

**Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission
Education Committee
November 25, 2013 Meeting Minutes
Oak Park Village Hall, Room 215, 7:30 pm**

A. Roll Call

PRESENT: Joerg Albrecht, Rosanne McGrath, Regina Nally, Gary Palese
ABSENT: Fred Brandstrader, Frank Heitzman, Drew Niermann
OTHER: Liz Holt
STAFF: Douglas Kaarre, Urban Planner/Historic Preservation

B. Minutes

C. Plan Commission Presentation

Commissioner Nally provided an overview of her meeting with the Plan Commission on November 14. They are looking to collaborate more on Planned Development reviews and commercial projects. They'd like to hear from the HPC on issues deemed important and discuss how to facilitate those objectives. They discussed looking at case studies of past projects (such as Walgreen's and Comcast/Grove Apartments). Encouraging economic development and investment is important to both commissions.

The Committee noted they will look over the Plan Commission's procedures and guidelines and the HPC's review process for Planned Developments. What is the HPC required to review and what the HPC would like to review. They will review past reports on Downtown Oak Park, Colt Superblock report, Incentives. They will review the preservation ordinance language on Planned Development reviews. Consider preservation and adaptive reuse as compensating benefits.

D. National Register Public Outreach

Based on recommendations from the I-290 Survey, the HPC is seeking a preliminary determination of eligibility from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency on three potential National Register historic districts on the 1000 block of S. Harvey, the 500-800 blocks of Clinton/S. Kenilworth, and the 500-800 blocks of Home. If any of those areas are not considered eligible for the National Register, than no further work is required. If they are, then the HPC will begin outreach to property owners about considering the creation of a National Register historic districts. Should they reach out now, when eligibility is unknown, or wait until eligibility is known. As there was no consensus on how to move forward, this item will be discussed at the December 12 HPC meeting.

E. Other Business

None

ADJOURN

Motion by Albrecht to adjourn. Second by Nally. Motion approved: 4-0.

AYE: Albrecht, McGrath, Nally, Palese

NAY: None

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. Minutes prepared Douglas Kaarre.