

Agenda

Historic Preservation Commission

City of Kalamazoo



Wednesday, August 12, 2026

6:00 PM

City Commission Chambers at City Hall – 241 West South Street

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

1.
 - Kaila Akina
 - Fred Edison
 - Kyle Hibbard
 - Dan Kastner
 - Dusti Morton
 - Melissa Paduk
 - Patrick Vail - Chair

B. ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the minutes from the Historic Preservation Commission meeting on 08 July 2026

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

E. REPORTS

1. Financial Report
2. Historic Tours Report
3. O'Connor Fund Report
4. Threats to NHPA Section 106 Report

F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Draft Budget Review

G. COORDINATOR'S REPORT

H. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

I. ADJOURNMENT

The mission of the Kalamazoo Historic Preservation Commission is to educate the public and city leaders on the value of preserving the City's historic resources and to advise the City Commission accordingly. Questions and comments regarding this agenda should be directed to the Historic Preservation Coordinator at 337-8804.

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Minutes

Historic Preservation Commission

City of Kalamazoo



Wednesday, July 8th, 2026

6:00 PM

City Commission Chambers at City Hall – 241 West South Street

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Called to order at 6:00 PM

B. ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA

Vail the first report is blank and should be the financial report and in E 3 MHPN notes.
Pena after commissioner review appointment move up directly after approval of minutes.

Morton I make a motion that we move the appointment forwarding the agenda
Harris 2nd

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Morton Dusti was spelled wrong has a y my name has i. Hibbard in F 5 it says the association of immigration studies should be gravestone studies. Edison in the two coordinators report if we could add it was the Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo round table and Gun Lake location at the Luella Collins center in Shelbyville Michigan. Pena did you say that during the meeting? I will go back and listen to the meeting. Edison identify Crystal Burnett that she is an archivist who I met at the Larry Bell Foundation. Also Megan Daniels whos is an archivist at the Grand Rapids Public Museum.

Vail motion to approve the minutes as amended

Hibbard so moved

Harris 2nd

Unanimous

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pam Community fund will discuss more when we get to discussion items.

E. REPORTS

1. Financial Report
Pena read report

2. 106 Report
Pena read report

3. MHPN notes

Hibbard, I don't think anyone has read them yet. There were a few instances where I tried to mention that Professor or Dr Evan talked to for Cutlers about the cemeteries for the website. I looked it up and added that it was not part of the presentation but just for outside resources. If you were not there or in the sessions enjoy.

F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

1. Commissioner Appointment

Dan I was chair of the HDC for at least 3 years I termed off from that. I am a small local business owner I lived in historic houses and restored historic buildings, and I am just intensely excited about history. Vail are you familiar with some of the projects that we have done. Dan no I am not. Dan what are some of the bigger projects. Vail some of the biggest stuff we have to do is administering the O'Connor fund and the grants that go along with that. Were the stewards of that money and that's a very important part of what we do. Morton one of our projects right now that I am heading up is working on some documentation for local cemeteries. Our goal is to create an out of pocket guide to interpret what your looking for. Melissa has a similar type of project. Paduk, we are currently working on creating some digital tours of different areas in Kalamazoo reviving the hidden Kalamazoo tours that were run in person. Kinda turning those into more of a virtual space. Then working with Dusti on different cemeteries. Were going to be doing a digital walking tour of Mountain Home Cemetery. Dan, coming from the board I am on, I would not be jumping on this out of the gate but I would love to talk about just more public education. Morton, I am going to point to Nora and Fred they did actually work on communications to the public. We know a lot of our building can use some help. I do believe they mailed out letter to. Edison we prepared letters to be mailed out but that has stalled. Hibbard, Sharon did speak at our awards ceremony that is part of our education. I like your idea and I have thought before on presenting to the various neighborhood associations to get these relationships built. Vail, I know the Historic District Commission has some requirements for people to be on it. Pena one of the seats on that commission needs to be an architect and everyone has to live in the City of Kalamazoo. Whereas the majority of the members of this board must live in the City of Kalamazoo. Otherwise, the requirements for this board are that you simply have an interest in history and/or an interest in historic preservation. Pena, you and Melissa both have extensions on your terms right now until September I will look it up. The smoothest way to do it would be to have Dan come in and fill Noras roll. That will be the way I am going to facilitate this moving forward. Vail, would he be filling the remainder of Noras term rather than a fresh three year cycle? Pena, yes I think so.

