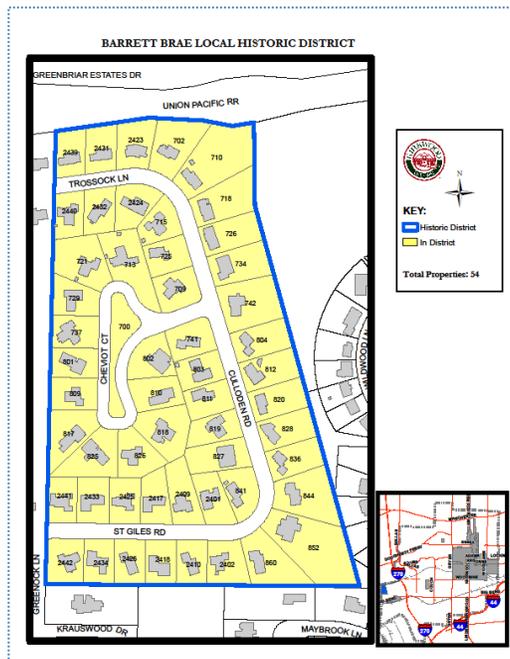
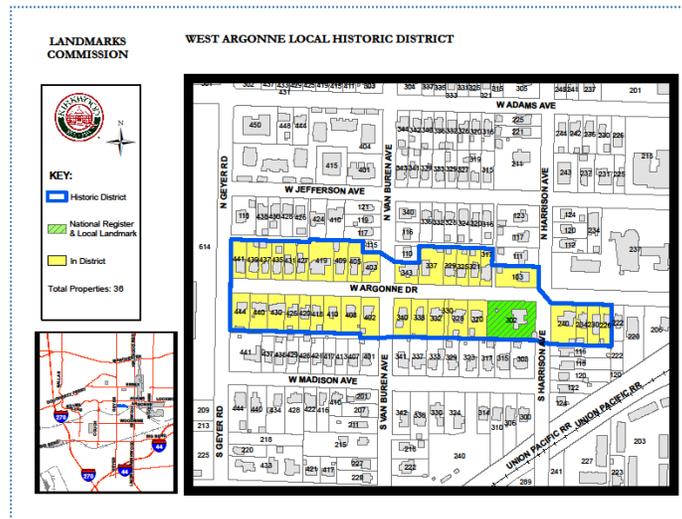


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CITY OF KIRKWOOD LANDMARKS COMMISSION

PART 1: DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Kirkwood Landmarks Commission was first established in 1981 by Ordinance No. 6697 to identify and designate landmarks within the City of Kirkwood. In 1986, the City Council repealed the original ordinance and replaced it with Ordinance No. 7534. This change increased the scope of the Commission's work to "study, identify and designate landmarks and historic districts within the City; to review proposed changes in landmarks; and to make recommendations to encourage the preservation of such landmarks or historic districts." In 2013 the City Council modified the Landmarks Ordinance to broaden the definition of a historic district to make the inclusion of a designated landmark property in a district non-compulsory. *See enclosed Landmarks Ordinance at Tab A.* In July 1986 the City of Kirkwood became a Certified Local Government, with the benefits afforded to it by the State Historic Preservation Office.

The Office of the Landmarks Commission is located in Kirkwood City Hall. For the annual report year, the Commission was staffed by a part-time city employee, Amy Lowry, a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners with seven years' experience in Historic Preservation and related fields. She also holds Master's degrees in Public Administration and in Urban and Regional Planning. Further support emanates from Chief Administrative Officers, Management Information Systems, and the Office of the Building Commissioner.

During the report period, the Commission was proactive in its efforts to preserve Kirkwood's heritage. The Commission designated two new local historic districts with a total of 90 properties. The first district includes a variety of home styles built from the 1850s to 1950s on a three-block street anchored by a Landmark 1859 home. The second district comprises a 1950s mid-century modern neighborhood. The Commission also approved the restoration of a Landmark home that had been unoccupied for a number of years and has just recently been purchased. The new owners hope to use federal tax credits for rehabilitation and are working with the SHPO. On the negative side, the report period was also marked by the unfortunate losses of 2 historic homes in local historic districts and the removal of a Landmark from the registry.

