



# City of Joliet

## Joliet Historic Preservation Commission

### Meeting Agenda

Commission Members  
Quinn Adamowski  
Brian Bessler  
Mary Beth Gannon  
Kevin Heinemann  
Candace Johnson  
Kailee Lowry  
Sharon Merwin  
Aaron Mikottis  
Ken Spiegel  
Sara Stovall  
Steven Wright

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**Wednesday, April 24, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

**Joliet Police Department  
Community Room**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

January 24, 2024 Joliet Historic Preservation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [JHPC 01-24-24 Minutes JB](#)

## **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS**

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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Election of Chair and Vice Chair positions
- b. Selection of 2024 Annual Historic Preservation Award Recipients
- c. Review and comment on Downtown Joliet Historic Resources Survey Report
- d. 2023 Annual Report of the Historic Preservation Commission – Discussion only

**Attachments:** [Staff report JHPC 2023 Annual Report](#)  
[CLG-Annual-Update-City of Joliet 2023](#)

## **STAFF REPORTS**

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

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# City of Joliet

150 West Jefferson Street  
Joliet, IL 60432

## Memo

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**File #:** TMP-7209

**Agenda Date:**4/24/2024

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## Joliet Historic Preservation Commission

150 West Jefferson Street  
Joliet, IL 60432

### Meeting Minutes

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### CALL TO ORDER

### DECLARATION OF QUORUM

<b>Present</b>	Quinn Adamowski, Brian Bessler, Mary Beth Gannon, Kevin Heinemann, Candace Johnson, Kailee Lowry, Sharon Merwin, Aaron Mikottis, Sara Stovall and Steven Wright
<b>Absent</b>	Ken Spiegel

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**September 27, 2023 Joliet Historic Preservation Commission** [TMP-6942](#)  
**Special Meeting Minutes**

Attachments: [09-27-23 JHPC SPECIAL Minutes JB](#)

A motion was made by Sara Stovall, seconded by Candace Johnson, to approve the September 27, 2023 Joliet Historic Preservation Commission Special Meeting Minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Adamowski, Johnson, Lowry, Merwin and Stovall

**Abstain:** Gannon, Heinemann and Wright

**September 27, 2023 Joliet Historic Preservation Commission** [TMP-6941](#)  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

Attachments: [09-27-23 JHPC REG Minutes JB](#)

A motion was made by Kailee Lowry, seconded by Sara Stovall, to approve the September 27, 2023 Joliet Historic Preservation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Adamowski, Heinemann, Johnson, Lowry, Merwin and Stovall

**Abstain:** Gannon and Wright

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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There was no discussion on this subject.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no discussion on this subject.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **South End and South Side Survey of Black Historic and Cultural Resources**

**[TMP-6944](#)**

Attachments:    [South End South Side Survey Staff Report](#)  
                          [City of Joliet - CLG Application 2023 - South End Survey](#)

Ms. Bernhard read the staff report into the record and pulled up a visual aide.

Ms. Merwin said that it will be interesting to see how much of the proposed survey area will fall in Unincorporated Joliet Township. Mr. Wright announced that he plotted all of the Brown Book business locations on a map previously. Ms. Bernhard stated that staff was recommending that Quinn Adamowski, at a minimum, represent the Historic Preservation Commission given his professional expertise and role of chairing the Route 66 Scenic Byway Committee. Ms. Bernhard asked if any one wanted to join the steering committee, Ms. Johnson said that she is interested and Ms. Bernhard put her down as a maybe, Mr. Wright said that he was also interested. Ms. Merwin asked to be added as a maybe. Ms. Merwin asked if it is possible to extend the area on the map, Ms. Bernhard said she thinks so, she will get clarification from the State of Illinois. Ms. Merwin asked if the South End Neighborhood was previously a predominately Italian community before The Great Migration, Ms. Bernhard said the neighborhood was always a mixed ethnic & racial neighborhood, including Irish and Italian and African American. Ms. Bernhard is hoping to have better framework on how the survey will roll out at the February meeting. Ms. Merwin asked if there is a rough timeline, Ms. Bernhard answered that the survey has to

be done by September of 2025.

