

Historic Preservation Commission

2025 Annual Report

2025 Accomplishments

- The Commission conducted 7 public meetings
- Voted to approve 4 of 4 public hearings (1 COA approved as amended)
- Received several reports regarding new business. Contents of the reports included review of process and requirements to establish a committee, updating the 2008 Historic and Architectural Survey by Granacki Historic Consultants, Commissioner and historic preservation or subject relevant training, report on the 223 Center Street case, scheduling an agenda item for public discussion, and the DuPage County Forest Preserve's Oak Cottage
- Following the HPC's request, initiation of staff-led training sessions. Topics included an overview of the COA review process, what happens after a COA is approved, and the landmarking process.
- Following the HPC's request, initiation of a resurvey of the Local Historic District
- Commissioner James Wills was reappointed to the Commission for a 2nd term
- Commissioner/Chairman Christopher Santucci was reappointed to the Commission for a 2nd term

2025 Challenges

- Change to the meeting room location from Meeting Room B to Meeting Room C (formerly NEU Learning Center)
- 1 member of the HPC was not reappointed for a 2nd term
- Lacked a full member roster for the majority of the year

2026 Upcoming Work

- Fill (1) vacancy on the HPC
- Commissioner 1st term will expire (Deffenbaugh, O'Brien). Members are limited to 2 terms.
- Review and consider any Certificate of Appropriateness or Landmarking request that comes before the Commission
- Receive the updated historic and architectural survey for the Local Historic District conducted by Ramsey Historic Consultants, Inc.