The mission of the Landmarks Commission is to protect, retain and enhance the City's historic properties. The Commission has been instrumental in designating over 90 landmarks, six local historic districts and four National Register historic districts which include businesses, schools, churches, cemeteries, and a multitude of historically significant homes. The Commission is very proud of its efforts to preserve the rich heritage of Kirkwood and to ensure that its unique character continues.

Mission Statement 2013

PART 2: HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

The Commission is composed of seven citizens of Kirkwood, chosen to serve on the Commission because of “demonstrated interest in, competence in, or knowledge of historic preservation.” Each member serves for a three-year term and may be reappointed for one additional term. Appointments are considered in the month of June. *See enclosed Volunteer Profiles and Résumés at Tab B.* Kirkwood City Council Member Paul Ward served as Council Liaison to the Commission. Commissioners and their terms are as follows:

MEMBER	APPOINTED	TERM END	STATUS	PRESERVATION RELATED FIELD
Catherine Enslin	6/2009	2015	term concluded in June	Architecture
Judith Franklin Ward	6/2010	2016	in service	Design
Michael Lewis	6/2011	2017	in service	Construction
Lynn Anadel	6/2012	2018	reappointed in June, in service	Real Estate
Andrew Raimist	7/2012	2017	in service	Architecture
Walter Smith	2/2012	2018	reappointed in June, in service	Business Marketing
Robert Rubright	6/2013	2016	in service	History, Writing
Jessica Worley	7/2015	2018	appointed in July, in service	Architecture

Reappointments and Officers. In June Lynn Anadel and Walter Smith were both reappointed to a second term that will expire in 2018. Catherine Enslin concluded her term in June and Jessica Worley was appointed in July (after the July meeting). Elected officers for most of the report year were Michael Lewis as Chair, Lynn Anadel as Vice Chair and Walter Smith as Secretary. In September new officers were elected: Walter Smith as Chair, Andrew Raimist as Vice Chair and as Robert Rubright as Secretary.

PART 3: SCHEDULED MEETINGS HELD AND ATTENDANCE RECORDS

The Commission holds regularly scheduled meetings on the second Wednesday of the month. If there are no cases to review, the Commission may not meet. During this report period, the Commission held ten regular meetings. *See enclosed Meeting Minutes at Tab C.* For each meeting the individual attendance records are shown below:

2014 – 2015

	Oct 15 th	Nov 12 th	Dec 10 th	Jan 14 th	Feb 11 th	Mar 11 th	Apr 8 th	Jun 10 th	Jul 8 th	Sept 9 th
Lynn Anadel	x	x			x			x		
Catherine Enslin	x	x	x		x	x	x		n/a	n/a
Michael Lewis	x	x		x			x			
Andrew Raimist	x	x			x	x		x	x	x
Robert Rubright	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	x
Walter Smith	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Judith Franklin Ward	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Jessica Worley	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	x
<i>Paul Ward, City Council Liaison</i>		x		x		x	x		x	x
<i>Amy Lowry, Landmarks Liaison</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

x = present

PART 4: SUBCOMMITTEES AND STUDY GROUPS

Design Guidelines: The Landmarks Commission continued with its development of new Design Guidelines for Kirkwood Landmarks and Historic Districts with Comr. Enslin serving as the project manager. The Design Guidelines development was an ongoing project all year with the project anticipated to be completed in 2016.

PART 5: COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

Protection of Historic Property:



For a number of years the Commission has been concerned about the house at 419 East Argonne Drive (City Landmark #7, the Gill House). It is individually listed on the National Register and located in the local Jefferson-Argonne Historic District. The house, which the Commission believes is one of the most important historic homes in the City, had been vacant for over seven years and for sale for over two years. The Commission had been approached by many potential buyers with plans to demolish the home, demolish the historic outbuilding or change the home so it was no longer historic.

