CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL:  Ken Boyer, Ken Donart, Whitney French (Vice-Chair), Michael Garrigan (Chair), Kristine Heiman, Richard Scheffrahn, Jeff Wehrli (CB Representative), 2 vacancies and Angela Zubko (PBZ liaison) (Quorum is 5 members)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes from the September 17, 2014 Meeting

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENT

NEW BUSINESS
1.  Review and approve picture taking process

OLD BUSINESS
1.  Update on Millbrook Bridge
2.  Preservation Plan/ 5 Year Plan– Discuss and approve modifications and select next steps for meeting 2014 goals
3.  Discussion on grants for courthouse windows
4.  Discuss and decide what is next for the reconnaissance survey- update on where we are at with regards to how many are complete, how many need to get done, etc.
5.  Discussion on public outreach event
6.  Review Reconnaissance Survey Pictures

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT- Next meeting on November 19, 2014
KENDALL COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
111 West Fox Street, Room 209 & 210, Yorkville, IL 60560
Meeting minutes of September 17, 2014
(Unofficial until approved)

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Michael Garrigan at 7:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL
Present were: Ken Donart, Michael Garrigan (Chairman), Whitney French (Vice-Chair), Kristine Heiman and Jeff Wehrli (CB Representative)
Also present: Planning & Zoning Manager Angela Zubko
Members in the audience: None
Absent: Ken Boyer and Richard Scheffrahn

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Ken Donart made a motion to approve the agenda as written, Jeff Wehrli seconded the motion. All agreed and the agenda was approved as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Jeff Wehrli a motion to approve the minutes as written from the August 20, 2014 meeting. Ken Donart seconded the motion. All agreed and the minutes were approved.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT
Mr. Garrigan stated he did not have a report this month. Plainfield is land marking the Masonic Lodge soon.

PUBLIC COMMENT
There was no public comment at this time.

NEW BUSINESS
1. Officer’s Election:
   Chair- Michael Garrigan
   Vice Chair- Whitney French
   Secretary- Planner Angela
   Jeff Wehrli made a motion to approve the above nominated positions. Kristine Heiman seconded the motion. All were in favor.
2. Discussion on historic courthouse windows- Planner Zubko stated in the packet was some information on the courthouse windows that facility management is look into replacing as the mullions and sills are rotten or beyond repair. Facilities management wanted to get some information from the historic preservation commission. After some discussion the Commission would like to recommend keeping it wood and also getting Mr. Smiley the resource list of contractors that can help restore the original
windows and possible grants that are available. The Commission would also like to applaud the continued care of the building.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Millbrook Bridge- Jeff Wehrli stated Scott Gryder sat down with CMAP to discuss helping us on the Bridge. The key is the Bridge is a trail system that needs to go somewhere so that’s the issue. Also he talked to Mr. Fran Klaas to help decipher a cost of demolition. ACTION: Whitney will get a hold of Laura to discuss grant funding. There was some discussion on the trail system and proposed trails near there. ACTION: By next month Jeff will try to get demolition numbers from Mr. Fran Klaas.

2. Discuss and decide what is next for the reconnaissance survey- update on where we are at with regards to how many are complete, how many need to get done, etc.- Planner Zubko passed out the updated chart as Ms. French has turned in some pictures. Ms. French stated Planner Zubko and herself talked about possibly getting some photography students from surrounding schools to help out. We would have to put together some type of packet explaining what we’re looking for, how to turn in pictures and make sure to explain not to trespass or put themselves in harms way. ACTION: Planner Zubko will put together some lists for next month by roadway to divide them up.

3. Preservation Plan/ 5 Year Plan- Discuss and approve changes/adjustments and select next steps for meeting 2014 goals- The Commission went page by page and made the appropriate corrections. This will be ready to be voted on next month. ACTION: Planner Zubko and Whitney will complete the document and get it all ready for a vote next month. ACTION: Mr. Garrigan will get Planner Zubko a copy of their demolition ordinance for her to present to the next PBZ Committee to get their thoughts and opinions.