You get two full terms so that should not be an issue. Pena, Fred and Melissa you are technically on until November 30th of this year. Pena, someone needs to make a motion recommending to the City Commission that Dan Kastner be appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission. Morton so moved.
Unanimous

2. O'Connor Fund Report

Pam, it was a big month. I got a note from the Community Foundation yesterday. My report for item one says no longer necessary so I exed it out. The O'Connor Fund split. The O'Connor Fund has not been split its been changed in terms of its qualifications. It has gone from a non profit fund to a field of interest fund. Which means if you all have a project Luis is going to ask for it and its going to go into the bank at the City. If we make a grant the money is going to go to the grantee. As far as timing, our philanthropic advisor, Carla Fernandez Soto they informed me that by next Monday assets should be reflected appropriately in the filed of interest fund, that means that next week you can begin making grants from that fund. Did you have any questions on the decisions that the grant making subcommittee made last week in the terms of the elevator eligibility? The rehabilitation projects that are allowed. Hibbard, are we still having the two different bucket O one and O two. Pena yes. The Community Foundation will be able to disperse the funds directly to the recipient instead of them having to come to the City of Kalamazoo. We will still have some funds in the city account but wont be the twenty four thousand we have right now. Morton looking at the information I believe what we are talking about would be relevant to our mini grant, mini gift unless I missed it. Hibbard, Dusti is saying that the \$2,500 approved last month for the Friends of Kalamazoo Historic Cemeteries is not listed on the report, Pena, for my own clarification your saying on Pams report \$35,000 that she listed as encumbrances does not include the \$2,500 that we have encumbered towards Gary. I see its anticipated for mini grants of \$5,000 I don't see it listed anywhere. Pena, you will not see it on the budget reports. The money has nothing to do with the City of Kalamazoo and will not come through the City of Kalamazoo and that budget is the City's coffers. It will be dispersed directly from the Community Foundation to the non-profit. We have not dispersed those funds yet we knew these changes were coming. Morton, Kyle for being the new chair that will extend his term is that a conflict? Hibbard, sub committee members do not have to be sitting commissioners.

1. Recommendation for the grant for the Disability Network

Hibbard I move that per the recommendation of the grant sub committee we make a grant from O'Connor fund one for \$10,000 to the Disability Network of Southwest Michigan for their elevator machinery repair project as outlined in their application and we ask Luis to communicate with the awardee and share all related documentation within the coming calendar month. Hibbard I amend my motion to O'Connor fund zero 2.

Morton 2nd

Unanimous

2. Akina per the recommendation by the competitive grant making subcommittee I move that the KHPC appoints Kyle Hibbard as chair of the subcommittee and Patrick Vail be appointed temporary interim chair in case Kyle can no longer serve until a new permanent chair is installed immediately.

Edison 2nd

Unanimous

3. Raising the top end of the competitive grant program from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Hibbard, per the recommendation of the competitive grant making subcommittee I move to increase the available grant funding from \$10,000 to

\$ 15,000 for the 2027 year and continuing forward.

Harris 2nd

Unanimous

4. Hiring a consultant for pre-view draft applications.

Morton per the recommendation of the competitive grant making subcommittee we recommend hiring a qualified consultant for half or full day to take appointments with applicants that wish to review their drafted application be submittal not fewer than three weeks before the submittal deadline. That consultant must be selected from the Michigan Shipps list of people whose qualifications meet or exceed professional qualifications for historical architect, historian archeologist, historian consultants list and who work regularly with people and organizations whose projects must meet the secretary of interior standards for the treatment of historic properties and buildings. Build cost of the service should not exceed \$2,000 including time and travel.

Akina 2nd

Morton motion to amend to specify this comes from O'Connor fund 2 .