This year a new contractor and owner presented their plans to save the property through a restoration of the exterior, replacement of the roof and gutters, construction of a new attached garage, and removal of the existing back addition and replacement with a new two-story addition. The new rear addition would be more practical to serve their needs, including space above the garage for guests, a hearth room and eat-in kitchen area. The owner plans to pursue state tax credits for rehabilitation and will work with the State Historic Preservation Office. The Commission is thrilled that the new owner is taking on the project.

Loss of Historic Properties: The year was marked by the demolition of two homes. The home at 218 East Washington Avenue was a contributing resource in the North Taylor Historic District and built circa 1925. The property consisted of a two-story, Prairie-style apartment house with concrete foundation, frame construction, hipped roof, stucco walls, and double-hung windows. The living area was 3,600 square feet and 20 rooms were divided into four apartments, each with a full bath and one bedroom. The house had been vacant and in complete disrepair for a number of years.



The second demolition occurred at 227 East Jefferson Avenue, a contributing resource in the Jefferson-Argonne Historic District. The property consisted of a two-story, Colonial Revival home with concrete foundation, masonry walls, and a low side-gabled roof. A two-story family room, master suite and garage wing was added on the east in 2007. The home was built in 1955 and not in poor condition, but the Commission could not save it from demolition.

Removal of Landmark: At the request of the owner, the house at 12231 Old Big Bend Road (City Landmark #43, the William Bach House) was removed from Landmark status. The property has been in the Bach family since just after the Civil War. William Bach had served in the Union Army and moved from Webster Groves. He purchased the eastern 49.15 acres from the 80-acre Jacob Schwenn farm and built the house circa 1866. The exterior of the simple mid-19th century farm house has been little changed except to add a two car garage to the east and to remove built-in side benches on the front porch. The interior has been greatly remodeled through the years, but the east room on the second floor still is lined with 4” beaded T&G boards of the 1860s. The walls are filled with bricks. The Bach family cited hardship in selling the home and since the property remains in the same family that requested the Landmark designation in the first place, the Commission agreed to remove the home from the Landmark rolls.



PART 5A: LANDMARK DESIGNATIONS

The Commission did not designate any new Landmarks during the report year.

PART 5B: DISTRICT DESIGNATIONS

The Commission designated two new local historic districts during the report year. Ms. Lowry worked with two distinct neighborhood groups to form the historic districts and no HPF funding was used. At this point in time, neither district is being considered for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Under the Kirkwood Landmarks Ordinance, the Commission may designate historic districts or Landmarks. The designations do not need to be approved by the Kirkwood City Council, but any property owner aggrieved by the process may appeal to City Council.

On November 12, 2014 the Commission established the **West Argonne Historic District**. The district consists of 36 homes in the 200, 300 and 400 blocks of West Argonne Drive and includes the previously designated City Landmark of Mudd’s Grove (also listed on the National Register of Historic Places). West Argonne Drive is Kirkwood’s original Main Street that was renamed following World War I in honor of the Kirkwood soldiers who fought in the Argonne offensive. The West Argonne Historic District connects the “Main Street” of Kirkwood from the Jefferson-Argonne Historic District through the Downtown National Register District through this new district all the way to Kirkwood Park at Geyer Road.

The West Argonne neighborhood developed historically over time and homes date from 1859 to the 1950s. The West Argonne District is part of the original 40 Blocks of Kirkwood and is associated with several prominent Kirkwood families (Mudd, Dana, and Bopp among others). The homes were built through many historic periods:

- 1 home (Mudd’s Grove) built in the Planned Railroad Suburb period of 1850-64
- 6 homes built in the Late Nineteenth Century Suburban Growth period of 1865-98

- 20 homes built in the Transition to an Automobile Suburb period of 1899-1945
- 6 homes built in the Post-War Development period of 1946-62
- 3 homes built in the Contemporary Development period of 1963-present

Within the district there are examples of Greek Revival, Victorian, Homestead, Craftsman, American Four Square, Tudor, Dutch Colonial and Ranch architectural styles. Because of the varying architectural styles, the district will be subject to the city-wide design guidelines rather than specific district guidelines. *See enclosed Nomination Report and West Argonne map at Tab D*

