



Historic Kansas City

2025/26 Annual Report

ADVOCACY

Historic Kansas City (HKC) protects, promotes, and preserves greater KC's historic places. Through advocacy and education, we bring people and organizations together to influence the future of KC's historic buildings and neighborhoods. HKC believes KC's architectural heritage contributes to the quality of life for KC's residents and visitors as well as to the economic vitality of the city. With individual, organizational, and corporate members, HKC provides a respected voice for preservation.



DEMOLITION DELAY

Kansas City, Missouri's demolition delay ordinance went into effect in early 2025, establishing a courtesy review process for proposed demolitions involving buildings more than 50 years old.

For the first time, demolition proposals involving non-designated buildings are regularly reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission. Buildings deemed eligible for listing are subject to a 45-day waiting period before demolition can take place. The process has created a more consistent system for early notification and public hearings related to demolition proposals that previously occurred with little warning.

HKC supported adoption of the review procedure and continues to monitor its implementation. Demolition delays have proven useful for allowing time for neighborhood consultation, consideration of salvage possibilities, and, of course, alternatives to demolition.



LEAWOOD CITY HALL

The former Leawood City Hall and Fire Station at 96th Street and Lee Boulevard became the subject of a concerted push for preservation after Leawood's Governing Body (Council) evaluated redevelopment concepts for the nearly four-acre site. This process was already well underway in late 2025 and 2026, when a local homes association and the Leawood Historic Commission sought Historic Kansas City's assistance presenting alternatives to demolition and resources that could support preservation of the building.

HKC met with these stakeholders, city staff, and Leawood Mayor Marc Elkins regarding these issues, even as a majority of local elected officials continued to support demolition. Constructed in the 1950s, the buildings were identified by residents as potential anchors for small-scale retail and public programming. More than 960 residents signed a petition supporting preservation and reuse of the building.



W 39TH STREET CORRIDOR

Historic Kansas City joined neighborhood organizations in opposing aspects of a multi-family development plan for West 39th Street and Roanoke Road that proposed to greatly exceed established zoning and substantially depart from recommendations of the Midtown Plaza Area Plan.

Hickok Homes proposed a 73-unit building on two parcels just adjacent to the Roanoke Neighborhood local historic district. HKC worked with the Roanoke and Volker Neighborhood Associations to present reasonable compromises to ensure compatibility of massing and scale. Following a successful protest petition, an approved proposal eliminated a select few rear units and added a 30-foot rear setback.

HKC also assisted neighborhood stakeholders amid a proposal to remove the iconic cupola of the adjacent Loretto Academy building, listed on local and national historic registers. The proposal stalled and turned to identify alternatives.



STEPTOE AREA

Steptoe Lives continued its efforts to commemorate the former African American neighborhood that stood south of Westport. What began as a coalition of former Steptoe residents and other neighborhood stakeholders established independent nonprofit status this past year. The group secured City and nonprofit grant funds, in concert with the Westport Stormwater Project and Broadway resurfacing, incorporate materials commemorating the Steptoe Neighborhood as part of the reconfigured Dr. Jeremiah Cameron Park on the NW corner of Broadway and W. 43rd Street. Placards recognizing the Penn School, an early post-bellum school for formerly enslaved children, will be among the first physical installations associated with KCMO's African American Heritage Trail.

Amid the imminent prospect of additional planned building demolitions in the area, and an upcoming master planning effort from St. Luke's/BJC, HKC remains actively engaged in conversations around historic buildings.

TAKE ACTION

Support the Valentine Neighborhood's Efforts



Historic Designation of the Norman School Historic District



VALENTINE NEIGHBORHOOD / NORMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Amid continued demolition activity and ongoing threats to historic buildings in Midtown KCMO's Valentine Neighborhood, Historic Kansas City supported the Valentine Neighborhood Association in its efforts to halt demolitions of historically significant buildings. Kansas City Life has owned numerous properties in the Valentine Neighborhood for decades, many of which remained vacant and deteriorated over time. In the fall of 2024, the company demolished more than 20 residential buildings north of 35th Street, leaving several blocks largely cleared.

The Valentine Neighborhood Association applied for local historic designation of a three-block area bound by Summit St., Valentine Rd., Pennsylvania Ave., and 35th St. as a means of protecting remaining historic buildings. The proposed Norman School Historic District received unanimous support from Kansas City's Historic Preservation Commission for listing on the Kansas City Register of Historic Places, and the City Plan Commission forwarded the case to City Council without recommendation. Approval of the historic designation stalled at the Neighborhood Planning and Development Committee, which delayed the subject for one year with assurance that no further demolitions would occur during that time.