4. Discussion on public outreach event- This was not discussed tonight so this action will remain. ACTION: Michael Garrigan is going to talk to Doug Farr.

5. Review Reconnaissance Survey Pictures- We ran out of time. These will be looked at if we have time t the end of the meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

ADJOURNMENT- Next meeting will be October 15, 2014 – Jeff Wehrli made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Whitney French, all agreed. Chairman Garrigan adjourned the meeting at 8:23 pm.

Submitted by,
Angela L. Zubko, Recording Secretary & Planning & Zoning Manager

Historic Preservation Meeting Minutes 9.17.14
October 9, 2014

Windshield Survey Picture taking Process

Thank you for volunteering to take some pictures for the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission. Below will outline the process the Committee has approved in order to ensure everyone is following the same procedure.

1. A list of address’ have been put together by street. Typically it will be all the northern address’ first (on a east/west roadway), then southern and all the address’ on the east side of the street (on a north/south roadway), then west side to you can drive and safely take pictures on the same side of the street and drive back to the beginning point taking pictures on the opposite side of the street.

2. Please take a couple pictures in color of each structure (that can be taken safely from the street). Please do not trespass onto anyone’s property unless given permission by the property owner. A structure could be a home, barn, silo, out house, corn crib, etc. Make sure to try to include the foundations on the structures as well.

3. Label each picture the address of the property.

4. Email, put on a thumb drive or put on a cd the pictures and get to Planner Angela Zubko (azubko@co.kendall.il.us) at 111 West Fox Street, Room 203, Yorkville, IL 60560.

If you have ANY questions please do not hesitate to contact Angela Zubko at 630-553-4139. Thank you so much!

Information for a homeowner if interested: The Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission is seeking to inventory all potentially significant structures in the county. Each structure shall be evaluated by the Commission to determine if it is a significant contributor to the historic fabric of the county and deemed worthy of potential landmark status. The data collected will serve the county departments by providing the necessary information for them to make informed decisions.
Assembled by the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission

[KENDALL COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN]

Aligning and Prioritizing the actions of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission to help achieve the goals of the Kendall County Board and to designate action items to preserve the historic resources of Kendall County.
**Preservation Plan**

**Introduction**

Historic properties have a way of disappearing. They quietly fall prey to demolition, neglect, or renovations that alter them beyond recognition. Building by building, site by site, the evidence of a community's heritage can gradually be lost. Historic properties need careful planning and management to ensure their survival for current and future generations. Preservation actually helps combat the very problems that plague our communities by stabilizing neighborhoods, providing affordable housing, lowering crime, stimulating private investment, bringing people and businesses back downtown, attracting tourists, and strengthening community pride.

A historic preservation plan is a statement of the community's goals for its historic properties and the actions it will take to reach those goals. It is most effective when it is a component of a community's master plan and is coordinated with other policies for housing, economic development, transportation, agriculture, tourism and natural resources and archeology.

**Why Historic Preservation?**

The history of a community contributes to its personality and gives it a unique character. Historic preservation provides a link to the roots of the area and its people. It provides economic development opportunities in tourism and construction related jobs for repair and rehabilitation. Overall, historic preservation adds to the quality of life making for more enjoyable communities.

Historic preservation is beneficial in the following ways:

- **Culturally** a community is richer for having the tangible presence of past eras and historic styles.
- **Economically** a community benefits from increased property values and tax revenues when historic buildings are protected and made the focal point of revitalization and when the community is attractive to visitors seeking heritage tourism opportunities.
- **Socially** a community benefits when citizens take pride in its history and mutual concern for the protection of the historic building fabric.
- **Developmentally** a community benefits from having a concerted and well defined planning approach for the protection of historic buildings while accommodating healthy growth.
- **Environmentally** a community benefits when historic buildings are recycled (restored, rehabilitated) rather than demolished and disposed of in the community landfill.
- **Educationally** a community benefits through teaching local heritage and the understanding of the past and the resultant cultural respect by its citizens.

