



# CITY OF JANESVILLE

*Wisconsin's Park Place*

## Historic Commission Overview

### **Purpose**

The Commission reviews National Register nominations and promotes historic preservation awareness. The Commission also makes recommendations to the City Council, establishes guidelines, and develops criteria for the construction, alteration, or demolition of improvements within the Historic Overlay District.

### **Authority**

JGO 42-445(B)(2)(c)

### **Term of Service**

3 Years

### **Desirable Characteristics and Qualifications for Commissioners**

- Understanding of the purpose and benefits of historic preservation.
- Working knowledge of Janesville's history and, specifically, its historic neighborhoods.
- Ability to present information and articulate findings.
- Capacity to interpret and reference standards, ordinances, and statutes.
- Appreciation or interest in construction methods and materials, particularly in the area of historic rehabilitation.
- Familiarity with historic architectural styles.

### **Eligibility to Serve**

To be eligible for an appointment to a committee, individuals must have an interest or knowledge of the committee's subject matter. Volunteers should also be available to meet at the committee's usual meeting time. Council Policy 86 indicates preference for residents, non-residents who own a business in Janesville, or non-residents who own property in Janesville, but non-residents may be appointed. In addition, no more than 30% of the committee's membership may be non-residents.

### **Time Commitment**

Meetings are typically held on the first and third Tuesday of each month, as business requires. Meetings are typically held at 5 p.m. Commissioners generally need to allot 4 to 6 hours per month to review meeting materials and occasional site visits. Commissioners are occasionally asked to attend commission-sponsored events, like the Tallman Arts Festival.

## Historic Commission Application

Serving on a board, commission, or committee is an excellent way to participate in local government and to make a personal contribution to the improvement of our community. Please complete the following application and return it to Nick Faust, Assistant to the City Manager, at [faustn@ci.janesville.wi.us](mailto:faustn@ci.janesville.wi.us).

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you wish to serve on the Historic Commission?

Are you available at the currently scheduled meeting times, and can you commit to the time and work required to prepare for meetings?

Yes      No

Do you have interests or experience working in the field of historic preservation? If so, please describe these interests/experiences.

What work and life experiences do you possess that meet the characteristics and qualifications desired for this committee?