### **2024 Annual Historic Preservation Plan Framework**

**[TMP-6945](#)**

Attachments:     [Historic Preservation Plan Framework 2024](#)

Ms. Bernhard went over the 2024 Annual Historic Preservation Plan Framework and presented a visual aide.

Ms. Bernhard went over the 2023 JHPC action plan goals and the tasks were complete or incomplete. Ms. Bernhard asked if any of the tasks would be considered a priority.

A motion was made by Sharon Merwin, seconded by Kailee Lowry, to approve as amended the 2024 Annual Historic Preservation Plan Framework. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:**                     Adamowski, Gannon, Heinemann, Johnson, Lowry, Merwin, Stovall and Wright

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Ms. Bernhard shared that the National Park Service Regional Grants Coordinator visited the November 30th presentation regarding the Illinois State Penitentiary-Joliet National Register Historic District. Ms. Bernhard commented that the NPS Grants coordinator indicated that another Underrepresented Communities grant could be applied for to amend the ISP-Joliet NRHD for national significance. Ms. Johnson asked what the process is to get it approved. Ms. Bernhard said a consultant firm would need to be engaged to put together the research and this process would likely take a year-and-a-half. Mr. Mikottis asked if the additional national recognition as a would qualify the property for more grants. Ms. Bernhard said yes. She also stated that there is interest in designating the site as National Historic Landmark too, which would require that the NRHD is deemed as “nationally significant” before even being considered by the NHL program. Ms. Bernhard gave an update on the Downtown National Register Historic District, indicating that the full designation process of the River Edge Redevelopment Zone project will not be wrapped up until 2025. Ms. Johnson asked if NRHD program provided individual downtown buildings with designation plaques. Ms. Bernhard said no. Ms. Bernhard gave an update on the Casseday house. A new lease agreement has been signed by the History of Wheels with the City of Joliet. Ms. Bernhard talked about the Equitable Transit Oriented Development Plan.

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Ms. Johnson announced that historic properties in Joliet that are being rented are not being maintained properly. Ms. Merwin said that 406 Buell Avenue has removed the pillars in front of the home and she would like to know if work is being done without permits. Ms. Johnson asked if the homes will have to be historic to protect them from changes. Mr. Mikottis said adding an additional 7,500 single family homes in the last year due to changes in the rental inspection program may have been biting off more than Neighborhood Services can chew. Ms. Johnson stated that she thought the shortage of Neighborhood Services inspectors has not helped with the situation. Mr. Mikottis said it also seems that the City is having a hard time

keeping up with the clerical work associated with the inspection process. Ms. Bernhard indicated that she would arrange a meeting with the City's new Neighborhood Services Director to discuss Historic Preservation Commission concerns.

Ms. Merwin asked if Joliet Public School District #86 has an archive that could be used as a Resource. Ms. Merwin also asked about the background of the religious facilities in the South End Neighborhood area. Ms. Bernhard answered that District #86 does not have a collection of the history for their former and current buildings and noted that she has checked with the Superintendent in the past.

Ms. Bernhard sent the commissioners an invitation to the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commissions meeting. Ms. Bernhard will not be able to attend but Ms. Merwin may attend.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Kailee Lowry, seconded by Sharon Merwin, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

<b>Aye:</b>	Adamowski, Bessler, Gannon, Heinemann, Johnson, Lowry, Merwin, Mikottis, Stovall and Wright
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## Memo

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**File #:** TMP-7229

**Agenda Date:**4/24/2024

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**TO:** Historic Preservation Commission

**FROM:** Jayne Bernhard, City Planner

**SUBJECT:** Joliet Historic Preservation Commission Annual Report for 2023

**BACKGROUND:**

As part of the City of Joliet's responsibilities as a Certified Local Government (CLG), an annual report of the Joliet Historic Preservation Commission's (JHPC) functions and activities has been prepared. The City of Joliet received Certified Local Government (CLG) status in 1995. The CLG Program was established by the National Historic Preservation Act Amendment of 1980 to integrate local preservation programs into the existing federal/state preservation partnership. CLG'S are required to prepare and file their annual report with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). City ordinance also requires the City Council to accept and place on file said report.