**Why Preservation Planning?**

Historic preservation efforts can be influenced by local, state, and national issues and social, political, economic and legal factors. These influences can come from private enterprises or public agencies. Successful preservation planning recognizes these influences and utilizes a process for resolving conflicts from various interest groups and reaching consensus that best reflect the interests of the community.
Historic preservation planning is important because it allows the region to:

A. Clearly state goals of preservation in the community.
B. Let residents know in advance how the community wants to grow and what the community wants to protect.
C. Assure consistency between various government policies that affect the community’s historic resources.
D. Educate and inform citizens about their heritage and its value to the community.
E. Create an agenda for preservation activities and create a way to measure progress in protecting historic resources.
F. Comprehensively address issues relating to tourism, zoning, traffic patterns, development patterns, and design that affect historic preservation.
G. Encourage economic development through the preservation of historic resources.
H. Strengthen the political understanding of and support for historic preservation policies.

How to use this document

This Preservation Plan is organized into two main sections. The first section investigates the goals outlined in the Kendall County Board’s Land Resource Management Plan (LRMP) as adopted and amended from time to time. The detailed review recognizes the alignment of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission’s activities with the historic, cultural, commercial and environmental goals identified as relevant by the County Board. The LRMP can be found in its entirety at www.co.kendall.il.us/planning-building-zoning/lrmp/.

The section that follows outlines the projects that have been completed, are in progress or are under consideration for future focus by the 2014 Historic Preservation Commission. The table in this section helps identify the priorities of the commission and loosely defines target completion years for each project. This document is used by the commission to keep them focused and assist in measuring progress for this volunteer group.

Participants in authoring this document

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Angela Zubko – Planning & Zoning Manager for Kendall County
History and Mission of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission

In September of 2005 the Kendall County Historic Preservation Study Committee was established and appointed by action of the County Board. The study committee's objective was to examine and discuss the inventory of historic assets and historic preservation needs in Kendall County. Their research and resulting report concluded that the county is home to valuable historic assets that were under threat by the fast pace of development and that the need for a dedicated Historic Preservation Commission was relevant and justified. The effort resulted in the adoption of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Ordinance (No. 2006-67) in August 2006.

The bullets below summarize the purpose and intent of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission as more thoroughly defined in the Ordinance:

- To identify, designate, protect, preserve and encourage the restoration, rehabilitation and adaptation of historic assets in the County
- To safeguard the County's cultural heritage
- To stabilize and improve the economic vitality of Kendall County
- To foster civic pride
- To protect and enhance the County's attractions and support and provide stimulus for business and industry
- To strengthen the economy of the County
- To promote the use of historic districts and landmarks for education, pleasure and welfare of the County
- To educate about the value of historic preservation in the economy and quality of life for the citizens

The Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission's overall service is to provide expertise and resources in an advisory capacity to the Kendall County Board; to conduct hearings and make recommendations to those in the position to grant or deny approvals; and to act on behalf of the stated objectives of the board to assist them in the goals identified in the County's Land Resource Management Plan.

Kendall County’s Land Resource Management Plan (LRMP)

The following excerpt is extracted from SECTION ONE of Kendall County's Land Resource Management Plan. Items in red indicate language that the historic preservation commission may request be added during the next review cycle of the LRMP.

A comprehensive plan is a vision of the future; it is essentially an end-state toward which the municipality or county works. The plan builds the rationale for and illustrates the most appropriate use of land within the jurisdiction, and depicts the facilities and services necessary to support the development of those land uses. Comprehensive plans anticipate that the county and municipalities will adopt the appropriate decisions, fund the appropriate programs, and install the appropriate facilities that will implement the plan. Most plans do not propose how to take appropriate actions, who should take them, or when they should be taken.
The County wishes to adopt a plan that can be implemented. It has chosen to prepare a Land Resource Management Plan (LRMP) with a structure that leads to successful implementation. The Illinois Local Land Resource Management Planning Act, P. A. 84-865 is the enabling act that allows the County this method of planning. The LRMP has a comprehensive planning process as an essential element. In addition, the LRMP also has a parallel framework for the physical and functional characteristics of the county, while instituting strategic decision making. It is important to note that local incorporated municipalities have jurisdiction over land use and zoning decisions within their corporate boundaries including historic preservation. Kendall County only has zoning authority over unincorporated areas. However, one of the clear goals of the LRMP process is to promote coordinated planning and one of the goals of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission is to offer its resources to those municipalities that do not currently have a preservation authority through the implementation of Intergovernmental agreements.