The second newly formed historic district is in a neighborhood of mid-century modern houses. The **Barrett Brae Historic District** was established by the Commission on March 11, 2015. Most of the 53 homes were built in the mid-century modern ranch architectural style. There is a neighborhood common ground with no structures upon it included in the district (bringing the property total to 54). All of the original homes were built by Fischer & Frichtel, Inc. homebuilders from the time period of 1955-60. The house design elements were featured in *House and Home* (October 1955) and *Better Homes and Gardens* (October 1958) magazines. The homes were built with open interiors, minimal compartmentalized rooms, low-pitched roofs with projecting eaves, and abundant windows and sliding doors for access to external natural views. The homes were also built onto large lots and fitted into the hilly terrain. With the exception of the 4 new infill homes (built in 2003, 2005, 2012 and 2014), all of the original homes have reached the age of significance of 50 years. With the formation of the district, the Commission adopted design guidelines that were developed with the assistance of the property owners. The formation of the district was appealed to the City Council by one property owner. The City Council ultimately upheld the formation of the district. *See enclosed Nomination Report and Barrett Brae map at Tab E.*

PART 5C: NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS REVIEWED

The Commission did not review any National Register Nominations.

PART 5D: CASES REVIEWED AND DECISIONS

Seventeen (17) Certificates of Appropriateness (CoAs) including one (1) amendment to a previously issued CoA were issued during the report year including:

- Three (3) CoAs for demolition of two homes in the North Taylor and Jefferson-Argonne Historic Districts and rebuilding of new homes on the same lots (one CoA combined both the demolition and new construction);
- One (1) CoA for demolition of a detached garage/shed in the Jefferson-Argonne Historic District with no plans to rebuild;
- Three (3) CoAs for construction of new detached garages in the North Taylor Historic District and Jefferson-Argonne Historic Districts;
- Nine (9) CoAs for modifications to existing Landmarks including one amendment to the new entrances for City Hall, one parking lot on a Landmark property, one restoration of home including new garage and addition, one porch restoration, one detached garage demolition and construction of new garage, two new signs on two Landmarks, one rebuilding of a garage roof and deck, and one accessory pool structure and fence; and
- One (1) CoA to delist a Landmark home.

Case #14-07, 711 S. Kirkwood Rd (Landmark #93, Manor Grove) – Manor Grove presented the plans for a new parking lot that will add 62 spots for employee parking. Three houses that Manor Grove owns will be razed to create the parking lot and the properties, along with the vacated College Avenue, will be consolidated with the Manor Grove plat. The parking lot was unanimously approved. (October 2014)

Case #14-08, 218 E. Washington Ave. (North Taylor Historic District) – The owner proposed to demolish the home. The 60-day automatic stay ran until November 10. The Commission set the case for Public Hearing. (October 2014) At the Public Hearing at the Commission’s November 12 meeting, the owner stated that the house had been vacant and in complete disrepair for a number of years prior to his purchase of the property; the house had problems with its foundation, wildlife infestation, and asbestos and vermiculite in the attic; and that he wanted to replace house with a single family home that will be compatible with contributing houses in the historic district. Members of the public commented on the demolition and plans for a new house. The Commission allowed the demolition to proceed after the 60-day automatic stay by not invoking the 270-day stay of demolition. The decision was unanimous. (November 2014)

Case #14-09, 123 W. Argonne Dr. (Landmark #53, Old Fire House No. 1) – The shop owner presented the new “Sammy Soap” sign that will be attached in single letters to the building. The sign was unanimously approved. (October 2014)

Case #14-01 Amended, 139 S. Kirkwood Rd (Landmark #94, City Hall) – As the work on the west plaza progressed, the contractor found corrosive damage to the interior metal supports and all eight of the columns needed to be replaced. This was not in the original design. The new columns were unanimously approved. (October 2014)

Case #14-10, 315 W. Adams Ave. (Landmark #70, Hammond House) – The contractor presented the Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for the Demolition of detached garage and new construction of new detached garage. The new detached garage was unanimously approved. (November 2014)

