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to adjourn. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wanda A. Rolf
Part-Time Office Assistant

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Matt Asselmeier

From: Edith Farnsworth House <farnsworthhouse@savingplaces.org>
Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2025 8:03 AM
To: Matt Asselmeier
Subject: [External]Spring at Edith Farnsworth House

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TWO GLASS HOUSES

March 16 | 1 PM CT



Final Winter Webinar

March 16 | 1 pm

[Register](#)

Two Glass Houses, One Entangled History. Discover the story behind Mies van der Rohe's Farnsworth House and Philip Johnson's Glass House. Two iconic pavilions, designed in the late 1940s, with a shared history that continues to captivate.

Opening Day



March 26, 2025

Opening Day 2025

March 26 | 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

[Tickets](#)

Join us Wednesday, March 26 for the start of our 2025 season, with tours at 10 AM, 12 PM, and 2 PM (Wed-Sun). Tickets are available for the entire 2025 season. All ticket holders will experience the *Movement: Water Into Wood* exhibition through August 31.



Women's History Month

March 2025 | Online

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and the influential women of the Bauhaus. Our Museum Store has curated a special collection to honor their legacies. Enjoy 10% off these inspiring publications!



Movement: Water Into Wood

March 30 | 1 pm

RSVP

Movement: Water into Wood celebrates Truman Lowe's nature-inspired art and Ho-Chunk heritage. Join us Sunday, March 30, 2 PM, for the free opening at the Edith Farnsworth House Visitor Center and Barnsworth Gallery. Remarks, refreshments, and beverages from Dark Matter Coffee & Marz Brewery.



An Evening with Leon Guallart

April 5 | 7 pm

Tickets

Experience the soul-stirring *Comfort* project by Leon Diaz Guallart in an intimate candlelight concert at Edith Farnsworth House, April 5, 7 PM (doors 6:30 PM). Witness the magic as his deeply personal melodies transform the glass walls into a sanctuary of warmth and refuge.



Spring Wildflower Walk

April 26 | 8:30 am

Tickets

Explore the Edith Farnsworth House's spring landscape. See wildflowers, daffodil glades, and learn the site's history. Enjoy nature, birds, and architecture.



Modernist Homes Tour 2025

June 21 | 8:30 am or 1 pm

Save a Spot

Embark on a journey through architectural history with our third biennial Modernist Homes Tour. Explore five meticulously restored homes in Riverwoods. As a special bonus, tour Frank Lloyd Wright's Lloyd Lewis House. Tickets available soon!



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