The strategic side or management side of the process is intended to be parallel to the planning process. In planning, goals and objectives guide the comprehensive plan. In management, goals and objectives guide the strategic plan. These two paths are not independent. There must be substantial agreement and overlap between the plan and reasonable actions to implement that plan.

Essentially, the planning process delineates "where we should go" over the ten year time-frame of the Plan, while the management process proposes "how we can get there." The goals and objectives prepared for the Kendall County LRMP show how the planning goals are oriented toward a physical end state in the relationship between land-uses and the supporting public support systems. The management goals were prepared to give direction to fundamental government and private actions that will build that physical end-state relationship.
Kendall County LRMP Aligned with the Historic Preservation Commission’s Goals

Kendall County’s LRMP is divided into TEN SECTIONS. The Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission examined SECTIONS THREE, FOUR and FIVE to focus on assisting the County Board in meeting its stated goals. The relevant preservation topics from each of these sections are reiterated below followed by a box containing a statement reflecting the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission activity that aligns with each relevant objective.

LRMP - SECTION THREE - Planning Goals and Objectives

A) Natural Resources – (3) Energy Conservation

    GOAL: An Energy wise and energy efficient county

    OBJECTIVE D - Encourage energy efficiency in site planning and building design

Preservation is naturally aligned with meeting the objective of energy efficiency. Historic districts are viable, environmentally-friendly communities. Most are pedestrian oriented neighborhoods with an abundance of green space and a building density that efficiently uses land and resources. Historic structures are inherently “green.” Many older buildings were constructed with locally available materials and used energy efficient design and construction techniques. The traditional design of older buildings often includes such features as passive heating and cooling as well as siting and building orientation sensitive to environmental and topographical factors.

Through the preservation of existing materials of historic structures, the “embodied energy” – that energy which was used to construct them – is conserved. By maintaining existing materials and adapting them with low impact energy technologies, historic structures and neighborhoods can stand as models of environmental stewardship through their dramatic reduction of energy use, material resources, and waste associated with new construction.

B) Archeological, Cultural and Historic Places

    GOAL: The preservation of the County’s cultural heritage and scenic character.

    OBJECTIVE A: Identify and conserve historically significant structures, areas, and open spaces.
The Historic Preservation Commission will continue to conduct a survey and assemble a database connected to the county GIS to identify buildings, structures, areas, sites and landscapes that are of historic, archeological, architectural or scenic significance and therefore, potential landmarks or historic districts.

OBJECTIVE B: Carefully control urban development and countryside conditions so as not to conflict with the scale and character of nearby historic homes, landmarks and sites.

In an effort to assist in the county’s preservation goals, the Historic Preservation Commission will periodically review any Kendall County Comprehensive plan (LRMP) or its amendments and assist in the development of a preservation component for that plan. The Historic Preservation Commission will advise the Regional Plan Commission, the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee and the County Board.

Upon substantial completion of the countywide survey the Historic Preservation Commission will create a “Historic Landmark and District Preservation Plan.” The Plan shall be presented to the Kendall County Planning, Building & Zoning Department for consideration and recommendation to the County Board for inclusion in the LRMP.

The Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission will then hold public hearings and recommend to the Kendall County Board, the designation of landmarks and historic districts as appropriate. The recommendation will be done in accordance with the prescribed direction documented in the Kendall County Historic Preservation Ordinance, as amended.

OBJECTIVE C: Increase awareness of the history and culture upon which Kendall County is built.

