



TAKE ACTION

NOMINATE AN ENDANGERED PLACE

Deadline January 31st 2018



Call for nominations: HKC's Most Endangered List - Kansas City's historic buildings and places are irreplaceable community assets that tell the story of the city and its development - our diverse history, our architectural legacy, and the people that lived, loved, and worked here. Many of these places are at risk of demolition and crumbling from neglect. HKC remains committed to keeping a watchful eye on these historic places, but we need your help!

Do you know of a threatened historic place? If so, nominate it for the 2017 list of the Most Endangered. Nominations will be accepted through Wednesday, January 31st 2018. To view the full criteria, instructions, and

the nomination form, click [HERE](#).

ENDANGERED PLACES SUCCESS STORIES

After a decade of tension between the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, and the Rockhill and Southmoreland neighborhoods - the strong leadership of Councilwoman Shields and involvement of the neighborhoods were the keys to a successful resolution. The agreement passed in June 2017, was celebrated as a win-win for all stakeholders and serves to keep both neighborhoods and institution great for generations to come.



Further north, in Midtown, HKC and Councilwoman Shields worked with the Old Hyde Park neighborhood over a three-year period to prevent The Collonades Apartment buildings (designed by John McKecknie) from being neglected and demolished by MAC properties. Now, after being rehabilitated, The Collonades stand proudly on Armour Boulevard and serve as apartment rentals. For more information [CLICK HERE](#).

NEWS

ANNUAL APPEAL SUCCESS



Thanks to the generous donations of our wonderful members and community partners, our annual appeal raised **\$30,650!** We are incredibly grateful for each and every donation. Each donation is a recognition that our community members care deeply about

preserving the rich history of Kansas City and that historic buildings can continue to be a viable part of our neighborhoods. Your support helps us do more!

LOSS OF A LEGEND:

HAROLD "HAL" SANDY

We are saddened by the loss of one of Historic Kansas City's original founders, Hal Sandy. Along with fellow founders Day Kerr and Joan Dillon, they worked together to create this organization. Hal modeled HKC based on what Savannah, GA and Charleston, SC preservation foundations had done successfully in their communities.



According to Jody Craig, the first Executive Director of HKC, Hal was one-of-a-kind: "Hal was truly the creative genius behind HKC. Not only did he conceive the idea for the organization... but he understood the need to bring together some of the city's strongest leaders in order for the fledgling group to succeed. And succeed it did, growing more than tenfold in its first three years. Hal was a man whose mind never stopped coming up with new ways to move HKC forward. Yet, he always had an ear for the thoughts of others whose experiences might be different and could potentially improve on his own thinking. He was one of the kindest men I've ever had the pleasure of working with."

Click [HERE](#) to read Hal's obituary.

RECENT EVENTS

HISTORIC TAX CREDIT SURVIVES

The final version of the tax reform legislation passed by Congress and signed by the President keeps the historic tax credit at 20%. Its inclusion in the most expansive overhaul of our nation's tax code in more than three decades is a reaffirmation that reviving older and historic buildings is sound federal policy and good for the nation.



Why is this important to KC? Over the past 50 years scores of older buildings in downtown and in the Crossroads area were vacant or underused - but with the help of the Historic Tax Credits these buildings have been redeveloped in recent years. A few examples of redevelopment projects using the state historic tax credit program include:

- The historic Pickwick complex, a former hotel, bus terminal and office building (now a 265-unit apartment building), was a \$65 million project that relied on historic tax credits to complete its financing.
- Conversion of the former Brookfield office building into apartments and a hotel.
- Conversion of the Folgers Coffee buildings located at 7th and Broadway into 146 market rate loft-style apartments.

Keeping this invaluable tax credit would not have been possible without the support and activism of individuals like you who called and emailed your representatives in Congress to make your voice heard!

[To read more, click here.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

WESTPORT SURVEY RESULTS

The first comprehensive survey to inventory, map and describe Westport's significant cultural resources is completed. The survey will be an important tool for protecting and preserving Westport's distinctive character as the area continues to grow and change. During the survey, preservation consultant Rosin Preservation documented the building's appearance and history in order to determine whether or not it qualifies for listing in the Kansas City or National Registers of Historic Places. Part of the survey also included the preparation of a historic context statement and examined the area's history and the various property types associated with that history.

HKC will host a public presentation Tuesday, February 6th for the public to learn more about the Survey, including the process and eligible historic resources that were identified:

Date: Tuesday, February 6th, 2018

Registration: 6:00 pm

Program: 6:30 pm

Location: Westport Presbyterian Church, 201 Westport Rd



The Survey showcases the diversity of cultural resources in Westport, including places of social importance, architecturally significant buildings, and historic districts. As Westport continues to be a district of rapid change, the Survey gives developers, property owners, policymakers, and the

general public information about significant historic resources in their community.

The effort was sparked by neighborhood concerns that new development proposals endanger the character of "Old Westport." A coalition calling itself Help Save Old Westport mounted a GoFundMe campaign to raise dollars to pay for the survey. The Survey was paid for by generous contributions from "Help Save Old Westport" GoFundMe contributors, the Kemper Fund for Kansas and Missouri of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the City of Kansas City, Missouri. We hope to see you there.

Follow us on [Facebook](#) or our [website](#) for future updates.

PRESERVATION AWARDS

In March we'll be hosting our annual Preservation Awards celebration at the beautiful Pickwick Plaza. Stay tuned for an upcoming announcement with more details on the event and how to nominate your favorite preservationist!



STRONG TOWNS - SPECIAL EVENT

At the Kansas City public library Plaza Branch, Chuck Marohn, a civil engineer, land use planner, and founder of the nonprofit Strong Towns, examines what he says is a need to build cities and suburbs differently, establishing a land use and transportation pattern that produces enough long-term revenue to build resilient, self-sustaining - i.e. "strong" - towns and cities.

Most urban development over the past 70 years has failed to create enough revenue to fund its infrastructure - streets and utilities that now are deteriorating. Yet we keep building more, increasing liabilities rather than adding to our cities' value. The question is how to change the course. It will be held on Tuesday January 30, 2018 at 6:30 PM. [RSVP HERE.](#)

Did you forget your New Year's resolution?

It's Never Too Late to Give! By donating to HKC, you help ensure that our programs continue to grow and thrive while you gain a valuable tax deduction and the satisfaction of knowing that you're making an impact in your community. Anything you wish to give will help us to achieve our mission. No donation amount is too small. Your donation will help support our programs and allow HKC to preserve Kansas City's heritage through advocacy, education, and community involvement. Your support helps us do more. [Click here to DONATE!](#)

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