

**2004 CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNUAL REPORT
VILLAGE OF OAK PARK
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

1. Certificates of Appropriateness and Certificates of Economic Hardship

Under the authority of the Oak Park Historic Preservation Ordinance, 902 building permit or plan review applications were reviewed for appropriateness in 2004. The Historic Preservation Commission reviewed 171 of these permit applications, 70 of which required a Certificate of Appropriateness. There are no applications pending from 2003. (**See Attachment "A"**)

Under the authority of the Historic Preservation Ordinance and the Memorandum of Agreement with State and Federal Offices, the Historic Preservation Commission reviewed 13 projects funded through **CDBG** funding. The findings are as follows:

120 S. Marion Street is not located within an Oak Park historic district. The building was constructed in 1991 and is not eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C (architecture). The proposed scope of work included installing Braille signage and to re-install lighting fixtures on the southern walkway. On the interior, it is proposed to install 16 loudspeakers.



1139 Randolph Street is a Contributing structure in the *Ridgeland-Oak Park Historic District* and is also an *Oak Park Historic Landmark*. The proposed scope of work on the exterior includes repairing the east stucco façade, replacing wood window frames, replacing the front door and repairing the concrete stairs to the basement and front entry, and the concrete on playground. A Certificate of Appropriateness was required for these exterior alterations. Proposed interior work includes repairing or replacing original features in the kitchen, including cabinets, the linoleum floor, parts of the plaster ceiling.



411 Chicago Avenue is a non-contributing structure within the *Frank Lloyd Wright-Prairie School of Architecture Historic District*. The scope of work was for re-laying new carpeting and tiling within the building.



435 S. Humphrey Avenue is a non-contributing structure within the *Ridgeland-Oak Park Historic District*. The proposed scope of work was to install a security camera system at the front and back entrances.



309-311 Harrison Street is not located within an Oak Park historic district and was determined not to be eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C (architecture) on September 10, 2003. The proposed scope of work includes repairing or replacing 84 wood window frames, installing additional and improving existing electrical services, installing additional lighting, repairing plaster walls and window frames near the back doors of the apartments, improving the boiler operation, and garage repairs.



134 S. East Avenue is a Non-Contributing building in the *Ridgeland-Oak Park Historic District*. No historic review is required. The building was constructed in 1956. The proposed scope of work included repairing two first floor bathrooms.



908 Wenonah Avenue is not located within an Oak Park historic district and was determined not eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C (architecture) on September 10, 2003. The house was constructed in 1915 by W. E. Marks. The proposed scope of work included replacing the existing wheel chair lift.



1124 N. Humphrey Avenue is not located within an Oak Park historic district and was determined not eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C (architecture). The proposed scope of work included remodeling the first floor bathroom.



436 S. Taylor Avenue is a Contributing structure in the *Ridgeland-Oak Park Historic District*. The proposed scope of work included replacing the existing wheel chair lift. As the lift already exists, no further historic review was required.



1111 S. Taylor Avenue is not located within an Oak Park historic district and was determined not eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C (architecture) on September 10, 2003. The house was constructed in 1956. The proposed scope of work included removing carpet and old wood floors and replacing with new wood floors, remodeling second floor bathroom, and remodeling kitchen for accessibility.



1045 Highland Avenue is not located within an Oak Park historic district and is was determined not eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C (architecture). The building was constructed in 1913 and a second floor was added in 1996. The proposed scope of work included replacing broken basement windows with glass block windows.



7 Van Buren Street/400-404 S. Austin Blvd. is not located within an Oak Park historic district. The building was constructed in 1959 and is not eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C (architecture).



26 S. Austin Blvd. is not located within an Oak Park historic district. The building was constructed in 1923 and is potentially eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C (architecture).



The Historic Preservation Commission reviewed 4 projects funded through the use of CDBG funds in the **Commercial Property Rehabilitation & Preservation Program** (*Administered by the Oak Park Development Corporation*):

1100 Madison Street (Al's Grill) is not located within an Oak Park Historic District. The scope of work consisted of constructing a new restaurant on a vacant lot. No historic review was required.

907-911 S. Lombard Avenue (Maychruk) is not located within an Oak Park Historic District and, in my opinion, is not eligible for listing in the National Register. The scope of work consisted of reconstructing the brick parapet and replacing storefronts. No historic review was required.

1029 South Blvd. (Loro Auto Works) is not located within an Oak Park Historic District and may be eligible for listing in the National Register. The scope of work consisted of removing glass block windows and vinyl awnings and installing new windows and storefronts with new canvas awning. The project was approved by staff.



1114 Madison Street (It's a Sign) is not located within an Oak Park Historic District and is not eligible for listing in the National Register. The scope of work consisted of a new sign. No historic review was required.

