

2007 CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNUAL REPORT
VILLAGE OF OAK PARK
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
February 20, 2008

1. Certificates of Appropriateness and Certificates of Economic Hardship

Under the authority of the Oak Park Historic Preservation Ordinance, 816 building permit or plan review applications were reviewed for appropriateness in 2007. The Historic Preservation Commission reviewed 57 Certificate of Appropriateness applications and one Certificate of Economic Hardship. There is one permit application pending from 2007.

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:

1139 Randolph Street is a Contributing Resource within the *Ridgeland-Oak Park Historic District* as well as an Oak Park Historic Landmark. The project scope of work included alterations to the front entry, east lower level entry, south entrance and west lower level entry. This scope of work will require a Certificate of Appropriateness.



1045 Highland Avenue is not located within an Oak Park historic district and, in my opinion, is not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C (architecture) due to significant alterations. Historic review was not required.



1124 N. Humphrey Avenue is a not located within an Oak Park historic district and, in my opinion, is not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C (architecture). Historic review was not required.



416 N. Humphrey Avenue is a not located within an Oak Park historic district and, in my opinion, is not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C (architecture). Historic review was not required.



436 S. Taylor Avenue is a Contributing Resource within the *Ridgeland-Oak Park Historic District*. The project scope of work included replacing broken tile in kitchen and hallway. As this is interior work only, historic review was not required.



No projects were funded through the use of CDBG funds in the **Commercial Property Rehabilitation & Preservation Program** (*Administered by the Oak Park Development Corporation*) in 2007.

The Historic Preservation Commission Staff reviewed 17 projects funded through Village funds in the **Garage Repair and Replacement Program** (*Administered by the Village of Oak Park*).

The Historic Preservation Commission Staff reviewed three projects funded through Village funds in the **Security Improvement Grant Program** (*Administered by the Village of Oak Park*).

2. Local Designations

One building was nominated as an Oak Park Historic Landmark in 2007 (see Attachment "A"). The Village Board approved the nomination on June 4, 2007. The following property was nominated:

- 1033 South Boulevard (*Boulevard Arcade*) – constructed in 1906/1922 – DESIGNATED

3. Survey

No surveys were completed in 2007. Two surveys were under way in 2007 that were not completed until 2008: 1) Frank Lloyd Wright-Prairie School of Architecture Historic District; and 2) Chicago & Harlem Neighborhood Commercial District.

4. National Register

No properties were listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2007.

5. Monitoring

One property was approved for demolition by the Historic Preservation Commission in 2007. The property was located in the *Ridgeland-Oak Park Historic District*:



The one-story building at 246 Lake Street was constructed in 1915 and was determined to be a Non-contributing structure. The building suffered fire damage prior to demolition.

6. Activities

- The Commission presented 14 historic preservation awards at the Village Board meeting on May 21, 2007. (see Attachment “B”)
- The Commission hosted a booth at “A Day in Our Village”, the annual summer festival held in downtown Oak Park on June 3, 2007.
- The Commission created one new educational brochure in 2007 – *Historic Windows*. This utilized a CLG grant. (see Attachment “C”)
- Traditional Building Conference, New Orleans, LA (Oct. 16-20, 2007): Attended by Commission staff Doug Kaarre.
- State Preservation Conference, Chicago, IL (June 2007): Attended by Commission staff Doug Kaarre, who presented at a session.
- National Main Streets Conference, Seattle, WA (March 2007): Attended by Commissioner Nick Kalogeresis (note: Mr. Kalogeresis is an employee of the National Trust Main Street Center)
- Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council: Commissioner Douglas Gilbert was a member.

7. Attachments

- A – Historic Landmark nomination for 1033 South Blvd.
- B – 2007 Historic Preservation Award Winners
- C – Window Brochure
- D – Commission Attendance and Meeting Minutes