Akina 2nd

Motion approved

2. **COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Pena presented

3. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Harris this is my last meeting. I want to thank you all. Its been fun and enjoyable. I look forward to seeing you and working with you. Morton we did have the association of grave stone studies come through Wednesday through Battle Creek, Paw Paw and Kalamazoo. They loved Kalamazoo. We had some great feedback and press coverage on that historic property. Luis did come and speak for us thank you for the support. I also did a small presentation at the conference. The Friends of Historic Cemeteries are having an event this Saturday at 9:30 at Mountain Home. Akina the Gun Lake Tribes annual powwow is July 11th and 12th it is open to the public. I will send you the flyer with all the information.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Vail moved to adjourn at 7:15 pm

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Kalamazoo Historic Tours Work Plan Report

Sub-committee Members: Melissa Paduk, Fred Edison, Dusti Morton

Creating two tours highlighting Kalamazoo's history and local historic preservation

IN-PROGRESS GOALS

Goal 3: Complete tours

A) Hire contractors/service and work with them to complete tour(s) and/or complete tour(s) if not working with a company/contractor.

DUE: **July 2026**

BUDGET: \$0

Subcommittee Members: All

MEETING NOTES:

04May2026	Sub-committee is currently dividing up the 14 tour stops for the Mountain Home Cemetery tour to conduct research and awaiting materials for the Hidden Kalamazoo tour
04Aug2026	Sub-comittee is currently prioritizing the completion of the Mountain Home Cemetery tour and has rough drafts for all entries written, along with preliminary photos that will be accompany the written text on Clio. Next steps are to revise the written text, plan out exact locations for the tour stops, and begin uploading the information to the Clio website.

Goal 4: Conduct/Publicize tours

A) Create and execute a plan to promote the tours so that the community can access and explore them on their own time, as well as plans to run/host the tours that could generate revenue for the O'Connor Fund.

DUE: **October 2026**

BUDGET: \$0

Subcommittee Members: All

MEETING NOTES:

Estimated Completion Date: December 2026

Core Value Alignment: Community Engagement and Education

Ordinance Duties Alignment: 6

Kalamazoo Historic Tours Work Plan Report

COMPLETED GOALS

Goal 1: Decide on areas/topics, revenue source status, and appropriate mediums for tours

A) Complete preliminary research to determine a general location/theme for each of the tours that highlights Kalamazoo history/historic preservation as a sub-committee and discuss with Commission to determine final two selections.

DUE: February 2026

BUDGET: \$0

Subcommittee Members: All

MEETING NOTES:

27Jan2026	Tour Subjects: 1. Mountain Home Cemetery 2. National Register of Historic Places https://www.kpl.gov/local-history/kalamazoo-history/historic-districts/historic-places-in-kalamazoo/
04May2026	Updating tour #2 to be a revamp of the Hidden Kalamazoo tours - Sharon Ferraro is going to be providing materials from the previously run in-person tours so we can build into a virtual tour on Clio

B) Determine if tour(s) will be used as a revenue source that will contribute to the O'Connor Fund and complete preliminary research to determine mediums for the tours (ex. Clio) that could support earning revenue.

DUE: February 2026

BUDGET: \$0

Subcommittee Members: All

MEETING NOTES:

27Jan2026	Revenue: sliding scale with a minimum amount so that people can donate beyond the initial cost Tour Medium: Clio
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Goal 2: Research tour locations and services/contractor to complete work

A) Complete research to determine the extent of tours (Ex. number of stops) and potential contractors that can be hired to complete the reasearch/completion of the tour(s). Bring suggestions for contractors/services to the Commission for approval.

