

KENDALL COUNTY
Historic Preservation Commission
Kendall County Historic Court House
110 W. Madison Street
Yorkville, IL 60560
5:30 p.m.
September 15, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Eric Bernacki, Marty Shanahan (Vice-Chair), and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Absent: Elizabeth Flowers and Kristine Heiman (Secretary)

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier, Director

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Shanahan made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2025, meeting, June 16, 2025, gathering, and July 21, 2025, meeting. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of a Letter of Support for the Application of Landmark Status for the Norway Temperance Hall

The Norsk Temperance Hall was waiting for the State's approval of application.

Nomination of Officers

Member Bernacki made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, to nominate Member Shanahan to the position of Vice-Chair and Kristine Heiman to the position of Secretary. There were no other nominees. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

Chairman Wehrli asked if there was a term limit. Mr. Asselmeier stated that Chairman Wehrli was appointed by the County Board for a term of five (5) years. The Vice-Chair and the Secretary have a three (3) year term limit.

Conference on Illinois History-October 2nd and October 3rd at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library

The Commissioners reviewed information about the conference.

OLD BUSINESS

Follow-Up Discussion of the July 21, 2025, Historic Preservation Group Meeting and Plans for Future Meetings

Chairman Wehrli stated he was impressed with the amount of people that attended the meeting Historic Preservation Group Meeting. Chairman Wehrli stated there were some concerns about Seward Township; unable to regulate the growth in Minooka which is a sensitive area and trying to protect the environment.

Chairman Wehrli spoke about the winter meeting and if there should be one (1) or wait until next summer for the next Historic Preservation Group Meeting. Member Bernacki stated that it might be difficult to find a historic place in the winter months. Mr. Asselmeier stated it might be difficult to find topics or speakers. Chairman Wehrli stated that they will have to see if the budget allows for a winter meeting. Chairman Wehrli stated he would like to have a group meeting at a restaurant or possibly Blackberry Oaks Golf Course, if they are open.

Mr. Asselmeier stated that many of the churches that have held historic preservation meetings for the County and some may be able to accommodate again.

Chairman Wehrli stated that one (1) of the historic schools in the area may have the ability to host a meeting. He also mentioned Chapel on The Green. Mr. Asselmeier stated that one (1) of the meetings was held at Chapel on The Green.

Commissioners will look for other historic locations to have meetings.

Update on Certified Local Government Grant and Historic Structure Survey

Mr. Asselmeier reported that a training for volunteers was scheduled for September 18, 2025, at Ellis House.

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

Commissioners discussed having a meeting at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Mr. Asselmeier will contact the Church.

Discussion of Native American Tribes Associated with Kendall County

Commissioners reviewed information regarding events at the Edith Farnsworth House and in Evanston.

Discussion of 13860 Fox Road

The site is still waiting for approval in the State's FY26 budget.

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

Chairman Wehrli spoke with Seth Wormley to discuss the policy. Mr. Wormley does not want to hold up the permit process pending review.

Commissioners discussed talking to Planning, Building and Zoning Committee members about the policy.

Discussion of Landmarking Cemeteries and Funding Sources for Cemeteries

Commissioners discussed the possibility of having some of the cemeteries maintained.

CORRESPONDENCE

May 17, 2025, Email from the Edith Farnsworth House Regarding Three Ways You Can Support Farnsworth

Commissioners reviewed the email.

May 20, 2025, Email from Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. Regarding a June 5, 2025, Webinar on An Integrated Approach to Repairs and Maintenance in the Process Industry

Commissioners reviewed the email.

May 31, 2025, Email from the Edith Farnsworth House Regarding Quarterly News and Updates

Commissioners reviewed the email.

June 10, 2025, Email from the Edith Farnsworth House Regarding Roots and Reflections Dinner

Commissioners reviewed the email.

June 27, 2025, Email from the Edith Farnsworth House Regarding Support for the Edith Farnsworth House

Commissioners reviewed the email.

July 1, 2025, Email from Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. Regarding a July 16, 2025, Webinar on Mitigating Problems and Improving Durability in Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

Commissioners reviewed the email.

July 8, 2025, Email from the Edith Farnsworth House Regarding Your Summer, Curated at Farnsworth

Commissioners reviewed the email.

July 17, 2025, Email from Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. Regarding a July 30, 2025, Webinar on Keep the Lights On: Managing Large Power Generation Assets

Commissioners reviewed the email.

Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund Information

Commissioners reviewed the information.

August 2025 Edition of The Bell Tower

Commissioners reviewed the newsletter.

September 2, 2025, Email from the Edith Farnsworth House Regarding Discover Fall at the Farnsworth House

Commissioners reviewed the email.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be on October 20, 2025.

Member Shanahan 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 5:52 p.m.

