

2024 Work Plan for Historic Preservation Commission
Supporting Housing, Diversity, Sustainability and Fiscal Responsibility

2024 Initiatives

ENABLING LANGUAGE	PROJECT	OUTCOMES	TIMEFRAME	COST (if any)	VILLAGE BOARD GOALS
Historic Preservation Commission Review	Review Certificates of Appropriateness for additions and alterations on contributing buildings within the historic districts	COA applications to be reviewed; numbers to be tallied and reported in 2024.	2024.		
Historic Preservation Commission Review	Provide Advisory Review (including reviews of planning/zoning actions in historic districts or within 250 feet of landmarks)	Advisory Reviews to be provided for applicants; numbers to be tallied and reported in 2024.	2024.		
Architectural Review Committee	Review and provide feedback for additions and alterations proposed for buildings within the historic districts	Reviews to be provided for applicants; numbers to be tallied and reported in 2024.	2024.		
Architectural Review Guidelines	<u>Strategic HP Plan Recommendation:</u> update the Architectural Review Guidelines where necessary	The Commission will assist in maintaining the Architectural Review Guidelines and will support the updating/revision process with staff as needed.	2024.		
Historic Preservation Ordinance	<u>Strategic HP Plan Recommendation:</u> maintain and update the Historic Preservation Ordinance as needed	The Commission will assist in maintaining the Historic Preservation Ordinance and will support the updating-revision process with staff as needed.	2024.		
Historic Preservation Ordinance	Historic Landmarks	Designating individual properties as Historic Landmarks.	Ongoing.	\$900 (three plaques) \$100 (research fees)	
Historic Preservation Awards	Preservation Awards	Sponsor annual preservation awards and co-host the awards event with other Village of Oak Park commissions. Maintain yard sign program for Historic Preservation Award winners.	4 th Quarter.	\$200 (selection and event costs) \$30 (award sign maintenance)	

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Interdepartmental Cooperation	<u>Historic sidewalks and streets</u>	Work with Public Works to develop an ongoing strategy and recommendations for historic street elements like stone sidewalks and brick streets.	Ongoing.		
Public Education	<u>Strategic HP Plan Recommendation:</u> Identify potential cooperative efforts between Village Historic Preservation officials and other Oak Park taxing bodies	Coordinate with a local working group of preservation professionals and the Oak Park Postmaster to support the long-term preservation of the Oak Park Post Office at 901 Lake Street and provide expertise, resources, and planning for restoration, maintenance, and potential future adaptive reuse options.	Ongoing.		
Public Education	<u>Strategic HP Plan Recommendation:</u> Create online guide as update to guide book	Create a new online Oak Park guide to replace the Guide to Oak Park's Frank Lloyd Wright and Prairie School Historic District, published by the Commission in 1999, which is out of print.	Ongoing.		
Public Education	<u>Strategic HP Plan Recommendation:</u> Educate contractors, architects, property owners, real estate community, and local business community	Provide educational outreach and training regarding historic preservation in Oak Park and the use of the Architectural Review Guidelines. Update and use Village brochures.	Ongoing.		
Public Education	<u>Strategic HP Plan Recommendation:</u> Educate contractors, architects, property owners, real estate community, and local business community	Host a table at Day in Our Village to educate local homeowners and others about the Historic Districts and the Historic Preservation Commission.	Summer 2024.	\$150	
Public Education	Inform and educate the citizens of Oak Park concerning the historic and architectural heritage of the Village	Forward education and knowledge regarding Oak Park's Midcentury Modern architecture, including compiling and assessing existing resources for future use.	Ongoing.		

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	TOTAL BUDGET REQUEST FOR 2024			\$1,230	

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2023 Completed Initiatives

ENABLING LANGUAGE	PROJECT	OUTCOMES	TIMEFRAME	COST (if any)
Historic Preservation Commission Review	Review Certificates of Appropriateness for additions and alterations on contributing buildings within the historic districts	37 Certificates of Appropriateness were reviewed as of September 14, 2023.	2023.	
Historic Preservation Commission Review	Provide Advisory Review (including reviews of planning/zoning actions in historic districts or within 250 feet of landmarks, as well as new construction within the historic districts)	13 Advisory Reviews were completed by the HPC as of September 14, 2023.	2023.	
Architectural Review Committee	Review and provide feedback for additions and alterations proposed for buildings within the historic districts	24 projects were reviewed by the Architectural Review Committee as of September 14, 2023 (including Advisory Review, COAs, and discussion items).	2023.	
Interdepartmental Cooperation	<u>Historic sidewalks and streets</u>	Project continued from 2020 (delays caused by the pandemic).	Ongoing.	
Architectural Review Guidelines	<u>Strategic HP Plan Recommendation (and ongoing):</u> Review, update and re-write the Architectural Review Guidelines	Any potential Guidelines revisions to be compiled at the end of the calendar year.	2023.	

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Historic Preservation Ordinance	<u>Strategic HP Plan Recommendation:</u> Examine the Historic Preservation Ordinance and its review processes to identify future process efficiencies.	Any potential Ordinance revisions to be compiled at the end of the calendar year.	2023.	
Historic Preservation Ordinance	Historic Landmarks	1201 Fair Oaks Ave, the Swenson-Gottlieb House, was Landmarked.	2023.	\$322.87 (for bronze plaque)
Historic Preservation Awards	Preservation Awards	Sponsor annual preservation awards and co-host the awards event with other Village of Oak Park commissions. <i>Anticipated Oct-Dec 2023</i>	4 th Quarter.	\$200 (selection and event costs) <i>anticipated Oct-Dec 2023</i>
Public Education	<u>Strategic HP Plan Recommendation:</u> Identify potential cooperative efforts between Village Historic Preservation officials and other Oak Park taxing bodies	The Historic Preservation Commission has had on-going discussions regarding the long-term preservation of the Oak Park Post Office at 901 Lake Street.	2023.	
Public Education	<u>Strategic HP Plan Recommendation:</u> Educate contractors, architects, property owners, real estate community, and local business community	Commission members had a table at Day in Our Village to educate local homeowners and others about the Historic Districts and the Historic Preservation Commission.	2023.	
Public Education	<u>Strategic HP Plan Recommendation:</u> Educate contractors, architects, property owners, real estate community, and local business community	The Commission displayed signs for 2022 award winners during May of 2023 (Historic Preservation Month).	2023.	

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Public Education	<u>Strategic HP Plan Recommendation:</u> Educate contractors, architects, property owners, real estate community, and local business community	The HPC hosted speaker Mark Nussbaum, who provided a talk on geothermal energy for historic buildings. This talk was open to the public. The HPC is also looking into hosting a speaker from Reuse Depot to talk about recycling historic building materials, possibly in December 2024.	2023.	
	TOTAL BUDGET FOR 2023		2023.	\$522.87 <i>anticipated</i>