DUE: March 2026

BUDGET: \$0

Subcommittee Members: All

MEETING NOTES:

27Jan2026	Sub-committee is interested in exploring options to complete the tours in house as opposed to hiring a contractor/researcher
04May2026	1. Mountain Home Cemetery: approximately 14 stops focusing on cemetery markers/iconography and some of the cemetery's historical structures 2. Hidden Kalamazoo: scope of tour pending discussions with Sharon Ferraro and sub-committee Both tours will be built out by the sub-committee and we will not be hiring any outside contractors

O'Connor Fund Report to KHPC for the August 2026 meeting

Prepared by Pam O'Connor, 8-4-26

O'CONNOR FUND: MANAGE GRANTS, SOLICITATIONS & KHPC OPERATING EXPENSES

Leader: Pam O'Connor Members: Kyle Hibbard, Kaila Akina, Luis Peña (+ Maria Perez-Stable, Katherine White and Pam O'Connor, who join the KHPC members who service on the sub-committee)

Goal 1: ~~Execute KZCF fund split to ease administrative burden for grantmaking~~

~~A) Prepare "Explainer" sheet for KHPC Review~~

~~DUE: December 2025~~

~~BUDGET: \$0~~

~~7-3-26: Now deemed unnecessary.~~

~~B) Confirm w/KZCF how funds will be split & create addendum & new LODs~~

~~DUE: December 2025~~

~~BUDGET: \$0~~

~~1-8-26: Delays in the COK's document review prevented the split from happening in 2025 as scheduled. We await a communication from the City on this topic.~~

~~1-8-26: I have reviewed our existing "Gift" making policy and when the fund split takes place, it will need: 1) name change to "Mini Grant", 2) a procedures sheet rewrite for web publication, and 3) a new formula for determining if sufficient reserves are in place for making mini-grants. For now, however, there are sufficient \$\$ in reserve to make a gift.~~

~~5-6-26: The conversation continues and the KZCF reports that there IS forward movement. Will continue to monitor and report.~~

~~6-2-26: KZCF hopes to move this effort significantly forward in the next few weeks.~~

~~7-3-26 Community Foundation board has voted to use its variance power to change our "Fund Type" from "Non-Profit" to "Field of Interest." More info at next month's meeting or sooner.~~

~~8-4-26 Luis reports he has initiated the first Grantee payment under the new system. This workplan item is now completed.~~

Goal 2: Manage NEW O'Connor Grantmaking Fund for Historic Preservation Competitive and "Mini" programs for preservation rehabilitation, planning and special projects.

DUE: Recurring, according to 2026 Schedule/Comms Plan

BUDGET: • Encumbered (Unpaid) Grants & Mini Grants*

KNAC (\$15,000) \$ 15,000 (Competitive)

Gun Lake Tribe (\$5,000) \$ 5,000 (Mini)

• 2026 Anticipated Competitive Grants \$ 10,000 (Awarded)

• 2026 Anticipated Mini Grants* \$ 5,000

TOTAL \$ 35,000

Mini-Grant/Historic Cemeteries - 2,500

Balance \$ 32,500

*Mini Grants were formerly called "Gifts" or "Special Projects")

8-4-26 – Luis initiated the first Mini-Grant Grantee payment under the new system on 7-31-26.

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Prepared by Pam O'Connor, 8-4-26

7-3-26 The annual Competitive Grant Making sub-committee met on 7-1-26 to review and score seven applications, with several being immediately judged ineligible or incomplete. The remaining applications were then ranked, and so the Sub-Committee makes the following recommendation to the KHPC for its approval at the July 8, 2026 meeting:

Suggested Motion: "The annual Competitive Grant Making sub-committee met on July 1st, 2026 to review applications and recommends the KHPC approve a grant in the amount of \$10,000 to the Disability Network SW Michigan for elevator machinery repair, and asks Coordinator Peña to communicate with the awardee and prepare and share all related award documentation within the coming calendar month."

Goal 3: Manage O'Connor Fund Agency (01) account to provide for KHPC needs and expenses

DUE:	As needed	
	O'Connor Fund annual solicitation materials	\$ 250
	Preservation Month Subcommittee Expenses	\$ 2,575
BUDGET:	Other operating Expenses	\$ 17,175
	TOTAL	\$ 20,000

Goal 4: Investigate undertaking a City-wide cultural preservation survey using O'Connor Fund and/or CLG Funds.