Case #14-11, 227 E. Jefferson Ave. (Jefferson-Argonne Historic District) – Demolition of existing home and new construction was proposed by the property owner. The demolition was set for Public Hearing at the January 14, 2015 Landmarks meeting. (December 2014) At the Public Hearing Ms. Lowry presented background and findings of fact on the 1955 home. Members of the public commented on the proposed demolition and new construction. After discussion, the Commission voted unanimously to allow the demolition to proceed after the 60-day stay and to approve the plans for the new home as submitted. (January 2015)

Case #14-12, 12223 Old Big Bend Rd (Landmark #43, William Bach House) – Request to Delist Home as a Landmark tabled to January 14 Meeting by Applicant. (December 2014) The owner reported that his mother originally requested the Landmark status in 1983. The property is $\frac{3}{4}$ acre with 2 homes (the Landmark Home built in the 1860s and a second home built in the 1920s). There are no procedures in place in the Landmarks Ordinance to delist a Landmark. The Commission tabled the matter with Ms. Lowry to consult with the City Attorney on the process for delisting a Landmark. (January 2015) The City Attorney recommended that the process for removal from Landmark status be comparable to the process for creating a Landmark. Therefore, the matter would need to be set for Public Hearing. The owners reported that they still want to proceed with

the delisting of their home as a Landmark. The Public Hearing was set for the next Landmarks meeting on March 11. (February 2015) At the Public Hearing Ms. Lowry reported that of the 95 designated landmarks in the city, 1 was delisted because of changes to the property and 7 have been razed. The property has been in the Bach family since the home was built. The Commission received one comment objecting to the delisting. The Commissioners discussed the fact that the same family that nominated the Bach house as a Landmark was asking for it to be removed as a Landmark and unanimously approved the delisting. (March 2015)

Case #14-13, 326 E. Jefferson Ave. (Jefferson-Argonne Historic District) –The garage and shed had been cited by the City for code violations due to severe disrepair. The Commission unanimously approved removal of the chicken coop and garage in the backyard of the home. (December 2014) The garage demolition was approved in December under a contractor’s name. The homeowner decided not to employ the contractor and the CoA was older than 6 months, so Ms. Lowry suggested that a new Certificate be issued in the homeowner’s name. The Commission unanimously approved the new CoA. (September 2015)

Case #15-01, 711 S. Kirkwood Rd (Landmark # 93, Manor Grove) – Manor Grove presented plans for a proposed new rear entrance sign with solar lighting. The Commission unanimously approved the new sign. (January 2015)

Case #15-02, 302 W. Argonne Dr. (Landmark #3, Mudd’s Grove) – The architect of the project presented the proposed changes and updates to the 1902 porch (which was initially restored in 1992). The project would replace deteriorated floorboards with composite tongue and groove; restore and repair railing column bases with one solid block of milled wood cypress; replace stair treads with composite lumber; and remove rust from the built-in gutters and repaint. The porch roof may also need to be repaired or replaced. The Commission unanimously approved the plans. (February 2015)

Case #15-03, 801 N. Taylor Ave. (North Taylor Historic District) – The homeowner presented the plans for the new garage. She reported that there is an existing shed with carport in the backyard, but that they could not build onto the shed as it is too close to the house. The design of the new garage is to reflect the character of the home with a flared roofline, carriage-style door and vent. The Commission unanimously approved the plans. (April 2015)

Case #15-04, 435 N. Harrison Ave. (Landmark #82, Francis E. Nipher House) – The architect presented the plans for the new backyard pool, spa and fence - none of which will be visible from the front. The pool will be 7 feet deep with a 54” fence around it as required by code. The textured concrete desk stays cool as it has an acrylic surface. The wall will be versa-lok with stone on top, but there is not stone on the house that it will match. The Commission unanimously approved the new pool. (April 2015)

Case #15-06, 218 E. Washington Ave. (North Taylor Historic District) – The owner presented the plans for the new home. The existing home (which was the subject of a Commission demolition hearing in November 2014) will be torn down. The Commission unanimously approved the new home plans. (July 2015)