Historic Kansas City supported the neighborhood's application for local historic designation and assisted with preliminary materials for a National Register nomination, which would establish eligibility for state and federal rehabilitation incentive programs. Throughout the year, HKC continued working with neighborhood organizations and the Missouri State Historic Preservation Office to advance survey and nomination materials for the broader neighborhood.



CARMEN BUILDING

Historic Kansas City continued to monitor developments involving the Carmen Building at 101 W. Linwood Blvd., advocating for progress toward rehabilitation and reuse of the property. HKC and the Old Hyde Park Historic District learned in early 2024 that the Carmen Building was threatened with demolition. HKC issued a Call to Action and worked in partnership with the Old Hyde Park Historic District Neighborhood to attain the building listing on the Kansas City Register of Historic Places. Now subject to design review by the KCMO Historic Preservation Commission, the only major change on the site has been the demolition of a 1992 non-contributing rear addition. Extensive investment has occurred on adjacent properties, however, including new construction immediately to the north and two model adaptive reuse projects along Main Street: the former ABC Storage Building and Anderson Electric Car Company, to include 52 apartments and multiple commercial spaces.

In recent months, the property owner hired an architect and general contractor, who submitted preliminary plans to the City for an adaptive reuse project within the existing building. The proposed plan would include approximately 31 residential units; copies have been provided to the Neighborhood Association and HKC.

Despite protections in place, the long-term future of this historic building remains at risk. Its foundation, while supporting several floors of reinforced concrete construction above, suffers continual standing water. Neighbors have for years expressed concern about the condition of the building and frequent unauthorized entry to the building. HKC continues to support efforts to see this Midtown Kansas City anchor find new life.



DEMOLITION BY NEGLECT

The phenomenon of “demolition by neglect” emerged this year as one of the most visible preservation issues facing Kansas City. The term describes a range of circumstances in which historic buildings deteriorate over time due to prolonged vacancy, deferred maintenance, or lack of basic repairs, eventually resulting in demolition proposals that might otherwise have been avoidable.

Historic Kansas City devoted significant attention to reforming the City’s dangerous buildings policies and procedures. Designation of a building as dangerous has heretofore exempted buildings from review by the Historic Preservation Commission, even if the property is listed on the KC Register of Historic Places. HKC raised alarms when owners of historic buildings began exploiting this loophole.

Several high-profile cases throughout 2025 propelled the issue into public discussion. The demolition of the Jeserich (1888) and Ward (1904) buildings at 31st and Main drew particular attention after the locally designated group of buildings was declared “dangerous,” allowing demolition to proceed unchecked. Similar scenarios played out in the case of a few colonnaded apartment buildings owned by KC Life Insurance Company in the Valentine Neighborhood, as well as the former “Temple Slug” building at 4301 Jefferson Street. All three saw owner-initiated dangerous buildings cases supported by owner-retained structural engineers prepared to rebut city inspectors and empower their clients to demolish otherwise “protected” buildings. HKC advocated for reforms intended to ensure that stabilization and repair options are fully evaluated before demolition occurs.



TAKING ACTION

In October 2025, City Council adopted Resolution No. 250912 directing city staff to study demolition by neglect and potential policy responses. Historic Kansas City submitted recommendations and met with city staff and Councilmembers prior to release of a slate of recommendations from the City Manager’s Office. HKC set out to champion these recommendations. In April 2026, Mayor Quinton Lucas introduced the following three ordinances, which received favorable response during a preliminary Council hearing and had not yet come to vote as of the publication of this report.

Mothballing and Stabilization Standards (Ordinance No. 260399)

