CALL TO ORDER
Chairwoman Heiman called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL
Present: Kristine Heiman, Melissa Maye, and Jeff Wehrli
Absent: Elizabeth Flowers
Also present: Matt Asselmeier, Senior Planner
In the audience: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Mr. Wehrli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Maye, to approve the agenda as presented. With a voice vote of three ayes, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Mr. Wehrli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Maye, to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2017 meeting. With a voice vote of three ayes, the motion carried.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT
None

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

NEW BUSINESS
Request for Comments Regarding Section 106 Filing at 12340 Faxon Road, Plano
Mr. Asselmeier presented information on the request. Mr. Wehrli asked if the property was still an active farm. Mr. Asselmeier stated that the property appeared to be an active farm. The Commission noted that Menards was located near the property. The thirty (30) day comment period ended on January 21st. The consensus of the Commission was not to submit comments because the comment deadline passed.

OLD BUSINESS
Review and Recommendation on Historic Preservation Ordinance
Commissioners reviewed the Historic Preservation Ordinance with the proposed revisions from the December meeting. Commissioners reviewed a January 22, 2018, memo from Alex Finke to the Commission. The consensus of the Commission was to add a thirty (30) day window to Article II.2.M. If the Commission did not issue a ruling within thirty (30) calendar days, an application for demolition would be automatically approved. The matter will be brought back for the March meeting for further discussion.

Centennial Farm Mapping Project
Mr. Asselmeier presented pictures of homes located on centennial farms in Fox, Kendall, and Na-Au-Say Townships. Mr. Asselmeier also presented pictures of 3576A Plainfield Road and 14250 Sears Road.

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Selecting Homes for Plaques
Mr. Asselmeier presented pictures of centennial farms in the middle three (3) townships.

Ms. Maye made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wehrli, to contact the owners of the following properties to see if they would like landmark designation:

6418 Route 126
6230 Grove Road
11626A Church Road

The motion passed unanimously.

Staff will double check the pictures of 3576A Plainfield Road and obtain additional pictures of 1761 Caton Farm Road.

Meeting with other Historic Preservation Organizations
Mr. Asselmeier presented an updated invitation list and reported that invitation letters were mailed on January 2nd. As of January 22nd, sixteen (16) people submitted RSVPs. Mr. Wehrli will bring a cooler and Chairwoman Heiman will bring a case of water.

Millbrook Bridge Update
Mr. Asselmeier provided an update from the Kendall County Forest Preserve. The Commission is waiting for the scheduling of public hearings on this matter.

Update on Historic Tax Credit in Federal Tax Bill
A letter from Landmarks Illinois regarding this matter was read. The Federal Historic Tax Credits were preserved in the new tax legislation.

CORRESPONDENCE
Ken Boyer Award Mailing Invoice
Mr. Asselmeier presented the invoice for mailing Ken Boyer’s award; the amount was Fourteen Dollars and Sixty Cents ($14.60). No Commissioner had an objection to paying this invoice.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

ADJOURNMENT
Mr. Asselmeier reported that the next meeting will be the February event on the third Wednesday of the month.

Mr. Wehrli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Maye, to adjourn. With a voice vote of three ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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

To: Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission
From: Alex Finke (Government Affairs Director)
Subject: Historic Preservation Ordinance
Date: 1/22/18

This is a follow up to my September 18th memo to this commission. The REALTOR® Association of the Fox Valley (RAFV) is still a willing partner to aid the historic preservation commission of Kendall County in their efforts to improve their historic preservation ordinance (HPO).

Our four issues are as follows:

1) The third party landmarking nomination of properties by individuals or groups should be removed due to the potential violation of the takings clause found in the U.S. Constitution.

2) The criteria used to evaluate properties for Landmark or Historic District designation are vulnerable to challenge under the "void of vagueness" doctrine.

3) The HPO grants the commission authority to make several important determinations under the HPO without providing standards for doing so.

4) The HPO contains ambiguous language, making it difficult to interpret and apply.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Alex Finke, if you believe RAFV can continue to be a resource. afinke@illinoisrealtors.org 708.567.3452