The Historic Preservation Commission will inform and educate the citizens of Kendall County concerning the historic, archeological,
OBJECTIVE D: Preserve the importance and function of existing central business districts

The Historic Preservation Commission will advise and assist owners of landmarks and properties within potential or designated historic districts on physical and financial aspects of preservation, renovation, rehabilitation and reuse and on procedures for inclusion on any local, state or federal register of historic places. The Historic Preservation Commission will advise and assist communities and areas in creating historic districts that seek to improve their unique identity and preserve its historic character.

C) Economy of the Area

GOAL: A strong base of agriculture, commerce and industry that provide a broad range of job opportunities, a healthy tax base and improved quality of services to county residents.

OBJECTIVE E: Promote the revitalization of existing retail and commercial areas

Within the existing hamlets many small businesses anchor the retail commercial areas. The character of the historic architecture and pedestrian friendly designs of these places are their strength and create a stronger sense of community ones. The Historic Preservation Commission will work with interested communities to help them identify and rehabilitate the components and buildings within these downtown districts to fortify the commercial viability of the community.

D) Urban Development

GOAL: A pattern of compact contiguous urban development, countryside residential and agricultural environments in a natural equilibrium that enhances the quality of personal and community life.

OBJECTIVE B: Establish a pattern of development that supports a sense of community.
Historic residential areas are often contiguous because they needed to be accessible to a less mobile population. Preserving these walkable environments supports the Kendall County Board’s goals for compact urban development in the existing built areas. Agricultural Heritage and the preservation of working farms, farm buildings and scenic routes allow residents and visitors to understand the history of the county.

**OBJECTIVE C:** Promote a revitalized central business district as the central focus of each community.

Communities without a strong central business district are at a distinct disadvantage and those with no historic core struggle to gain a unique identity. The identification, preservation and revitalization of a community’s central business district can be supported by the Historic Preservation Commission through state grants supplied to Certified Local Governments and through education and proactive allocation of expertise to at risk properties.

**F) Housing**

**GOAL:** Management of the quantity, quality, location and rate of housing development to insure the efficient use and conservation of the County’s natural and public resources

**OBJECTIVE B:** Continue to improve deteriorating residential areas, and assure safe, healthy, and attractive communities through preventive maintenance and appropriate reinvestment that can include the County’s weatherization program.

The Historic Preservation Commission is able to assist in the identification of neglected historic structures and through its policies advise the County Board and work with property owners to employ appropriate repairs to stabilize buildings. Using Kendall County’s weatherization grants or other grant sources, the Historic Preservation Commission can also assist in reducing the cost of restoration.
LRMP - SECTION FOUR - Management Goals and Objectives

A) Planning

GOAL: A system of county wide, comprehensive, functional and target area planning in support of municipal, township and other agency planning efforts, which supports decision making for county wide land resource management and the management of change

OBJECTIVE 1: Anticipate change and provide decision-makers with insight on alternatives and consequences.

The Historic Preservation Commission is a knowledge source and can assist with the research and resulting advice to identify opportunities for preservation, methods for preventing further loss and resources to assist in the effort. The Preservation Ordinance also outlines consequences for non-compliance and provides the county board with guidance to manage some of the impacts of change to the historic fabric of the community.

B) Regulatory Techniques

GOAL: Regulation and enforcement techniques necessary to protect the public health, property, the natural environment and the aesthetic value of the county including zoning, subdivision, storm water management, signage, building and other development standards.

OBJECTIVE 5: Incorporate environmental design criteria and performance standards in development controls to protect natural, scenic, historic, and environmental areas and minimize adverse impacts. The proposed County-Wide Storm water Authority and plan/ordinance will incorporate many such standards.

The Preservation Ordinance is an additional tool that the county can consult to assist in the preservation of rustic roads, agriculture spaces and other non-architectural historic assets that contribute to the character of the county.

OBJECTIVE 6: Require that all development preserve significant natural features such as vegetation, wildlife, waterways, floodplains, wetlands, woodlands, and scenic vistas.

