

2000
CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ANNUAL REPORT
OAK PARK HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

1. Certificates of Appropriateness and Certificates of Economic Hardship

Under the authority of the Oak Park Historic Preservation Ordinance, 638 building permit or plan review applications were reviewed for appropriateness. 33 permits were forwarded to the Architectural Review Committee for review. There are no applications pending nor were any withdrawn. (See Attachment "A" – *Permits Reviewed*)

Under the authority of the Historic Preservation Ordinance and the Memorandum of Agreement with State and Federal Offices, the Commission reviewed 1 project funded through federal, state or municipal resources. After review and necessary modifications, each was provided a Certificate of Appropriateness.

2. Local Designations

There were no local designations in 2000.

3. Survey

There were no surveys conducted in 2000.

4. National Register

The property located at 318 Forest Avenue, known as the Arthur Heurtley House, was listed on the National Register on February 16, 2000. The Commission was not involved in the nomination of this property.

5. Monitoring

There were no monitored projects in 2000.

6. Activities

- The Commission completed and published "A Guide to Oak Park's Frank Lloyd Wright and Prairie School Historic District." The guidebook, which has been in the development since 1997, was created through volunteer

- photographers, editors, writers and Commissioners. The book was printed and made available to the public in June 2000.
- The Commission presented 3 historic preservation awards in October.
 - The Commission initiated a coach house study within the historic districts. A task force was ultimately formed that included members from the Plan Commission and Zoning Board, among others.
 - The Commission hosted a booth at “A Day in Our Village”, the annual summer festival held in downtown Oak Park.
 - The Commission reviewed changes to the proposed Oak Park Zoning Ordinance revisions and requested references in the ordinance to the historic districts and landmarks.
 - Several Commissioners presented at a workshop entitled “How to Fix Up Your Oak Park Home,” which was sponsored by the Historical Society of Oak Park-River Forest.
 - The Commission met with the Village Engineer to discuss a comprehensive plan to preserve slate sidewalks within the historic districts.
 - The Commission assisted in creating a page on the Village’s new web site for the Historic Preservation Commission.

7. Attachments

A – Permits Reviewed

B – Resumes of New Commissioners

C – Historic Preservation Commission meeting minutes