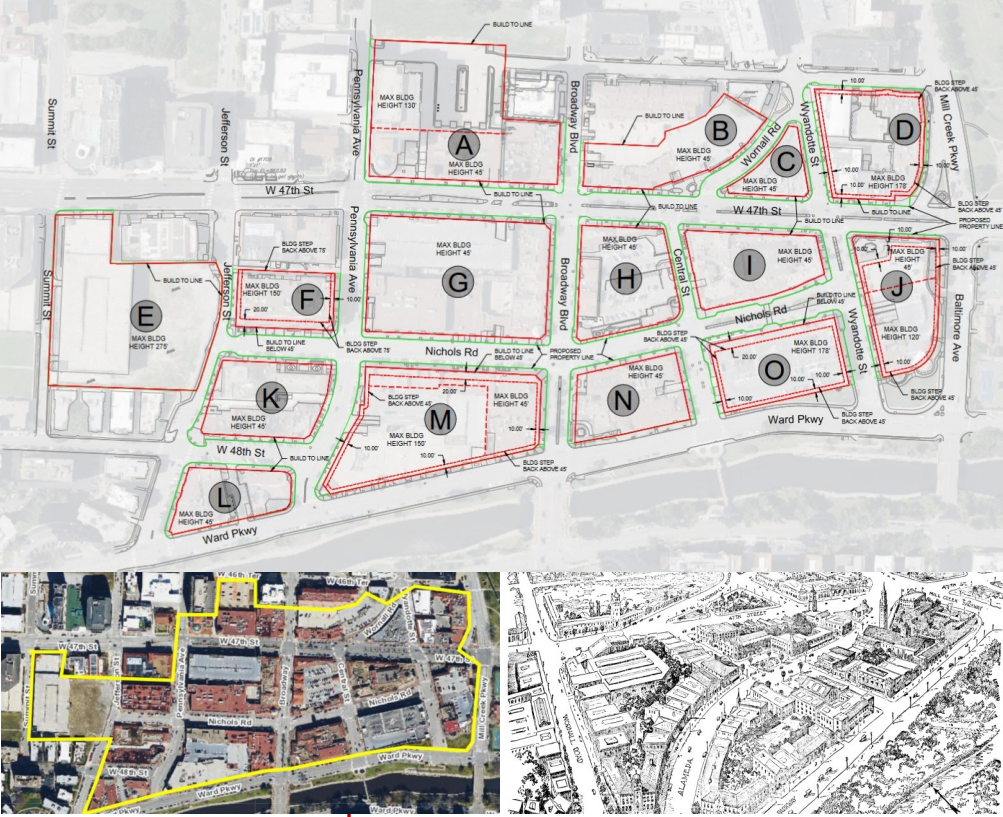
This ordinance establishes minimum standards for securing and stabilizing vacant buildings, including requirements related to roofs, drainage systems, and securing openings. The intent is to prevent buildings from deteriorating to the point of dangerous designation.

Dangerous Building Review and Preservation Oversight (Ordinance No. 260400)

This ordinance would require Historic Preservation Commission review prior to demolition of historic buildings declared dangerous, except in cases of immediate emergency. The proposal is intended to ensure that preservation review cannot be bypassed through the dangerous buildings process.

Vacant Property Registration and Monitoring (Ordinance No. 260401)

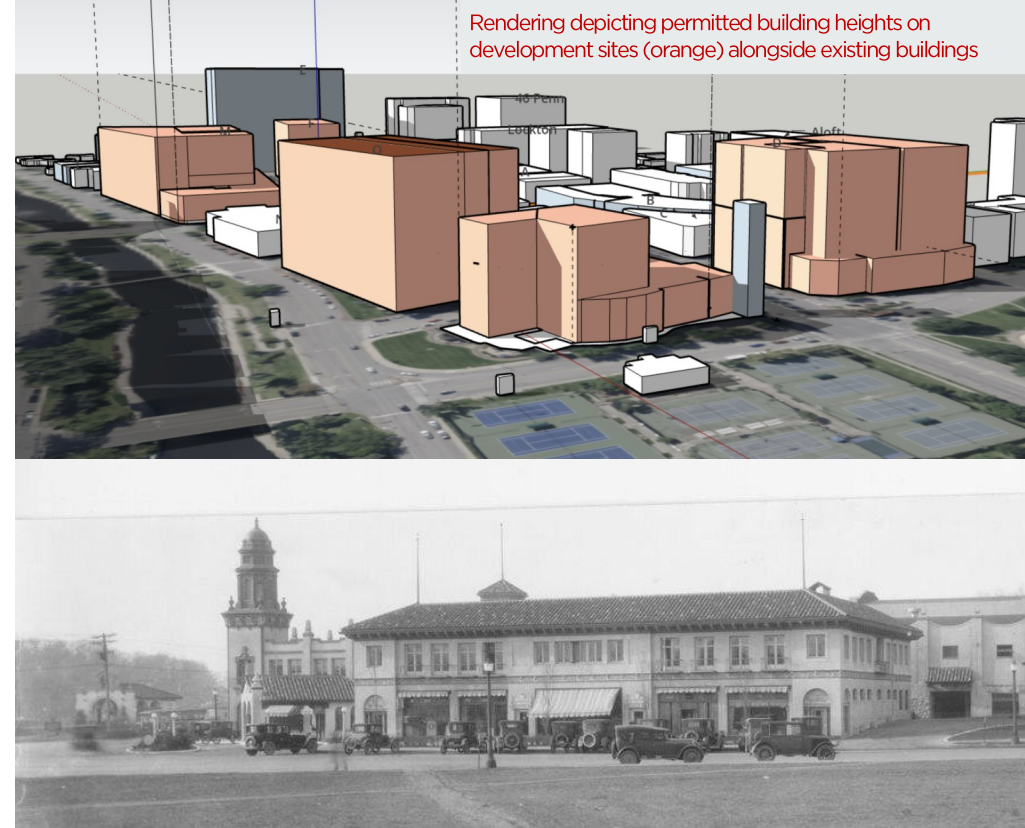
This ordinance expands the City’s vacant property registration program through additional monitoring requirements, disclosure of ownership intent, and fees tied to prolonged vacancy. The ordinance is intended to encourage reinvestment, rehabilitation, or transfer of vacant properties to more active ownership.