DUE: End of 2026
BUDGET: \$0

Estimated Completion Date: Annual, Ongoing

Ordinance Duties Alignment: 1, 5, 6, 7

Core Value Alignment: Community Engagement, Education, Sustainability, Stewardship

OTHER Updates:

7-3-26 The annual Competitive Grant Making sub-committee met on 7-1-26 and propose or report on several other matters as follows:

We began the meeting by asking the Pre-Reviewers how they felt the new "grace period" for applicants worked. The general response was that it seemed like an improvement, but not a panacea for the difficulties we've experienced with incomplete applications. Questions might have been misunderstood or ignored by the applicant and applicant responses to questions were sometimes incomplete. In response, we have made a proposal under Action Item #3 below.

ACTION ITEMS

1) Appoint a new chair for the Competitive Grant Making sub-committee.

Pam O'Connor asked for the Sub-Committee's approval to recommend that the KHPC appoint Kyle Hibbard as its new chair, effective following this meeting. Pam's term has now extended one year beyond the 3-year period to which she had committed. Pam also indicated her wish to remain a voting member of the Sub-Committee for now.

She and Kyle had several in-depth conversations on this topic in the past 18 months, and Kyle has agreed to accept **a three-year term, with the proviso that an "interim" chair be identified that**

O'Connor Fund Report to KHPC for the August 2026 meeting

Prepared by Pam O'Connor, 8-4-26

would be willing and able to fill in temporarily if he has a change of circumstances that makes it impossible for him to continue.

They initially determined that the interim person should be either the existing KHPC Chair or V. Chair. However, at this time, Kyle is already serving as KHPC's V. Chair. That leaves KHPC Chair Patrick Vail to do interim duty if needed. **NOTE:** Pam spoke with Patrick after the Wednesday meeting about this and he agreed to serve in this capacity if needed.

Suggested Motion: "The annual Competitive Grant Making Sub-committee recommends that the KHPC appoint Kyle Hibbard Chair of the Sub-committee AND that Patrick Vail be appointed "Temporary Interim" Chair in the case Kyle has a change of circumstances that makes it impossible for him to continue, until a new permanent chair is installed, effective immediately."

2) The Sub-Committee proposes to raise the top end the Competitive Grant program from \$10,000 to \$15,000, beginning in the 2027 round.

This decision followed a discussion about the potential impact of the "BIG" Fund gift of \$50,000 this year and \$50,000 in 2027 and the possible options for growing the program. The Sub-Committee felt that increasing the top end of the grant money available may help attract a larger applicant pool and fund larger projects. It's important to make this change now, while Kyle, Pam and Luis are working through program and website edits in the coming months.

Suggested Motion: "The annual Competitive Grant Making Sub-committee recommends increasing the total annual available grant award from \$10,000 to \$15,000."

3) The Sub-Committee proposes to Hire a Consultant for a pre-review of draft applications.

The Sub-Committee is disappointed that such a high percentage of applications are ineligible or do not meet the Standards. A number of options were discussed that might further help the situation and this one seems to hold the greatest potential.

Suggested Motion: "The annual Competitive Grant Making Sub-committee recommends hiring a qualified consultant for a half- or full day to take appointments with applicants that wish to review their drafted application before submittal, not fewer than three weeks before the submittal deadline. That consultant must be selected from the MI SHPO's list of people whose qualifications meet or exceed professional qualifications for Historical Architect, Historian Archeologist, Historian and Consultant List AND who work regularly with people and organizations whose projects must meet the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties for **BUILDINGS**. The cost of this service should not exceed \$2,000, including time and travel."

SUB-COMMITTEE DECISIONS

• Elevators' eligibility.

The program currently allows exterior-built elevators to be rehabbed through its exterior program. A cogent proposal to consider a change to allow ALL elevators to be considered was made by Luis, who argued that exterior-mounted elevators are also "interior" elevators because in most cases, the elevator mechanicals are interior-located and people use the elevator via the interior as well. The Sub-committee agreed. The drop down menu on the opening Fund page for the competitive grant program currently reads:

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Rehabilitation Projects may include: Exterior work on the resource, including elements such as roofs and chimneys, walls, windows and doors, fire escapes, elevators, foundations and other exterior components.