The Historic Preservation Commission will periodically review the Kendall County comprehensive plan or its amendment to assist in the development of a preservation component for that comprehensive plan. The Historic Preservation Commission will support the preservation component to the Regional Plan.
F) Governmental Cooperation

GOAL: A mutually supportive, non-adversarial team of municipal, township, school, park, county and other governments working toward the benefit of everyone in Kendall County.

OBJECTIVE 7: Continue to require, before the decision-making process, conspicuous public notices to residents and surrounding government agencies that provide relevant information about proposed developments, potential impacts, and the ability to participate.

H) Education and Involvement

GOAL: An informed population actively participating in public decisions regarding the use of land and the future of Kendall County.

OBJECTIVE 1: Educate the Public and municipal agencies of threats to environmental conditions within Kendall County and potential impacts through a coordinated effort between the County Planning, Building and Zoning Department, Health Department, Forest Preserve District and other county agencies.

OBJECTIVE 4: Maintain a strong public hearing process for county, township and local review of development proposals with notice to residents and surrounding government agencies that provide adequate and timely information about proposed development and potential impacts during the decision making process.
OBJECTIVE 6: Continue to promote recycling to reduce waste and reduce the need for additional landfill capacity.

Preservation of existing buildings is one of the greenest practices, thwarting waste and significantly reducing impacts to area landfills.

1) Information

GOAL: Data collected, maintained and managed as a central data base regarding property conditions and the environment of the county accessible by county and municipal agencies and private individuals.

OBJECTIVE 1: Maintain up-to-date and easily accessible records of information regarding land use conditions, environmental conditions, jurisdictional boundaries, public facility capacities and local and regional land use plans. Such information is currently available to the public on the internet at http://gis.co.kendall.il.us.

The Historic Preservation Commission is actively implementing a GIS level that will identify potentially significant historic elements. The commission is conducting a reconnaissance survey and eventually plans to conduct a full historic survey to identify important historic features in the county.
LRMP - SECTION FIVE – Land Resource and Management Area Policies

The LRMP mentions two types of **Overlay Areas**: Natural Resource Areas and Potential Mining Districts.

The Historic Preservation Commission would like to add a section for Potential Historic Districts and Potential Scenic Highways. Potential Historic Districts are areas designated as a "historic district" by ordinance of the County Board or individual municipalities and which may contain within definable geographic boundaries one or more landmarks and which may have within its boundaries other properties, areas, sites, landscapes or structures, while not of such historic, architectural or scenic significance to be designated as landmarks, nevertheless contribute to the overall visual characteristics of the district. Potential Scenic Highways are of importance as a result of appearance or character that remains relatively unchanged from and embodies the essential appearance related to a culture from an earlier historic or prehistoric period, or as a result of a unique location, appearance, or physical character that creates an established or familiar vista or visual feature; or as a geologic or natural feature associated with the development, heritage, or culture of the community, County, State, or Nation.

The LRMP aligns the county's goals with the following relevant Planning Policies for **Urbanized Communities**:

11. Encourage the preservation and enhancement of historic and cultural sites and structures within urbanized communities

The Historic Preservation Commission will continue to survey, evaluate and document Kendall County's historic and cultural resources. The Historic Preservation Commission will advise and assist communities in the development of historic districts that will improve the unique identity of historic urbanized areas.

The LRMP aligns the county's goals with the following relevant Planning Policies for **Rural Settlements**:
5. Preserve and enhance places of cultural or historic significance in preservation districts or sites, whether within municipal boundaries or in unincorporated lands.

The Historic Preservation Commission will periodically review the Kendall County comprehensive plan or its amendment to assist in the development of a preservation component for that comprehensive plan. The Historic Preservation Commission will support the preservation component to the Regional Plan Commission, the Planning Building and Zoning Committee and the County Board.

The LRMP aligns the county’s goals with the following relevant Management Policies for Rural Settlements:

d. The County and rural communities may enter into intergovernmental agreements, with the County providing planning, building, and zoning support to the rural community with appropriate reimbursement.

