



## NEWS

### Historic Kansas City Welcomes a New Executive Director

Lisa Briscoe was announced as our new Executive Director at the Preservation Awards last month. Lisa will be leading HKC's efforts to preserve Kansas City's heritage, neighborhoods and historic built environment. Lisa's preservation experience includes, past Missouri Advisor - National Trust for Historic Preservation, past Board Member



- Preservation Action, and past Board of Directors - Historic Kansas City. Early in her career, Lisa served as division manager of the KCMO City Planning and Development Department, Planning, Preservation & Urban Design Division. For fifteen years, her division staffed the City Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Adjustment, Landmarks Commission, Special Review Districts, and the City Planning, Zoning & Economic Development Committee of the City Council. She served as the Administrator of the Kansas City, Missouri Landmarks Commission, and Executive Director of the Landmarks Historic Trust Corporation. She was an active project manager with the award-winning FOCUS Kansas City planning process, as project manager for the city's first Preservation Plan. She has been responsible for the design and management of innovative preservation programs and plans from concept to launch including the Missouri-Kansas Heritage Corridor Study, Historic Resources Survey Plan, Archaeological Resources Master Plan, and Town of Kansas Archaeological Park Master Plan, and many others. Prior to joining the City, she directed Historic Kansas City's real estate and rehabilitation activities. She is a current member of the Union Station Preservation Advisory Committee.

# Endangered Places List

*Call for nominations of properties for the 2017 Endangered Places List.*



Every year Historic Kansas City publishes the Most Endangered List to raise awareness and advocate for our city's historic buildings and resources. Historic KC's Most Endangered list is a non-exhaustive roster of notable places threatened with demolition or extreme alteration. The list is based on information publicly available (and circulated) at the time of deliberation and allowing a reasonable interval for preparing the list and publishing it. The list is a call for action from all stakeholders and is not a compendium of endangered historic places in our region or even all significant historic places threatened. List is in no particular order.

More information to follow. You can also check back on our website in the next 30 days for the nomination forms. For the full list of endangered buildings across the state of Missouri, please visit the [Places in Peril](#) website.

## CALL TO ACTION

### Citizens Group Calls Development Plans a Threat to Historic Westport

A



group of citizens, business owners and historic preservation advocates is expressing concern about the pace and scale of redevelopment projects that the group says could change the face of historic Westport. "Westport is perhaps the most important historic district of Kansas City, yet most of its historic buildings have no protection from demolition," Mary Jo Draper, a member of the grass-roots Help Save Old Westport group, said. "If we don't act quickly, the Westport that we know today and that many people have loved for decades could be gone

very quickly." The group hopes to slow down current and future development proposals until it completes a historic survey of Westport.

On March 6, the Kansas City Business Journal reported the Minnesota-based Opus Group has submitted plans for a "mixed-used project including 256 apartments, 8,500 square feet of commercial space and a 275-space parking garage." The proposed development would replace the Bank of America Building at the southwest corner of Westport Road and Broadway. The Case Number for the project is 12868P2 and it will be heard by the City Plan Commission on April 18th. In addition to this proposed development there is a preliminary application on file at Kansas City Hall which depicts a pair of 14-story mixed-use towers just north of the Tivoli Cinemas at Manor Square. Furthermore, Kansas City Business Journal reported that Wichitawest Hospitality Inc. is planning to develop a 95-room Marriott TownePlace Suites on Central Street just north of 40th Street. To stay up-to-date visit the GoFundMe link below.

### [About Help Save Old Westport](#)

Good news! The National Trust has awarded Help Preserve Old Westport \$5,000 for the survey, and the local community has contributed \$3,425. With the help of an anonymous donor who has chipped in \$10,000, we are only \$6,575 away from reaching our \$25,000 total goal and cost of doing a historic survey to preserve Westport.

The goal of Help Save Old Westport is to preserve, protect and promote the architectural character and historical significance of Westport's buildings and landscape. Visit our [GoFundMe](#) campaign.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **HKC's Annual Meeting**

May 17th starting at 5:00 pm at the World War I Museum

Celebrate with Historic Kansas City as we look back at 2016 and discuss where preservation efforts are headed in this uncertain political climate. Barb Pahl - Sr. Vice President for Preservation Field Services for the National Trust for Historic Preservation will be our key-note speaker for the event and she will talk on the Future of Preservation.



Event Program:

5 pm: Meeting of HKC Members

5:30 pm: Cash Bar & Reception

6:30 pm-7:30 pm: Program

### **3rd Annual Heritage Week**





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The Historic West Bottoms' Third Annual Heritage week will again focus on Regional history and culture in a week long celebration throughout the West Bottoms. Beginning on First Friday and ending with the Wettest Block Soiree II, the events and activities seek to: The West Bottoms' place in our region's history and development is truly unique and began with trading among Native Americans and the French.

During Heritage Week events, Historic West Bottoms will partner with businesses, agencies and local governments to shed light on the history of the West Bottoms, including the historical sites, businesses, institutions and individuals who have made notable contributions to the community. The goal is to remind residents of the region of the great times, challenges and potential in the West Bottoms and to re-introduce, and introduce, our area to residents and tourists.

## PAST EVENTS

On Wednesday, March 22nd, 2017 Historic Kansas City honored the recipients of the 2016 Preservation Awards. The reception and awards presentation were held at the Grand Hall at Power & Light, 1330 Baltimore Ave, Kansas City, MO, from 5:30pm-7:30pm. About 250 people attended, including community groups, developers, project architects, project consultants, HKC members and members of the public. As in previous years, the award categories covered a vast array of preservation issues in order to celebrate efforts from a wide range of professions and disciplines. Congratulations to our winners! More photos below! To download these pictures and view additional ones go to <http://peeptoephoto.zenfolio.com/historickansascity>



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