COUNTRY CLUB PLAZA MPD: BACKGROUND

The proposed Master Planned Development (MPD) for the Country Club Plaza generated extensive public discussion this year regarding future development activity. Following a public meeting and two hearings before the City Plan Commission in December, the plan was scheduled for hearings before the City Council's Finance, Governance and Public Safety Committee and full Council in May 2026. The MPD proposal approved by the City Council establishes new zoning, design standards, infrastructure changes, and development allowances across the commercial district under one integrated plan, while allowing new zoning and development standards to supersede portions of the existing Country Club Plaza Overlay and Midtown/Plaza Area Plan. The proposal identifies five redevelopment sites where new construction reaching approximately 15 stories—or approximately 178 feet on some sites—may be introduced, in addition to the previously approved 275-foot Seville West site.

In recent decades, HKC played a significant role in establishing the Country Club Plaza Overlay (2016), followed by codification of building-height limits and related standards north of 47th Street (2019). These initiatives implemented the Plaza “Bowl” concept, wherein low building heights within the commercial district are surrounded by increased heights moving toward surrounding blocks. During review of the MPD, City Planning staff recommended reducing most proposed heights to top out at five to six stories and expanding the list of “character-contributing” buildings and facades. Although the City Plan Commission proposed lower height limits on select redevelopment sites, final Council approval continued to allow towers reaching approximately 15 stories on several Plaza blocks.



TAKING ACTION

Historic Kansas City participated in public meetings, reviewed successive revised submissions, and met repeatedly with Plaza ownership, Council members, neighborhood organizations, and allied stakeholders throughout 2025 and early 2026. These neighborhood stakeholders, in consultation with HKC and AIA Kansas City, submitted comments affirming City staff recommendations to ensure the plan applied reasonable restrictions on heights and new construction.

HKC's advocacy focused primarily on height, scale, treatment of historic buildings, and the approval process governing future redevelopment proposals. Proposed towers ranging from approximately 120 to 178 feet represented a substantial departure from the 45-foot limits established through the Plaza Area Plan and subsequent Plaza Overlay zoning adopted by the City in 2016 and 2019. HKC emphasized the importance of maintaining the “Plaza Bowl” concept established through earlier planning efforts and warned against “walling off” the Plaza on its southern and eastern ends with new construction that would disrupt this long-understood development pattern. HKC also raised concerns regarding the treatment of “character-contributing” facades, which are provided only limited assurance of protection by 10-foot “stepbacks” above 45 feet in height. This threat of partial demolition prompted concern for how new construction might interface with the Mill Creek (1923) and Tower (1924) buildings.

HKC supported City staff recommendations issued during the review process, calling for lower height limits, expansion of the list of “character-contributing” buildings and facades, and clearer safeguards governing future redevelopment approvals. Following Council approval of the MPD, HKC advocacy will continue to work for development that respects the Plaza's historic storefronts, architectural character, and human scale.

EDUCATION

Historic Kansas City's educational programs continue to highlight the important history of our city. We are raising public awareness and appreciation for the unique history and character of our city by offering the public the opportunity to explore and learn about the history of Kansas City.