The Historic Preservation Commission reviewed 7 project funded through the use of CDBG funds in the **Single-Family Rehab Program** (*Administered by the Village of Oak Park*):

842 Carpenter Avenue is not located within an historic district and, in my opinion, is not eligible for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C (architecture). No historic review was required. January 28, 2004



430 S. Elmwood Avenue is not located within an historic district and, in my opinion, is not eligible for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C (architecture). No historic review was required. January 28, 2004



1008 Washington Blvd., #2 is not located within an historic district and, in my opinion, is not eligible for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C (architecture). No historic review was required. January 28, 2004



426 S. Lombard Avenue, #101 is not located within an historic district and, in my opinion, is not eligible for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C (architecture). No historic review was required. January 28, 2004



145 LeMoyne Parkway is not located within an historic district and, in my opinion, is not eligible for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C (architecture). No historic review was required. January 28, 2004



1168 S. Elmwood Avenue is not located within an historic district and, in my opinion, is not eligible for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C (architecture). The building was designed by architect Ernest Braucher in 1920. No historic review was required. May 10, 2004.



201 S. Maple Avenue is located within the *Ridgeland-Oak Park Historic District* and is a non-contributing structure. The condominium building was constructed in 1962. The scope of work consisted of window replacement, air conditioner covers and repair and painting of window frames. This was approved by staff. May 10, 2004.



2. Local Designations

Eight buildings were nominated for designation as an Oak Park Landmark in 2004 (**see Attachment “B”**). The public hearing for four of the nominations was held on May 13 and the remaining four on October 14. The Village Board approved the nominations on June 21, July 6 and December 6. The following properties were designated:

- 615 Garfield Street (*Oak Park Conservatory*) – constructed in 1929
- 173-181 N. Grove Avenue (*Park Grove/Park View Manor*) – constructed in 1922/1926
- 605 Lake Street (*Bishop Quarter School Addition*) – constructed in 1929
- 220 N. Euclid Avenue (*C.A. Sharpe House-Dole/Cheney Mansion*) – constructed in 1912
- 408-410 S. Austin Blvd. (*Poley Building*) – constructed in 1926
- 950 Columbian Avenue (*Harold C. Lewis House*) – constructed in 1928
- 701 S. East Avenue (*Andreas Brisch House*) – constructed in 1913
- 1045 Wesley Avenue (*George and James Tough House*) – constructed in 1913

No historic districts were designated in 2004.

3. Survey

Potential Landmark Inventory

The Historic Preservation Commission continues to contact property owners identified in this inventory to encourage local landmark designation. No new properties were added to the inventory in 2004.

Stone Sidewalk Survey

A committee of the Historic Preservation Commission conducted a walking survey of all the historic stone or slate sidewalks within the Village in 2003 and completed in 2004. A proposal was prepared for submittal to the Village Board of Trustees for a program to preserve the existing stone sidewalks. It will be reviewed by the Board in 2005. (see **Attachment "C"**)

4. National Register

The property at 615 Garfield Street (*Oak Park Conservatory*) was nominated for listing in the National Register in 2004. The Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council recommended approval in September but final approval has not yet been received. (**Attachment "D"**)

5. Monitoring

There are no monitoring activities to report for 2004.

6. Activities

- The Commission presented 12 historic preservation awards at the Village Board meeting on May 3, 2004. (**Attachment "E"**)
- The Commission hosted a booth at "A Day in Our Village", the annual summer festival held in downtown Oak Park on June 6, 2003. The booth offered an architectural quiz with perfect scores receiving prizes donated from various local organizations (such as free tours at the Frank Lloyd Wright Home & Studio, Unity Temple merchandise, Hemingway Birthplace tours, etc.) and a "House Advice" session offered by the Commission.
- The Commission created one new educational brochure in 2004 – *Researching Your Oak Park Home: A Citizen's Guide*. This utilized a CLG grant. (**Attachment "F"**)
- The Commission conducted a workshop on window repair at the Oak Park Public Library on May 5.
- Commission staff attended the National Preservation Conference in Louisville, KY in September/October 2004.
- Commission staff attended a two-day workshop on Section 106 Review in Louisville, KY hosted by the ACHP.
- Commissioner Frank Lipo attended the American Association for State and Local History national conference in St. Louis, MO on September 29-October 2.
- Commission chair Doug Gilbert attended and spoke at the NAPC Conference in Indianapolis, IN on July 15-18.
- Commission chair Doug Gilbert attended the National AIA Conference in Chicago on June 10-12.
- Commission staff and Commissioner Doug Freerksen attended the State Preservation Conference at Pere Marquette State Park in Grafton on June 17-19.

7. Attachments

- A – 2004 Permits Reviewed
- B – Landmark nomination for eight properties
- C – Stone Sidewalk Survey
- D – National Register nomination for Oak Park Conservatory
- E – 2004 Historic Preservation Award Winners
- F – Completed brochure *Researching Your Oak Park Home: A Citizen's Guide*
- G – Commission Attendance and Meeting Minutes