

**2001 CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNUAL REPORT  
VILLAGE OF OAK PARK  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSISON**

**1. Certificates of Appropriateness and Certificates of Economic Hardship**

Under the authority of the Oak Park Historic Preservation Ordinance, 822 building permit or plan review applications were reviewed for appropriateness in 2001. 78 permits were forwarded to the Architectural Review Committee for review. There are no applications pending from 2001 nor were any withdrawn. *(See Attachment "A" – Permits Reviewed)*

Under the authority of the Historic Preservation Ordinance and the Memorandum of Agreement with State and Federal Offices, the Historic Preservation Commission reviewed 6 projects funded through **CDBG** funding. The findings are as follows:

120 S. Marion Street (*Family Service & Mental Health Center of Oak Park*) is not located within a historic district and is not eligible for listing on the National Register as the building is less than 50 years old. *Review date: January 12, 2001*

411 Chicago Avenue (*Oak/Leyden Development Services*) is a non-contributing property located within the Frank Lloyd Wright Historic District. *Review date: January 12, 2001*

256 S. Marion Street (*Oak Park YMCA*) is a non-contributing property within the Ridgeland/Oak Park Historic District. *Review date: January 12, 2001*

324-326 N. Austin Blvd. (*Community Response*) is a non-contributing property within the Ridgeland/Oak Park Historic District. *Review date: January 12, 2001*

416 N. Humphrey (*Seguin Services*) is not located within a historic district and is not eligible for listing on the National Register.

1124 N. Humphrey (*Seguin Services*) is not located within a historic district and is not eligible for listing on the National Register.

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

300-308 Madison 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).

609 Madison Street 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).

805 South Blvd. is a Non-Contributing structure within the Ridgeland/Oak Park Historic District.

177-189 North Blvd. 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).

1010-1018 North Blvd. 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).

1101 Lake 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).

1042 Pleasant 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).

116 N. Oak Park Avenue is a Contributing structure within the Ridgeland/Oak Park Historic District. The project involved the rehabilitation of the storefront façade, which was approved by the Commission.

136 N. Ridgeland Avenue is a Contributing structure within the Ridgeland/Oak Park Historic District. The project involved the rehabilitation of the interior commercial space, which was approved by the Commission.

31 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).

145-147 S. Oak Park Avenue is a Non-Contributing structure within the Ridgeland/Oak Park Historic District.

128 Madison 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).

The Historic Preservation Commission reviewed 10 projects funded through the use of CDBG funds in the **Single-Family Rehab Program** (*Administered by the Village of Oak Park*):

109 S. Elmwood Avenue is a Non-Contributing structure within the Ridgeland/Oak Park Historic District. *Review date: December 13, 2001*

1137 S. Taylor Avenue 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). *Review date: December 13, 2001*

429 S. Humphrey Avenue is a Contributing structure within the Ridgeland/Oak Park Historic District. The work involved only the replacement of the roof on the home and garage without a change in the materials and was approved by the Historic Preservation Commission. *Review date: October 17, 2001*

520 S. Grove Avenue is not located within either Oak Park historic district and was determined not to be eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places based on Criterion C (architectural significance). *Review date: August 28, 2001*

1026 N. Lombard Avenue is not located within either Oak Park historic district and was determined not to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places based on Criterion C (architectural significance). *Review date: August 28, 2001*

929 S. Oak Park Avenue #1SW and #2NW is not located within either Oak Park historic district and was determined not to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places based on Criterion C (architectural significance). *Review date: July 5, 2001*

857 Carpenter Avenue is not located within either Oak Park historic district is not located within either Oak Park historic district and was determined not to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places based on Criterion C (architectural significance). *Review date: July 5, 2001*

412 Wesley Avenue is not located within either Oak Park historic district is not located within either Oak Park historic district and was determined not to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places based on Criterion C (architectural significance). *Review date: July 5, 2001*

1001 Wesley Avenue is not located within either Oak Park historic district and was determined not to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places based on Criterion C (architectural significance). *Review date: April 27, 2001*

## **2. Local Designations**

Three local single-family homes were nominated for designation as an Oak Park Landmark in 2001. The public hearing for all three nominations was held on August 8, 2001. The Historic Preservation Commission forwarded their recommendation to the Village Board on September 20, 2001. The Village Board considered the nominations on October 15, 2001 and directed Village staff to prepare an ordinance for Board approval. The ordinance did not go before the Board in 2001. The following three properties were nominated:

- 515 Fair Oaks Avenue (Rollin Furbeck House) – designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and constructed in 1897. (*See Attachment “B”*)
- 313 Forest Avenue (Hills-DeCaro House) – designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and constructed in 1906. The property was reconstructed after a fire using the original plans in 1976. (*See Attachment “C”*)
- 710 Augusta Street (Harry S. Adams House) – designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and constructed in 1913. (*See Attachment “D”*)

The Commission prepared a preliminary report to recommend the local designation of the Oak Park & River Forest High School Stadium. The Village Board would not allow the designation process to begin as the School District opposed the designation. No further action was taken.

## **3. Survey**

There were no surveys conducted in 2001.

## **4. National Register**

The Historic Preservation Commission submitted a nomination form to list the Gunderson Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places.

- A contract was signed between the Village of Oak Park and Gilmore Franzen Architects on February 7, 2001 to prepare the nomination form.
- IHPA representative Tracey Sculle toured the proposed historic district on May 3, 2001 and provided her comments regarding the boundaries.
- The Historic Preservation Commission hosted two public meetings for residents in the proposed historic district on August 8, 2001 and September 6, 2001, attended by representatives from IHPA and LPCI.

- A letter was received from IHPA dated September 6, 2001 notifying the Village the nomination met the Criteria A and C for listing on the National Register.
- A letter was received from IHPA dated September 6, 2001 notifying the Village the nomination satisfied the National Register standards for documentation.
- The Historic Preservation Commission submitted a letter to IHPA dated September 28, 2001 endorsing the nomination of the district.
- The Village President submitted a letter to IHPA dated October 15, 2001 endorsing the nomination of the district.
- The district was approved by IHSAC on December 7, 2001.

## 5. **Monitoring**

There were no monitored projects in 2001.

## 6. **Activities**

- The Commission presented 25 historic preservation awards at the Village Board meeting on May 21, 2001. (*See Attachment "E" – Historic Preservation Awards*)
- The Commission hosted a booth at "A Day in Our Village", the annual summer festival held in downtown Oak Park.
- The Commission reviewed changes to the proposed Oak Park Zoning Ordinance revisions and requested references in the ordinance to the historic districts and landmarks.
- The Commission was part of a task force that looked at coach houses within the Village and prepared draft recommendations to the Village Board. The task force's draft report was not completed in 2001.

## 7. **Attachments**

- A – 2001 Permits Reviewed
- B – 515 Fair Oaks Avenue Local Landmark Nomination
- C – 313 Forest Avenue Local Landmark Nomination
- D – 710 Augusta Street Local Landmark Nomination
- E – 2001 Historic Preservation Awards
- F – Resumes of New Commissioners
- G – Historic Preservation Commission meeting minutes