ANNUAL MEETING AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

HKC returned to Fire House KC for its Annual Member Meeting on May 13th, 2025. The meeting's theme was "A Farewell and Welcome," as it served to bookend the tenure of outgoing Executive Director Lisa Briscoe. Members had the opportunity to thank Lisa for her many years of service to the organization. The HKC Board of Directors presented Lisa with the Jane Flynn Award, recognizing the "Individual or joint partnership that has championed historic preservation, planning, or public policy." The meeting included an introduction of HKC's new Executive Director, Ethan Starr, who took up the role in June 2025.

Since this transition, Historic Kansas City has participated in several public presentations, communicating the benefits of historic preservation to audiences across our community.

A January event, the Midtown KC Now monthly luncheon, drew a sizeable crowd to Drexel Hall to hear side-by-side presentations on the economic impacts of historic preservation. Tyler Asby of Exact Architects gave the companion presentation, following HKC's. Both addressed the role of historic preservation as an economic engine for the region, specifically focusing on how preservation tools have contributed to the revitalization of Midtown in recent decades.

Historic Kansas City personnel are available for presentations on local historic preservation topics to social/fraternal clubs, schools, cultural groups, and business/professional associations. Reach out to hkcf@historickansascity.org with inquiries. To receive updates on public educational lectures and events, be sure to subscribe to the HKC newsletter.

SPOTLIGHTING AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY IN KANSAS CITY

Early 2026 saw longstanding efforts from the KCMO Preservation Office and partners bear fruit, as the National Park Service certified several projects honoring and documenting buildings associated with African American history. These projects include an *African American Heritage in Kansas City, Missouri* Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF), a citywide historic context, and three individual listings on the National Register of Historic Places. Each of these projects was supported by a National Park Service Underrepresented Communities Grant, and work was carried out by personnel from Post Oak Preservation Solutions throughout recent years.

The MPDF, a lengthy report documenting themes associated with Black history in KCMO and its built environment, establishes a framework through which additional

historic properties may be evaluated for listing. The MPDF is intended to ease the path for additional nominations in by establishing shared historic contexts related to education, religion, civil rights, public life, community development, and segregation in Kansas City.

On January 29, 2026, three Kansas City properties were formally listed in the National Register under the MPDF: Fire Station No. 11 at 2033 Vine Street, the former Phillis Wheatley School at 2850 East 54th Street (now Willis Chapel AME Church), and St. Stephen Baptist Church at 1414 East Truman Road. Historic KC spread awareness of these listings as part its February Black History Month initiative, and the development served to inspire programming at the 2026 Annual Meeting.



2025 PRESERVATION AWARDS

Historic Kansas City's Historic Preservation Awards celebrated rehabilitation, restoration, neighborhood stewardship, and preservation advocacy efforts completed throughout the Kansas City metropolitan area over the past year. We at HKC feel that the long-term quality and character of a community is directly related to its willingness to identify, protect, and enhance those historic places that define and differentiate it.

The Preservation Awards exist to celebrate and bring awareness to the individuals, companies, neighborhoods, and organizations helping preserve these places for future generations.

This year's Preservation Awards took place October 28th in the Monogram Lounge at J. Rieger & Co. distillery in Kansas City, Missouri. Final award winners were announced before an audience of building owners, architects, contractors, neighborhood leaders, preservation advocates, and representatives from around the Kansas City metropolitan area. Nominees reflected a wide range of preservation activity, from rehabilitation of apartment buildings, churches, warehouses, and civic landmarks to neighborhood documentation projects, digital humanities initiatives, and long-term community advocacy efforts.

Award-winning projects demonstrated the range of preservation work currently tak-

ing place throughout the region. Projects recognized this year included affordable housing created through rehabilitation of historic civic buildings, restoration of long-vacant commercial structures, adaptive reuse of industrial buildings and churches, establishment of new historic districts, and innovative digital initiatives expanding access to historic documentation and archival materials. Additional recognition was presented to neighborhood organizations, authors, and preservation advocates whose work has contributed to long-term stewardship of Kansas City's historic places.

"Our annual Historic Preservation Awards program celebrates the people who actually make preservation happen in our community. It's a time when we can celebrate their efforts to enhance our historic neighborhoods and buildings" Vicki Noteis, President,



**HISTORIC
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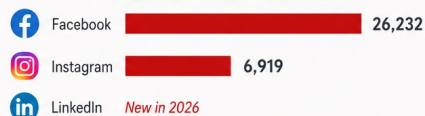
Historic Kansas City's communications and outreach efforts extend our educational mission into the digital sphere while raising public awareness of the places, neighborhoods, people, and stories that define Kansas City. Through social media and news media engagement, HKC connects broad audiences more deeply with Kansas City's built environment.

