NMSC’s Dionne Baux presents at the ESHIP Summit in Kansas City, Missouri
Last month, the National Main Street Center's Dionne Baux and Lindsey Wallace attended the Kauffman Foundation's third annual ESHIP Summit in Kansas City, Missouri. The ESHIP Summit is a three-year initiative designed to bring together builders of entrepreneurial ecosystems to help accelerate the emerging field of ecosystem building, by collaboratively creating tools, resources, and knowledge to better support communities that empower the makers, doers, and dreamers in our communities. Click here to read a conference recap and for Dionne's thoughts on why location matters.

"America’s Main Streets cannot be replicated by a mall. Place matters."

~Dionne Baux, Director of Urban Programs

DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT

Morgan Park Beverly Hills Business Association
With the generous support of Groupon, the National Main Street Center is pleased to announce it has selected the Morgan Park Beverly Hills Business Association (MPBHBA) to participate in its Chicago UrbanMain program. The MPBHBA will receive technical assistance and capacity building to foster community-driven economic development in the Beverly/ Morgan Park neighborhood on the far south side of Chicago.
Through a partnership with Chicago Cares and Urban Juncture, PSP volunteers paint signs for the 51st St. Business Association, a Chicago UrbanMain community, to display at businesses in their district.

Have a story or photo to share? Email us at mainstreetnews@savingplaces.org.
Last month, the National Main Street Center’s Dionne Baux presented on the Chicago UrbanMain program at the National Trust’s African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund event: Cities, Civic Leadership, and Equitable Development. Find out more at SavingPlaces.org/TellTheFullHistory.
• Share Your Story: Guest Blog for Main Street America
• Friends of Main Street Program The National Main Street Center
• Register for National Preservation Law Conference (June 25)
• Andrew W. Mellon Foundation: Call for Proposals to Community-based Archives (July 1)
• Applications Now Live for the Citizens' Institute on Rural Design (Due July 22)
• NEA Creative Placemaking Technical Assistance (Due July 29)
• HOPE VI Main Street Grant Program (Due July 30)
• Register Now: MSAI Community Transformation Workshop (October 23-25 in Richmond, VA)
• Six Corners Association is seeking a full-time Executive Director

Calling all commercial district leaders in Chicago! Join UrbanMain for an Entrepreneurial Ecosystems Workshop on July, 26 in Chicago’s Lawndale neighborhood.

Led by National Main Street Center’s Vice President of Revitalization Programs, Matthew Wagner, Ph.D., and Director of UrbanMain, Dionne Baux, and featuring special guest moderator Illinois Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton, in this program you will hear directly from entrepreneurs and service providers and learn to:

• Understand the process for developing an entrepreneurial ecosystem focused on commercial district revitalization.
• Identify key entrepreneurship assets and targets as well as gaps in your ecosystem.
• Leverage partnerships to fill gaps and structure entrepreneurship pipelines.
• Align your ecosystem with market-based commercial district management strategies.
• Understand your role on a holistic basis to lead community transformation.

To register for this free, full-day workshop in Chicago, click here >

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