The Historic Preservation Commission will engage communities within the county and offer to develop intergovernmental agreements that will allow the community, the commission and the County Board to act in concert to landmark and protect the historic components within those communities.

The LRMP aligns the county’s goals with the following relevant Planning Policies for Agriculture:

5. Preserve and enhance places of cultural or historic significance to the rural landscape.

The County has already committed to assist in the preservation of the agricultural economy in Kendall County through the Farmland Preservation Committee and has shown a commitment to the preservation of places of cultural and historic significance through its adoption of the Historic Preservation Ordinance and the support of the Historic Preservation Commission.
The LRMP is based on the following Planning Policies for the entire County:

7. Encourage the growth of the tourism industry by reinforcing the viability of the county's historic, open space, and recreation resources, especially along the Fox River and within state and county parks and forest preserves.

The Historic Preservation Commission believes that civic pride and community character are directly affected by its historic resources. The Commission will strive to protect the unique amenities the county has to offer and will lend its expertise to all tourism interests, working with the AACVB, FPDC, Conservation Foundation and private individuals and businesses which offer tourism related services to visitors.

8. Encourage preservation of Kendall County history for public education and enjoyment.

The Historic Preservation Commission will inform and educate the citizens of Kendall County concerning historic, archeological, architectural or scenic heritage of the county through its public outreach programming which will include enhancing county maps to reflect locations of historic resources, creating and distributing newsletters, brochures and pamphlets and by holding public hearings and public programs.

9. Discourage non-essential changes to scenic and historic roads that traverse scenic or historic areas.

The Historic Preservation Commission will assist the county in recognizing threats to areas of scenic beauty and potential risks to historic properties brought about by development or neglect.

The LRMP is based on the following Management Policies for the entire County:

10. The County has established an historic preservation commission to protect and enhance historic buildings and sites within incorporated and unincorporated sections of the County. The commission has established and will maintain a registry of buildings, sites, districts and places on the National Register of Historic places, and those properties that may be of local historic significance but not yet on the Register. The Commission will work closely with state and municipal agencies to promote and coordinate historic preservation in Kendall County.
The Historic Preservation Commission will advise and assist the owners of historically significant property within potential or designated historic districts, potential or designated landmarks and potential or designated National Register candidates. The Historic Preservation Commission will educate the citizens of the county on physical and financial aspects of preservation, renovation, rehabilitation and reuse, the procedures for inclusion on any federal, state or local historic registry and the value and process for establishing historic districts.

p. The County’s Historic Preservation Commission will research the historic significance of each property proposed for its local historic registry. Once approved, it may install permanent historic notes in an appropriate and visible location. The County will work with school districts, the Kendall County Historical Society and recreation agencies to encourage an increase in the historic literacy of Kendall County.

The Historic Preservation Commission will recommend and review applications for landmark status within the county and any municipality with whom there is an intergovernmental agreement. The Commission will hold public hearings in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Historic Preservation Ordinance and will, upon conclusion, make a recommendation to the county board for their consideration and vote.

q. The County and municipalities must pay special attention to the siting and development of new uses in proximity to historical or cultural sites to increase the attractiveness of that area for recreation and tourism.

The Historic Preservation Commission will assemble recommendations to establish historic districts, identify scenic areas and confirm archeologically or culturally significant sites and will compile this data for inclusion on the County’s GIS mapping system.
Historic Preservation Commission Projects

Ordinance 2006-067 outlines the 24 powers and authorities of the Historic Preservation Commission. Over the past eight years, several projects were started, some completed. This list aligns those projects with the power/authority under which they fall. An estimate of completion date is provided as well.

