



Kirksville Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Agenda

January 7, 2026, 4:00 pm

Council Chambers, City Hall, 201 S. Franklin St.

Call Meeting to Order

Roll Call

Order of the Agenda:

Staff report of additions or changes

Motion (and Second) to approve the order of the agenda

Vote – Ayes / Nays / Abstain

Minutes:

Minutes of the regular meeting on October 8, 2025

Motion (and Second) to approve minutes

Chair asks for corrections

Vote – Ayes / Nays / Abstain

Old Business:

1. Local Landmark Update

- a. Staff Report
- b. Commission Updates/ Input
- c. Citizen Questions / Input

New Business:

1. Election of Officers

- a. Staff Report
- b. Nomination of Officers
- c. Vote – Ayes or Nays

2. Discuss Speaker from SHPO for the April Meeting

- a. Staff Report
- b. Commission Updates/ Input
Citizen Questions / Input

Citizen Participation

(Time Limit of Five Minutes) Citizen participation is for suggestions and comments on items affecting the Kirksville Historic Preservation Commission and the City, but are not on the agenda. Action by the Commission other than acknowledgment is not expected at the same meeting. Citizens may address the Commission on topics which are part of the regular agenda when these items are discussed by the Commission. Citizens must add their signature to the Citizen Participation Sign-In Sheet and announce their name before they begin speaking. The Commission does like to follow up with citizens and request citizens willing to leave a form of contact.

Adjournment

Next Meeting: April 2, 2026 at 4:00 pm

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KIRKSVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES of October 08, 2025

PRESENT:

Danny Ellsworth, Vice Chair

Amanda Brand

Cody Weichelt

Bill Castles

Jennifer Walston, City Council Representative

Ashley Young, Community & Economic Development Director

Austin Miller, Communications Director

ABSENT:

Robert Clement

Betty McLane-Iles, Planning & Zoning Representative

Sara Knipe, City Planner

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ellsworth called the meeting of the Kirksville Historic Preservation Commission in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 201 S. Franklin, to order at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Ellsworth asked for a motion to approve the order of the agenda. Community & Economic Development Director Ashley Young asked if the commission would add Item 3 under New Business for a discussion about the sale of the Lincoln School. Bill Castles made a motion to amend the order of agenda and add Item 3 under New Business; Amanda Brand seconded. The order of the agenda was approved as amended with the following vote: Ellsworth – aye, Walston – aye, Brand – aye, Weichelt – aye, Castles – aye; no nays. Absent: Clement, McLane-Iles.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Ellsworth asked for any changes to the minutes from the meeting on July 16, 2025. With no changes or additions, Cody Weichelt made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 16 meeting; Amanda Brand seconded. The minutes were approved with the following vote: Ellsworth – aye, Walston – aye, Brand – aye, Weichelt – aye, Castles – aye; no nays. Absent: Clement, McLane-Iles.

OLD BUSINESS

Election of Vice Chair: Community & Economic Development Director Ashley Young reminded the Commission about electing a Chair at the July 16 meeting, but decided to postpone the election for Vice-Chair until next meeting. Amanda Brand nominated Cody Weichelt to be Vice-Chair; Jennifer Walston seconded. Cody Weichelt was elected the Vice-Chair with the following vote: Ellsworth – aye, Walston – aye, Brand – aye, Weichelt – aye, Castles – aye; no nays. Absent: Clement, McLane-Iles.

NEW BUSINESS

Roof & Window Matching Grant Program Application for the Rieger Armory: Community & Economic Development Director Ashley Young explained that the applicant, Aaron Pearce, has completed the proposed work to replace existing windows at the Rieger Armory located at 500 S. Elson St. City Staff was notified of the completion, and the Review Team (Community & Economic Development Director Ashley Young, KHPC Chair Danny Ellsworth, and Code Enforcement Director Reid Yardley) completed an inspection of the final work. Payment is now in process through the City Finance Department to pay \$7,500 directly to the contractor, Aladdin Glass.

Local Landmark Update: Community & Economic Development Director Ashley Young stated that the bronze historic plaques for the six (6) new Local Landmarks have been ordered and are in production. The company making the plaques indicated it would take approximately 5 – 7 weeks for production. Young stated that there will be a dedication event planned for Preservation Month 2026.

Sale of Lincoln School: Community & Economic Development Director Ashley Young stated that the Lincoln School, located at 907 S. Wabash St., is currently for sale. From 1914 to 1954, black children in Kirksville attended this segregated school. It was converted into apartments for student housing in the 1970s or 1980s. In order for the exterior to be protected historically, the new owner would have to make it a local landmark. Jennifer Walston indicated that she took a tour with the realtor and discussed with the Commission all of the renovations needed for the interior. Amanda Brand asked Jennifer Walston if she had thought about working on an article for the paper. Walston stated that it was a possibility. Amanda Brand also mentioned talking to the Adair County Historical Society to let them know it was for sale. Jennifer Walston said she would reach out to Blytha Ellis at the Adair County Historical Society. Cody Weichelt then volunteered to contact Bertha Thomas to ask if she was aware of any individuals or resources available to aid in this effort. Amanda Brand also volunteered to contact the Missouri State Historical Society.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Amanda Brand asked if there was any kind of recognition that could be done for Lori Shook for her serving on this commission. Communications Director Austin Miller mentioned that maybe something could be done at the Boards and Commission Banquet that is usually held in March.

Bill Castles made a motion to adjourn; Jennifer Walston seconded. Chair Ellsworth adjourned the meeting at 4:37 pm.

Sonya Ray - Recording Secretary

Local Landmark Update: Staff Report

Staff is pleased to report that the plaques for the six historic landmarks approved by the Kirksville Historic Preservation Commission and City Council last year have now been successfully delivered to the City. City staff will be coordinating closely with individual property owners and other relevant parties to arrange appropriate installation dates for each of the six new plaques. Installation scheduling is currently underway, and additional updates will be provided to the Commission as installation timelines are finalized.

Election of Officers: Staff Report

The offices of Chair and Vice-Chair of the KHPC are elected annually, and it is time once again for officer elections.

Discuss Speaker from SHPO for the April Meeting: Staff Report

Staff recommends inviting Andrew Dial, Community Services Section Chief with the Missouri State Historic Preservation Office, to attend the April meeting to provide a presentation on the Our Historic Preservation Fund grant program and Historic Tax Credits. This presentation would offer valuable information and updates relevant to the Commission's work and ongoing preservation efforts. The presentation will count toward the annual education requirement for board members; therefore, attendance at the April meeting will be highly encouraged.