The Historic Preservation Commission and City staff were actively involved in important preservation initiatives in 2023, many of which were recently completed. These new resources are now available on the "Historic Preservation" webpage on the City's website: [www.joliet.gov/historicpreservation](http://www.joliet.gov/historicpreservation).

Some 2023 highlights include:

- Review of Certificates of Appropriateness for:
  - Rear dormer at 17 S. Center Street (Patrick Haley Mansion);
  - Fiber cement board siding at 614 Buell Avenue;
  - Wood composite replacement windows at 714 Western Avenue;
  - New garage at 1010 Glenwood Avenue;
  - In addition, staff conducted 5 administrative reviews.
- Review of three local historic property designation nominations:
  - 410 Whitney Avenue as a Contributing Property in the Classic Bungalow Local Thematic Historic District
  - 212 Richards Street as a Local Historic Landmark
  - 14 West Jefferson Street (former Will County Courthouse) as a Local Historic Landmark
- Management and completion of the:
  - Downtown Joliet Historic Resource Survey and National Register Historic District (Listed on 12/26/2023).
  - Illinois State Penitentiary-Joliet National Register Historic District nomination project (Listed on 9/25/2023).

- Work on Phase Two of the Joliet Railroad Museum. The project received grant funding through the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's Route 66 Round Two Grant Program. The Museum will open to the public on May 10, 2024.
- Application for FY2023 Certified Local Government Grant Program funding for a African American Historic and Cultural Resources Survey. Notice of award received in January 2024.
- Implementation of the "Places Matter" media campaign for Historic Preservation Month in May during which places that matter to our City were recognized.
- Sponsorship of the 2023 Historic Preservation Award program for which one individual and one project received awards.

The attached annual report is in the format required by the State of Illinois Historic Preservation Office.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Historic Preservation Commission approve the Joliet Historic Preservation Commission Annual Report for 2023.



# HISTORIC *Preservation* DIVISION

## CLG Annual Update Form

### 1. CLG Administration

**\* 1. Certified Local Government:**

**\* 2. Completed by:**

**\* 3. Period of Review:**

**4. List of current commission members and their email addresses:**

1	<input type="text"/>
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## 5. CLG Administration:

	Yes	No
Local Ordinance is enforced:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
A qualified commission of members has been appointed:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Copies of commission minutes are sent to the SHPO:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Comments:

## 6. Number of times the commission has met during the past 12 months:

## 7. Number of reviews of building and demolition permits conducted during the past 12 months:

## 8. Number of decisions appealed in the past year:

## 9. Number of project denials:

## 10. Average amount of time to close-out a Certificate of Appropriateness:

## 11. Link to all parts of ordinance relating to landmark designation and review process:

1	<input type="text"/>
2	<input type="text"/>
3	<input type="text"/>

## 12. Any comments or additional information about CLG administration duties:



## CLG Annual Update Form

### 2. Survey and National Register of Historic Places

**13. CLG review and comments of National Register nominations sent to SHPO within 60 day comment period?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not applicable (no nominations to review within this evaluation period)

Comments:

**14. Number of properties added to the state survey this past year:**

**15. Number of local landmarks designated (total):**

**16. Number of local landmarks added this past year:**

**17. How many parcels in the community contain locally landmarked properties?**

**18. Total number of parcels in your community:**



## CLG Annual Update Form

### 3. Public Participation

**19. The public is involved in the local preservation process, including the nomination of properties to the National Register of Historic Places:**

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

**20. Commission minutes are accessible to the public:**

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

**21. Open meetings are conducted:**

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

**22. Property Owners of proposed designations are notified for public hearing:**

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:



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**CLG Annual Update Form**

**4. Education and Training Activities**

**23. Number of historic preservation or CLG workshops or seminars attended in the past year by CLG staff or commissioners:**

**24. Educational activities or projects sponsored by local government during the past 12 months:**

**25. Tell us about any concerns:**

**26. Tell us about the CLG's successes:**