

**Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission**  
**Education Committee**  
**January 26, 2016 Meeting Minutes**  
**Oak Park Village Hall, Room 215, 7:30 pm**

**A. Roll Call**

PRESENT: Chair Dan Moroney, Liz Holt, Laura Jordahl, Don McLean, Gary Palese, David Sokol  
ABSENT: Fred Brandstrader, Karen Doty, Frank Heitzman,  
STAFF: Douglas Kaarre, Urban Planner/Historic Preservation

**B. Secondary Building Requirements and Guidelines**

Commissioner Moroney provided an overview the project. Chair McGrath had recommended they look into creating specific guidelines dealing with the demolition and new construction of coach houses. A guideline for all garage demolitions was prepared by the Commission in 2002.

The Committee discussed significance and visibility from the street. Any new document should include visuals. It was thought the best format would be to match that of the new guidelines.

Other items which still need to be addressed include:

- Define how to determine if an accessory structure is a contributing resource
- Determine when the demolition of a garage is okay.
- Determinw what is allowed to replace it (match existing garage or compatible with main house?)
- Consider looking at the larger context with height and use

Commissioner Moroney will discuss with Chair McGrath and we will discuss again in February.

**C. Landmark Link Newsletter**

The committee discussed potential items for inclusion in the Winter 2016 edition of the newsletter. The subjects included:

- The Gundersons: Who were they?
- Garages and coach houses
- Know your Guidelines
- Approved projects – before & after photos
- Featured style or home
- Featured Landmark

**D. Education and Training**

The Committee discussed the potential for hosting outreach and training sessions in the coming year for commission members, homeowners, elected officials, realtors, etc. Grants from the CLG program or the National Trust should be investigated. Commissioner Palese suggested that Oak Park conduct an economic impact study of historic districts, similar to other communities and states.

**E. Publications**

Commissioner Sokol noted that they should highlight the existing guidebooks that were produced by the Commission, and consider updating them. Staff noted there was a request from a property owner to have her house included. It was suggested that photo exhibits are helpful events to get people interested and involved.

*A Guide to Oak Park's Frank Lloyd Wright and Prairie School Historic District*

1999, Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission  
Molly Wickes, Managing Editor  
Kate Irvin, Associate Editor  
Studio Blue, Design

*Ridgeland Revealed: Guide to the Architecture of the Ridgeland-Oak Park Historic District*

1993, Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission  
Arlene Sandersn, Editor

**F. Other Business**

**ADJOURN**

*Motion by McLean to adjourn. Second by Holt. Motion approved: 6-0.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Minutes prepared Douglas Kaarre.