DIGITAL OUTREACH

MAY 1, 2025 – MAY 31, 2026

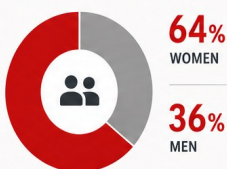


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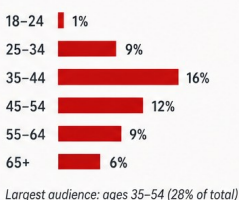


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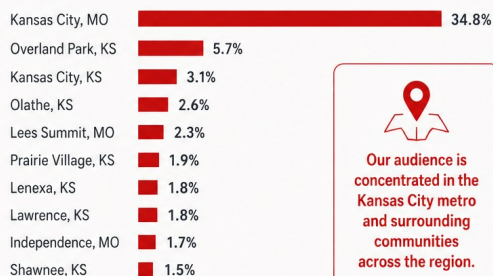
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Our audience is concentrated in the Kansas City metro and surrounding communities across the region.



THE KANSAS CITY STAR.

LOCAL

KC may close loophole allowing historic buildings to be demolished without review

By Chris Higgins

May 1, 2026 5:00 AM



Demolition of the historic Jeserich building was underway on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2025, at 31st and Main Streets. The process is "very, very difficult," Chuck Cacioppo, Jr., president of Industrial Salvage & Wrecking Co. said — especially because of proximity to the KC Streetcar stop. Dominick Williams dwilliams@kcstar.com



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Monday, May 22, 2026

Statement by Historic Kansas City
KCMO City Council Approval of County Club Plaza MPD

Historic Kansas City has maintained a productive relationship with the Gilson Group.

CATERING TO A GROWING SOCIAL MEDIA AUDIENCE

Historic Kansas City continued expanding its public outreach programs through digital content and communications initiatives. Between May 2025 and May 2026, HKC content generated more than 11 million views, over 250,000 interactions, and reached more than 2 million distinct accounts across platforms.

Historic Kansas City's Facebook page is now established as the most followed history-oriented profile in the Kansas City region, while the organization's Instagram following tripled over the last year. HKC also established a LinkedIn presence, extending targeted outreach to additional professional and organizational audiences.

Several themed social media series generated particularly strong public response during the year. February programming

centered on Black History Month and the African American Heritage Trail, highlighting places associated with more than a century of African American history in Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas. The ten most widely viewed Black History Month posts alone generated nearly 10,000 reactions, roughly 600 comments, and more than 1,500 shares across platforms.

March's Women's History Month series highlighted overlooked women architects and civic figures including Alice C. Jackson, Mary Rockwell Hook, Elizabeth Evans Rivard, and Sarah Rector. During Historic Preservation Month, HKC's "Building Blocks" series examined the materials present in our region's built environment alongside the architectural styles, construction practices, and planning ideas that shaped its development.

COORDINATING WITH NEWS MEDIA

Within the last year, Historic Kansas City has significantly expanded its engagement with news media organizations. During 2025, the organization's advocacy work, commentary, and preservation expertise appeared in 22 news stories. HKC's role as a voice for the historic preservation community has also amplified the perspectives of neighborhood advocates, property owners, and entrepreneurs pursuing rehabilitation projects, while increasing public awareness of the tools that make preservation possible, including local historic designation, the National Register of Historic Places, and state and federal historic tax credit programs. The pace of media engagement has only increased during the first half of 2026 as City Council and other decision-makers have grappled with high-profile preservation and planning issues.

Recent articles and television segments

featuring HKC span nearly a dozen local and regional media organizations. These include, but are not limited to, The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Business Journal, Kansas City Magazine, KCUR, KCTV5, FOX4, The Beacon, and Wichita Eagle. Several press releases issued throughout the year directly stimulated coverage of preservation and planning issues that might otherwise have gone unreported. HKC staff authored articles for the Jackson County Historical Society E-Journal and Midtown KC Post, while collaborating with content creators and emerging social media influencers to reach new audiences. Through these relationships, preservation issues have reached audiences far beyond Historic Kansas City's membership and traditional preservation circles, connecting broader segments of the public with the people, places, and policies shaping the region's historic built environment.