Case #15-07, 525 E. Jefferson Ave. (Jefferson-Argonne Historic District) – The owner presented the plans for a new garage on her property. The house already has an attached garage that the

homeowners may convert to living space. The Commission unanimously approved the plans for the new garage with the requirement of a soldier course of brick over the garage door. (July 2015)

Case #15-08, 12120 Old Big Bend Rd (Landmark #50, William Bopp House/Green Parrot) – The architect reported that mold issues with the garage necessitated the rebuilding of the deck which is somewhat visible from the street. The garage will get a TPO type roof to support the new deck on top. The Commission unanimously approved the plans. (September 2015)

Case #15-09, 208 Bodley Ave. (North Taylor Historic District) – The architect presented the project to create a courtyard space with a new attached lanai, patio and garage. The garage will be built on the 5-foot side setback and only about 3 feet of it will be visible from the street. The Commission will not review the lanai plans as it will be attached to the main house and is not considered new construction under the Landmarks Ordinance. The Commission unanimously approved the plans, although Comr. Smith voted yes with reservations. (September 2015)

Case #15-10, 419 E. Argonne Dr. (Landmark #7, Gill House, Jefferson-Argonne Historic District) The contractor and owner (has house under contract) presented their plans for the property - restoration of exterior, replacement of roof and gutters, construction of new attached garage addition, removal of existing back addition and replacement with new two-story addition. The applicant plans to pursue state tax credits for rehabilitation and will work with the State Historic Preservation Office. The Commission unanimously approved the plans as submitted. (September 2015)

PART 5E: TRAINING AND CONFERENCES

- Ms. Lowry and Commissioners Enslin, Raimist and Ward attended training provided by the Kirkwood City Clerk and City Attorney on the Sunshine Law, Conflict of Interest and Roberts Rules of Order on October 29, 2015 at City Hall.
- Ms. Lowry attended the Missouri Chapter of the American Planning Association Statewide Conference on October 15-17, 2014.
- Ms. Lowry watched the “Historic Tax Credits 101: An Introduction to the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program” webinar on July 23, 2015
- Commissioner Raimist taught a “Community Building” class at Washington University during the report year. The class looked at the built environment and the social fabric (architecture, planning, American history, investment and disinvestment, community character and values, race, transportation, immigrant communities, future visions).
- Commissioner Andel attended Continuing Education for her Broker's license renewal.

PART 5F: PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

The Commission conducted ongoing public education and outreach throughout the report year including the following:

City Website Update: During the report year the City’s website was updated with new information regarding the Landmarks Commission and historic preservation efforts in the city. The new districts of West Argonne and Barrett Brae were added to the website.

Library Outreach: Ms. Lowry presented a seminar at the Kirkwood Public Library on “Preserving Your Kirkwood Home” on April 30, 2015 as part of the Library and Commission’s outreach for Historic Preservation week. *See enclosed “Preserving Your Kirkwood Home” PowerPoint presentation at Tab F.*

Favorite Building Awards. The Commission conducted its annual Favorite Building Awards to coincide with National Preservation Month in May. Information regarding the program is disseminated on the City’s webpage, through its weekly e-mail blast, through the local newspaper (*Webster-Kirkwood Times*) and through postings at City Hall, the Kirkwood Community Center and the Kirkwood Library. Nominations are accepted from the public and City boards and commissions. This year the Landmarks Commission joined up with the City’s Architectural Review Board to choose the awards. *See enclosed Favorite Building Awards program for photographs at Tab G.* The following structures and neighborhoods were honored:

Commercial Restoration of Merit – Sammy Soap, 123 W. Argonne Dr., Landmark #53, Old Fire House No. 1. This superior restoration of a Kirkwood Landmark with a terrific new sign has added character and vitality to Downtown Kirkwood.

Construction and Landscape of Merit – Kirkwood Park Improvements. Superior construction of park amenities culminates a 10-year process of rebuilding and enhancement, including pavilions, shelters, restrooms and recreational facilities as well as landscape features.