Since we are working on other edits to the program, the web page and application right now, we will make the following edit to clarify this change:

Rehabilitation Projects may include: Exterior work on the resource, including elements such as roofs and chimneys, walls, windows and doors, fire escapes, foundations and other exterior components. Building elevators also qualify, either on an exterior wall or inside the building.

Luis also noted that the next most frequently needed system for old buildings is sprinkling, and the Sub-committee agree to note that here for a future discussion.

• Grant Rubric Scoring

Rubric Question #1 states:

Does the Exterior Rehabilitation project or Preservation Planning effort outcome meet the appropriate

Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties?

No = 0 Yes = 1

As a matter of policy, the Sub-committee decided that henceforth, if a grant application

- does not meet the Secretary of Interior's Standards,
- or is unclear on if the Secretary of Interior's Standards are being met given the information provided,

or

- is judged otherwise ineligible for this grant program,

...that it will not be further considered for a grant and no further application scoring is required.

8-4-26 – Kyle, Luis and I met to review the first draft round of changes to the programs' web page, application, and related docs. I will make revisions based on feedback today and get them to Kyle for review before August 14, before they go to Luis for implementation.

O'Connor Fund Values

2026 Grants Disbursed from OCON04 (\$2,500 Mini-Grant distribution requested 7-30-26)	\$	-0-
OCON04 Asset Balance as of 8-3--26: (this figure is the former combined 01 & 02 accounts)	\$	726,825.38
OCON04 Grant Making Value as of 8-3--26: (this figure is ALSO the former combined 01 & 02 accounts)	\$	88,994.39

Threats to the National Historic Preservation Act's Section 106 Review Process

Kaila Akina, August 7, 2026

-This Report includes information on the ACHP's recent draft revisions as well as a request to the KHPC to submit a letter urging the rejection of the drafted revisions after the rulemaking is published in the Federal Register. *For the submitted letter, it may make sense to co-submit it with the KHDC, or they may wish to submit their own.

What is happening

- On July 24, 2026, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) voted to approve a draft revision of 36 CFR Part 800 (aka Section 106). This was sent by ACHP Vice Chairman to other members on July 17, 2026.
- *Note: The ACHP is a federal agency whose mission is to promote preservation of historic places in the US. It is supposed to guide federal agencies to review and address effects on historic properties.
- *Note: Section 106 falls under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and requires federal agencies to consider the effects of projects (or, undertakings) on historic properties. This includes projects that receive federal funding, federal permits, or occur on federal lands.

What the draft revision proposes

- Consultation with State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs), Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPOs), and local governments becomes optional. Consultation itself is limited.
- Federal agencies control who is included in consultation and gives more power to applicants – consultation with applicants instead of federal agencies. Agencies can change review deadlines (from 30 days). Agencies can decide when to engage public participation (if any at all).
- The definition of an “undertaking” is more limited and excludes several activities that are currently considered under Section 106.
- The definition of “historic property” is narrowed to be a place that includes, or has previously included, tangible human improvements – built structures – AND it must be “geographically compact.” Traditional Cultural Places would not be considered under this definition.
- Fewer Effects would be considered as “adverse” – includes indirect and cumulative effects on historic properties as well as intangible elements such as visual, atmospheric, or audible.
- Cost becomes the deciding factor in the identification phase that includes field investigations and in what mitigation measures are considered.
- The draft contains poor writing and inconsistencies.

Why this draft revision is bad

- It is a complete overhaul of the true meaning of Section 106 of the NHPA.
- It cuts out Tribal, State, and Local expertise. It also undermines the federal government's Trust responsibility to Tribes.
- It consolidates functions to federal agencies, which do not have the staff to do this work.

- It threatens historic properties and diminishes steps to identify important places and sites, which will lead to permanent loss of these places.