FINANCIALS

HKC uses every dollar we earn to carry out our mission. HKC is reviewed annually by the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation and hosted by the GuideStar Exchange, an independent oversight organization that encourages best practices with financial reporting, transparency and legitimacy for more than 40,000 public charities.

HKC operates on a fiscal year beginning January and ending December 30. HKC provides strict oversight of its budgetary and financial matters through an active Executive Committee and a professional staff that adhere to the highest standards. HKC contracts with an outside bookkeeping service and a CPA for year-end tax documents.

Expenses	2022	2023	2024	2025
Advocacy and Personnel	\$97,118	104,530	96,663	112,252
Programs	\$2,244	11,178	20,944	13,014
Contract Services	\$4,160	8,612	-	-
Contract Specialty Services	\$87,091	9,650	16,603	7,857
Operating	\$8,650	10,657	14,048	11,776
Fundraising	\$1,678	2,505	17,129	2,747
TOTAL	\$200,940	\$147,132	165,387	
Revenue	2022	2023	2024	2025
Individual Contributions	\$98,174	46,149	67,816	98,135
Business Contributions	\$7,575	1,275	1,655	2,500
Legacies and Bequests	\$6,970	-	-	-
Sponsorships	\$27,500	19,500	76,890	20,400
Programs	\$138	900	150	1,351
Grants	-	14,500	16,000	-
Pass Through Grant	-	-	-	-
PPP Loan Forgiveness	\$16,917	-	-	-
Misc. Income	-	750	-	-
Interest Income	\$6	318	221	199
TOTAL	\$157,280	83,391	162,732	139,291

** paid out from prior year grant award

In-Kind Support:

- Board of Directors: 3,000 hours, \$60,000 value
- Volunteers: 2,500 hours, \$30,000 value
- Legal and Professional Services: \$15,000 value



with thanks

William T. Kemper Foundation



Historic Kansas City is a keeper of Kansas City's stories and a fierce advocate for preserving Kansas City's built environment. For fifty years, with the financial help of our members and supporters, we continue to be an unwavering champion of 'best practices' in preserving historical structures and of protecting endangered buildings within our community. We do this because people like you are here to support it.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of HKC, we greatly appreciate the strategic support of the W. T. Kemper Foundation - Commerce Bank, Trustee - and a group of long-term major donors.

HKC's work to keep this city historic and vibrant may become even more challenging, but we remain committed to championing historic structures, neighborhoods, and parks alongside necessary and thoughtful development.

Without your assistance, our work would not be possible.

PARTNERS

Preservation is at its best when it is a collaborative venture. Our successes are made possible by and shared with a wide range of partners—members and followers of HKC, neighborhood organizations, visionary public officials and policy makers, committed volunteers and staff members, and the greater Kansas City community. That's why we are passionate about building a vigorous and growing community of champions for Kansas City's historic places, and equipping them with the resources and inspiration to advocate for our past.



DIAMOND SPONSOR

STRATA Architecture Inc. is a woman owned, small business with extensive experience in historic restoration and renovation, adaptive reuse, new construction, and planning in both residential and commercial construction.

Representing over 30+ years of architectural experience, our firm specializes in existing buildings and sites, adaptive reuse, smart growth and new construction within a historic context. With a special emphasis on contextual suitability, our design approach responds to the unique challenges of each project with the goal of both satisfying the client and developing sound and appropriate architectural solutions. Each solution is tailored to fit the opportunities and constraints of the individual project's design, budget, and schedule – an approach that has resulted in a noteworthy history of implemented on-time and on-budget projects for the firm.

STRATA Architecture Inc. represents a commitment to the field of historic preservation and renovation, exemplified by their dedication to historic buildings. The firm is headquartered in Downtown Kansas City, Missouri, within a 1960s Mid-Century Modern building.

<http://www.strata-arch.com/>



DIAMOND SPONSOR

Kissick Construction is a self performing heavy civil contractor with diverse experience across infrastructure, utility, industrial, and site development projects. The firm's scope of work ranges from initial demolition, rough grading, and site utilities to structural concrete, flatwork, engineered shoring, trenchless technology, hydro excavation, deep foundation systems, and roads and bridges construction. With nearly 400 employees and the capability to manage projects as large as \$100 million, Kissick Construction has earned a strong reputation for innovatively solving complex construction challenges and delivering work in demanding environments and on accelerated schedules.