Rehabilitation and Addition of Merit – 435 N. Harrison Ave., Landmark #82, Nipher House. This excellent rehabilitation and complementary addition reinforces the historic character of the home and enhances the neighborhood.

Addition of Merit – 621 E. Monroe Ave., East Monroe National Register District. This superior rear addition is harmonious with the historic character of the home, preserves the primary façade and enhances the neighborhood.

Restoration and Addition of Merit – 819 N. Clay Ave. This quality restoration of an existing home with a tasteful new addition is an enhancement to the neighborhood.

Maintenance of Distinction – 107 Wildwood La. Beautiful home and landscape with unique wall have been wonderfully maintained for over 85 years.

Feature of Distinction – 342 W. Madison Ave. Home has been improved with attention to distinct features through a whimsical paint scheme.

Infill of Merit – 516 N. Harrison Ave. Superior new home design enhances historic neighborhood with excellent architectural details and use of materials.

Infill of Merit – 222 Timbercrest Rd. Sensitive new home of style, scale and size to blend into existing neighborhood.

Infill of Merit – 450 Meyer Ave. Sensitive new home of style, scale and size to blend into existing neighborhood.

Infill of Merit – 417 W. Monroe Ave. Sensitive new home of style, scale and size to blend into existing neighborhood.

Infill of Merit – 1051 Barberry La., Meramec Highlands Historic District. Superb new home with excellent architectural details and use of materials.

Recognition of Historical Significance – Brother Mel’s Studio, 1256 Maryhurst Drive, St. John Vianney High School. The original caretaker’s cottage was built in the early 1900s. The cottage was assigned to Brother Mel Meyer in 1967 and he, along with 14 other brothers, transformed it into an artist studio and gallery. They placed huge beams within the structure, used large stones for the outside wall, added a small chapel and created a unique wooden and steel winding staircase within the 2-story structure. The studio became a full-fledged workshop for frescoes, sculptures, stained glass and paintings that now adorn churches, universities and other buildings around the country. The structure’s future is uncertain since Brother Mel’s death and a decision has yet to be made on its destiny.

Neighborhood of Distinction – Barrett Brae. This classic mid-century modern subdivision designed and constructed by Fischer & Frichtel has maintained its integrity and distinctive features over the years. In addition to architectural significance and character, the neighborhood possesses an involved public spirit of preservation.

Architectural Review Board’s Architect of the Year – Donald Hussman, Dickinson Hussman Architects. Donald Hussman’s projects and dedication to Kirkwood have consistently embodied the spirit of the city. His numerous projects throughout the community have been innovative, yet respectful of their surroundings. His attention to detail, massing, proportion and style are just a few of the components of his work for which he is being honored. His projects have upheld the highest design standards and Kirkwood formally acknowledges his commitment to excellence.

Architectural Review Board’s Landscape Architect of the Year – SWT Design. SWT Design’s landscape plan for the Kirkwood City Hall site improvement project embodies the highest standards and is a testament to what can be accomplished through outstanding design. Kirkwood formally acknowledges SWT Design's commitment to excellence.

PART 6: COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN

No changes to the Comprehensive Preservation Plan were made during the report year. The City of Kirkwood adopted a Strategic Plan in December 2011, which honored the “historic charm” of the City, but did not specifically address historic preservation issues. Beginning in fall 2014, the City started the process to create a new Comprehensive Plan (Envision 2035) and Ms. Lowry served on the Technical Committee and attended Public Meetings on the Plan to address historic preservation concerns and issues. The Comprehensive Plan is scheduled to be finalized by the Planning and Zoning Commission in 2016.

PART 7: HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY STATUS

The 53 homes and one undeveloped property in the Barrett Brae subdivision were added to the historic preservation inventory during the report year. In the coming year, the inventory needs to be completely reviewed and updated to reflect demolitions, new construction and properties that have reached historic significance.



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This report is produced as a requirement for the Certified Local Government Agreement between the City of Kirkwood and the Missouri Historic Preservation Agency. It describes the activities of the Preservation Commission during the period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. Information is included regarding the cases reviewed, district and landmark designations, National Register nominations, monitoring, and general preservation and outreach activities.

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