Our defined highest priority goals for 2015:
1. Develop a five year Historic Preservation Plan
2. Continue to perform a reconnaissance survey and link preliminary data to the County’s GIS and identify structures with highest potential significance for possible landmark nomination
3. Nominate and secure County Board support for 2 landmark designations
4. Apply for Certified Local Government status for Kendall County to provide an opportunity for sub grants for owners of historic properties and potential tax benefits for owners of commercial landmarks.
5. Continually enhance the commission’s understanding of historic preservation and educate the public and private county citizens about the economic advantage, quality of life and community character enrichments offered through preservation by participating in a minimum of two countywide events in 2015.
6. Develop and be prepared to execute an intergovernmental agreement with a community that contains potentially significant historic properties or districts which does not currently have an historic preservation commission or methodology for recognizing their significant structures

The following is a list of projects completed from 2005-2014:
3. Landmark Nomination Application (2009)
6. Intergovernmental agreements (2013)
7. Altered the Historic Preservation ordinance to be more aligned with the State Historic Preservation Office’s recommended language (2014)
8. Windshield Reconnaissance Survey (ongoing)
9. Educational outreach (ongoing)
Below is a table of current projects and the timeline for their completion, aligned with the powers and authorities (paraphrased in bold) as detailed in the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

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Projects

Proclamation approved for May to be Preservation Month
Joint HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION meeting
Brochures
Kendall County Fair Booth
Education
Publish brochures, pamphlets, maps, newsletters
Host programs and hold seminars
Create a County Wide Tourism map of historic buildings, sites and districts

Hearings for Certificate of Appropriateness - As needed
Consider Economic Hardship - As needed

Develop Criteria and Guidelines

Historic Preservation Commission Study Report
Historic Preservation Ordinance 2006-67
Landmark Nomination Application
Historic Preservation Guidelines
Preservation Plan/Land Resource Management Plan
Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) Process and Application
Develop, review, approve template intergovernmental agreement
Guidelines for preservation, restoration, rehabilitation and maintenance
Style Guide to Kendall County Residential Architecture
Cemetery Preservation and Standards
Certificate of Economic Hardship
1 year HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION Plan
Preservation Plan/ Five year Plan
Design Guidelines for Agriculture, Commercial and signage
Develop Archeological criteria
Guidelines for Demolition Request and Review

Review changes to landmarks or districts - As needed
Administer interest in real property
Accept and administer gifts and grants
Administer transfers of development rights
Compile technical advisors
Retain specialists, consultants or appoint citizens
Testify regarding landmarks - As needed

Review LRMP and develop preservation component
Review Land Resource Management Plan
Compile changes to Land Resource Management Plan

Review, recommend preservation friendly code adjustments
Recommendations

As the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission accomplishes its goals of setting standards for preservation within the region, the commission recognizes the following adjustments that will make the commission more effective and preservation of historic resources in the county more successful:

1. Adjust Kendall County processes to accommodate notification of the historic Preservation Commission when Kendall County Board decisions affect historic preservation so the Commission might lend their expertise in the form of recommendations. The commission believes that our research and professional insights will assist the board in its decision making. The following examples indicate some applicable process modifications:
   a. The LRMP /Comprehensive Plan for the county
   b. Historic Preservation related building code updates
   c. Requests for demolition of historic structures
   d. Plans for modifications to County owned or Kendall County Forest Preserve District owned historic assets.

2. Apply for and obtain Certified Local Government Status

When preservation ordinances are certified by the State Historic Preservation Office they acquire Certified Local Government status (CLG). With this official affirmation local governments may participate in state and federal incentive programs. Properties located in certified historic districts can qualify for the 20 percent income tax credit. Certification also extends the Property Tax Assessment Freeze benefit to local landmark and residences within local historic districts.
3. Establish Intergovernmental Agreements with willing Kendall County municipalities that are currently without the resources or resident professional diversity to establish a commission of their own and assist those municipalities in preserving structures and historic sites within their boundaries.

Conclusion

The Historic Preservation Commission has made great progress since being established in 2006. The review included in this plan illustrates that the mission of the Historic Preservation Commission is aligned to support the declared goals of the Kendall County Board. It is the desire of the Commission to contribute its expertise and to work cooperatively within the framework that the County Board has already established to accomplish our shared goals to retain the historic culture of the county for the benefit of its citizens.
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