Operating throughout the Midwest, Kissick Construction performs work for municipal, industrial, commercial, and institutional clients, utilizing extensive in house resources, specialized equipment, and highly trained crews. The company's expertise includes underground utility systems, industrial plant improvements, environmental remediation, transportation infrastructure, and architectural concrete and stonework, with a focus on quality, safety, and the ability to execute technically challenging projects of varying scale and complexity.

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SILVER SPONSORS



Marvin has been solving historic rehabilitation challenges for decades, collaborating early on with architects, facilities managers and general contractors; reviewing products and options; navigating the National Parks Service guidelines; discussing window specifications with local historic commissions; and attending field testing. Adept at maintaining accuracy and architectural integrity, the professionals at Marvin craft customized historic windows and doors for residential and large-scale commercial buildings. Bring your historic project to life for tailored solutions of all complexity levels.



Heritage Consulting Group is a national historic preservation consulting firm that specializes in securing historic tax credit approvals and other incentives for the rehabilitation of historic properties. Heritage has completed over 2,000 projects across the country and currently has projects in most major cities coast to coast. In 2024, Heritage acquired Rosin Preservation, a premier historic preservation consulting firm based in Kansas City. This strategic acquisition unites two of the leading historic tax credit consulting firms in the United States, further solidifying Heritage's leadership in the industry.

Historic Kansas City is pleased to provide sponsorship opportunities to community partners who are passionate about our mission to advocate, identify and preserve the historic legacy of our community.

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There are a number of reasons why saving buildings is important:

- **It's good for the neighborhood!** Preservation promotes respect for both our history and our future, and encourages citizens to get involved in their communities. Because vacant housing and lots often reduce property values, restoration and preservation promote neighborhood stability. Additionally, restoration of an existing building is cheaper than building new housing. Most importantly, however, restoration and preservation attach people to their communities, provide a sense of place, connects individuals with their neighbors, and encourages public participation.
- **It's good for the environment!** Building preservation is the ultimate in recycling. 20% of the solid waste stream is highly toxic construction waste. Preserving a building can keep construction materials out of landfills. Many traditional building practices in historic buildings are "green"; features like covered porches, thick walls, attics, and cellars all serve to help interior temperatures cool. Preservation reuses existing buildings and infrastructure, and also decreases urban sprawl.
- **It's good for the economy!** Cultural and heritage tourism is a rapidly growing industry, with many tourists coming to Kansas City to check out our historic architecture. Restoration also brings more jobs to a local economy; it is more labor intensive than new construction, therefore demanding more skilled labor and resulting in higher wages. This means more materials and services are purchased locally, increasing the economic impact. Many historic buildings in this area undergo adaptive reuse projects to make them mixed-use buildings. These sites can be economically more stable than a newly constructed single-use building.



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GKW Restoration is committed to providing you with the highest level of service, so you'll always choose us for your masonry needs. We genuinely care about your project and your experience, and it shows in everything we do. Renovation and preservation projects are done with care and concern for architectural and structural integrity as well as beauty and function.



Design is a priority within the firm's operational philosophy. Design is what we do, it's what we love. And what we love most is design that is dynamic and sustainable, enduring and enriching – design that builds relationships between people, their communities and the larger environment. SFS is driven by connections. We design spaces that enrich people, organizations and communities.



Design Spout is a Kansas City based interior design firm founded by Kristyn Iman, offering interior design services for residential, hospitality, and commercial projects. The firm specializes in creating interiors that complement the architecture and are tailored to the ways clients live and function within a space. Design Spout provides services ranging from schematic design and finish selections to 3D renderings, construction documentation, and project coordination.



Retropros specializes in the repair, restoration and interior refinish of tile, stone, terrazzo, wood, metal & glass in historic and contemporary buildings. Combining superior craftsmanship with modern technology, we take great pride in our quality and attention to detail.



Sturgis Materials is Kansas City's finest and most complete supplier of building materials. At Sturgis Materials, we create one-of-a-kind works from granite, marble and limestone. The stone fabrication division of Sturgis Materials has been cutting limestone, marble and granite for over 20 years.



Stark Wilson Duncan Architects Inc (SWD) is a full-service architectural firm with experience in a wide range of projects with an emphasis on historic preservation / rehabilitation. SWD's thoughtful vision for rehabilitation of neglected buildings in urban settings has played a major role in revitalizing existing deteriorated urban areas.

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