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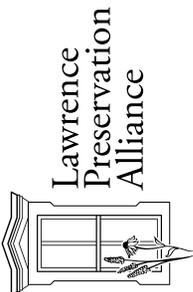
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## Turnhalle is for sale

LPA is now accepting proposals from individuals or groups interested in purchasing the historic Turnhalle. A Request for Proposals (RFP) can be easily found at [lawrencepreservation.org](http://lawrencepreservation.org). LPA's intention since purchasing the property in September 2012 has always been to be an interim owner that could stabilize the structure, develop a plan of rehabilitation, and place a preservation easement on the property. Those tasks are now complete!

Thanks to a \$125,000 Natural and Cultural Heritage Program grant from the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners, LPA has been able to surpass its initial goal and begin Phase 1 of the Turnhalle rehabilitation. This work (a combination of tasks which will stop current water infiltration issues), will be complete in early May. Trettel Design has been hired as general contractor for the project.

Prospective buyers will need to carefully review the Historic Structures Report and the Preservation Easement document, both of which are available on our website.

LPA has stepped up to stop the deterioration of this nationally significant property and begin the rehab in



Replacement of a decrepit sidewalk is part of the Phase 1 rehab.

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a manner consistent with preservation standards. Enough work will remain that a significant commitment will be required of the new owner, but once completed, a key downtown property as important as Liberty Hall and the Union Pacific Depot will be in active use once again.

## Lawrence Register of Historic Places

Action taken last summer by the Kansas Legislature has focused attention on the local historic register, which has been underutilized for a number of years. The Register of Historic Kansas Places, begun with the enactment of the Kansas Preservation Law in 1977, still exists. But the environs portion, which allowed review of permit-seeking projects within 500 feet of a property listed on the State or National Registers, was stricken from the law.

Environs review as a process was successful in the grey areas: both those who wished to rush proposals through the planning process and those who wished to stop them entirely were generally disappointed.

Now, projects in the environs of a listed property, even if they are next door or across the alley, receive no historic review. The Varsity House project in Oread, and the Marriott project in East Lawrence are two recent examples of major local projects that would not have received any historic review as the law currently exists.

The National Register of Historic Places remains the gold standard of our nation's most significant historic properties. Many of these are also State listed, but the state review is less stringent and lists some properties that don't make the cut for the National Register. In the same way, the Lawrence Register lists some properties not eligible for the State. While the state tax credit program still exists for approved rehab expenses on State and National Register properties, no financial incentive exists for Local Register listings.

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The Lawrence Register, however, begun with the enactment of the Lawrence Preservation Law (Chapter 22) in 1988, does have an environs review within a radius of 250 feet. Review before the Lawrence Resources Commission (HRC), can fine tune aspects of a project near a listed property, but will not stop a project unless it can be shown to have disastrous effects on the listed property.

The filing fee for the Lawrence Register is ten dollars, and if a property is already listed on either the State or National Registers, no further documentation other than what was used for those listings is required. A number of local properties, including Turnhalle, have been nominated as Landmarks on the Lawrence Register of Historic Places within the past year. LPA encourages any owner of a historic property to take this important step. We will provide testimony in support of any such nomination at HRC and City Commission hearings.

## Great Haskell News

A longtime LPA member has partnered with two new members to protect the John G. Haskell House (1867-68) at 1340 Haskell from potential multi-dwelling redevelopment. James Dunn purchased the property last November from the heirs of longtime owner Robert Eggert. Eggert's two children have professional careers in other states and were not going to return to live in their childhood home. James is now



1340 Haskell

transferring ownership to Aaron and Kendra Marable with a Contract for Deed. The Marables have owned 1300 Haskell as their personal residence for several years.

'Haskell Row' (1300, 1320 and 1340) has been an LPA concern for some time, as the three large lots could have been redeveloped with many new structures and its rich history lost. LPA helped the Marables list 1300 on the State and National Registers of Historic Places, but the other two properties were unprotected. 1300 was built for John's sister Elizabeth and her husband Charles French; 1320 was built for John's brother Dudley.

The Marables have nominated both 1300 and 1340 Haskell for listing as Landmarks on the Lawrence Register of Historic Places. They plan to continue living at 1300 and rehabilitate the John Haskell House for adaptive reuse as a hospitality/special event facility.

## Who is Haskell Indian Nations University named for?

While John Haskell designed several university structures, including Hiawatha and Kiva Halls, the university is named for Dudley Haskell, who was the U.S. Congressman from the Second District of Kansas and Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs.

## Old House Warming

*Sunday, April 27, 1:30-3pm.*

*1500 Haskell Avenue*

The Kibbee farmstead is a collection of six historic buildings on 5.31 acres of the SE corner of 15th and Haskell. All structures were built between 1909-1910 by Walter and Fannie Kibbee. The house, a Dutch Colonial, retains all the original windows, doors and floor layout and has been a single family dwelling since its construction. The lap sided wooden barn is two story, side-gabled structure and has an attached shed which once served as a brooder area for chickens. Other out buildings include a chicken coop, a six-sided, cement structure, a small shed and a two-seater outhouse. David Frayer shares the house, which he has owned since 1989, with Jeanette Spencer.

*Parking is available at the Boys and Girls Club.*