What the timeline is

- ACHP members approved the draft revision on July 24, 2026, through email vote a week after it was introduced. The redlined draft was not intended to be available to the public, but it was leaked and is available for public view.
- ACHP submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) under the Office of Management and Budget. **[This is where we are at as of 8/7/26]**
 - No specific timeline for OIRA review. When finished, ACHP would resolve any comments from OIRA
- ACHP would publish a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in the Federal Register for public comment.
 - Likely a 30-day comment period. Strongly encouraged – aim is for 250,000+ comments.
 - Tribal Consultation and stakeholder meetings.
 - ACHP reviews comments and votes on final rule.
- It would be resubmitted for OIRA review and then if approved, a Final Rule would be published in the Federal Register.
 - Revisions would be effective 30 days later.

What we can do

- Stay informed about this issue.
- Contact your representatives – Governor, Congress members (Thanks to Pam for sharing links with committee members!).
- Spread the word with others and prepare comments.
- Submit comment letter(s) when appropriate, such as once it's published in the Federal Register.
 - Tips to make it count (directly from Cultural Heritage Partners):
 - Cite the exact provision
 - Answer ACHP's numbered questions
 - Lead with evidence
 - State who you are
 - Make it unique (it is not recommended to submit a general template letter)
 - Propose alternative text
 - Keep it organized and concise
 - Submit before the deadline ends and through the correct way
 - **I request that the KHPC submits a letter against these revisions within this window.**

Links (again, thanks to Pam for sharing many of these!)

- Commentaries on the drafted revisions
 - [The End of Section 106 as We Know It? - NCSHPO](#)

- [ACHP Proposal Completely Upends Section 106 Reviews- Take Action! – Preservation Action](#)
- [Section 106 Under Threat | National Trust for Historic Preservation](#)
- [War Room for Threats to Section 106 - Cultural Heritage Partners, PLLC](#)
- [Defend Section 106 - Cultural Heritage Partners, PLLC](#)
- [July 2026 Updates - National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers \(NATHPO\)](#)
- OIRA review
 - [View Rule](#)
- General info on Section 106
 - [citizenguide2021_011321.pdf](#)
 - [The Basics of Section 106 Review | National Trust for Historic Preservation](#)

		2025 Revised Budget	2025 Year to Date Expenses	2025 Balance
Historic Preservation Commission Funds				
Revenues				
270-803-00.000-642.003	HISTORIC PRESERVATION SALES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
270-803-00.000-665.001	INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
270-803-00.000-674.000	PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS	\$25,000.00	\$1,230.00	\$23,770.00
270-803-00.000-674.003	HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUNDRAISING		\$0.00	\$25,000.00
270-803-00.000-684.000	USE OF RESERVES (BUDGET ONLY)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL	\$25,000.00	\$1,230.00	\$23,770.00
Expenditures				
270-803-00.000-729.000	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$486.75	\$0.00	\$486.75
270-803-00.000-801.000	PROFESSIONAL AND CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$500.00	646.75	(146.75)
270-803-00.000-801.001	BANK FEES	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
270-803-00.000-810.003	MEMBERSHIPS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$200.00	\$0.00	200.00
270-803-00.000-811.000	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
270-803-00.000-881.000	FUNDRAISING	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$1,186.75	\$646.75	\$540.00
KCF O'Connor Historic Preservation				
270-803-03.000-727.002	MEETING SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
270-803-03.000-729.000	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$2,800.00	\$0.00	\$2,800.00
270-803-03.000-801.000	PROFESSIONAL AND CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
270-803-03.000-810.003	MEMBERSHIPS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
270-803-03.000-811.000	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,200.00	\$1,384.86	\$815.14
270-803-03.000-881.000	FUNDRAISING	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
270-803-03.000-882.000	SPONSORSHIPS	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
270-803-03.000-956.000	GRANTS	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
	TOTAL	\$25,000.00	\$1,384.86	\$23,615.14

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

2026 Draft Budget	2026 Notes
\$0.00	
\$0.00	
\$33,345.00	
\$0.00	
\$0.00	
\$33,345.00	
\$500.00	
\$500.00	
\$0.00	
\$345.00	MHPN and NTPC
\$0.00	
\$1,345.00	
\$0.00	
\$2,800.00	
\$7,000.00	
\$0.00	
\$2,200.00	
\$0.00	
\$10,000.00	Gifts (2)
\$10,000.00	2 Grants
\$32,000.00	

\$33,345.00