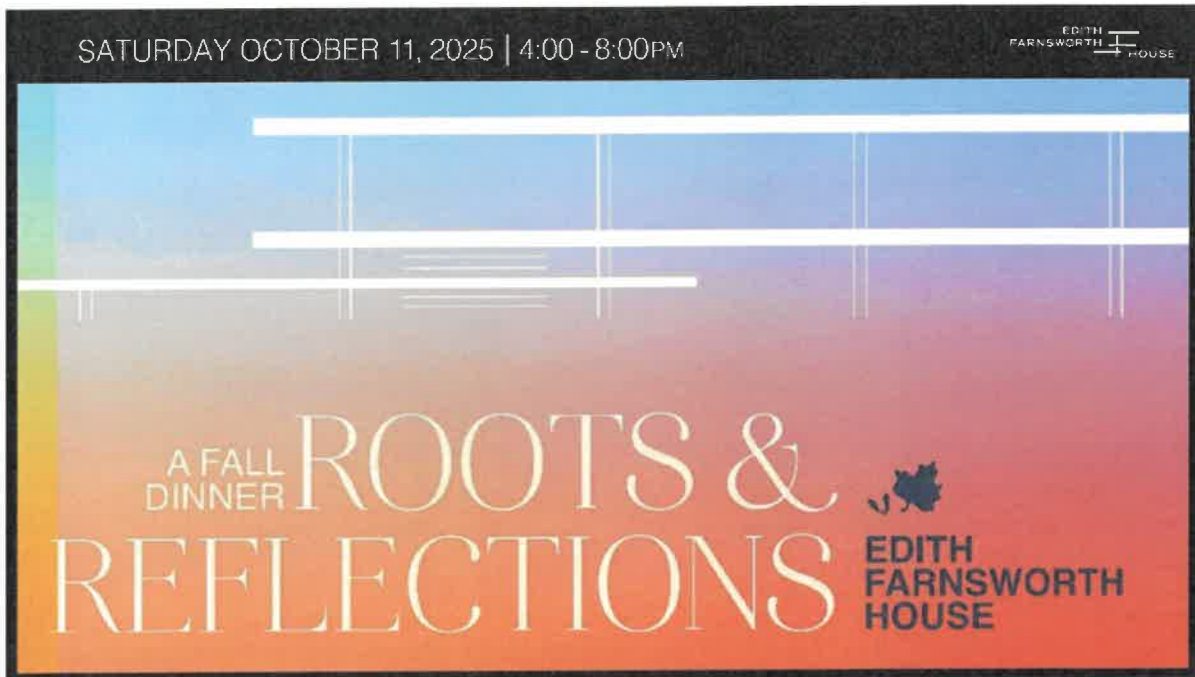
Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM
Director

Matt Asselmeier

From: Edith Farnsworth House <farnsworthhouse@savingplaces.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 3:43 PM
To: Matt Asselmeier
Subject: [External]Join Us for a Magical Fall Evening!

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

to attend this year's fundraising event for the
Edith Farnsworth House National Historic Landmark on Saturday, October 11,
from 4-8:00 pm. Join us for a fall dinner featuring local growers and purveyors,
including open bar and a silent auction.

Individual Tickets are \$250 and tables of eight are \$1750.

For more information and tickets:

www.edithfarnsworthhouse.org/rootsreflections/

Or scan below:



Kindly RSVP by September 25

Can't attend? You can still support our mission with a 100% tax-deductible donation.

Individual Tickets

Table for Eight

ROOTS & REFLECTIONS SPONSORS

Travertine - \$5,000

Elizabeth Higgins-Beard and Gregory Beard
The Wadsworth Family



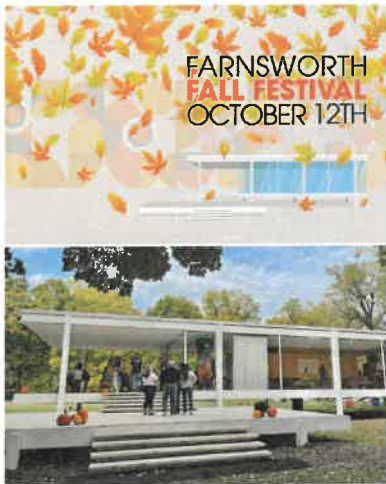
Glass - \$2,500

Berglund Construction
Martin L.J. Newman



In-kind Sponsors
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Quincy Street Distillery
Two Brothers Roundhouse



Make it a Fall Weekend at Farnsworth

After Roots & Reflections, stay the night and return for the **Farnsworth Fall Festival** on Sunday, October 12, from 12–5 PM.

Enjoy artisan vendors, local food and drink, family-friendly activities, and access to the historic house and grounds—all in peak fall color.

Click **HERE** for area hotels offering Farnsworth guests a discount.

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