



Community Meeting Notice

Proposed Downtown Historic Designation

The community is invited to participate in a public process to discuss options for preserving the historic and architectural character of downtown Oak Park, which includes the area south of Ontario Street, north of North Boulevard, east of Harlem Avenue and west of Forest Avenue. Public participation in a series of community meetings will help the Historic Preservation commission establish a shared community vision for preservation options downtown.

- **7 - 9 p.m., Tues., Jan. 23, Veterans Room of the Oak Park Public Library, 834 Lake St.** Focus will be on identifying and discussing three options for historic designations in downtown Oak Park – 1) designating a local historic district; 2) listing a downtown historic district on the National Register of Historic Places; and 3) designating individual historic landmarks. A combination of these options also could be considered.
- **7 - 9 p.m., Tues., Jan. 30, Veterans Room of the Oak Park Public Library, 834 Lake St.** Focus will be on further discussion regarding various options for historic designations in downtown Oak Park.
- **7:30 p.m., Thurs. Feb. 8, Village Hall, 123 Madison St.** The Historic Preservation Commission will deliberate on the community input received in the first two community meetings, as well as any research or other information provided. Commission may determine the favored historic designation option to pursue.
- **7:30 p.m., Wed., Feb. 21, Village Hall, 123 Madison St.** Focus will be on the favored option determined by the Historic Preservation Commission. Discussion and more detailed information will be provided, and feedback from the community on the favored option will be taken.
- **Future process:** A final report on the favored option will be scheduled for a Village Board Study Session in March 2007. Following Village Board direction, a nomination(s) will be prepared and a public hearing held at a date to be determined. Nomination(s) will be forwarded to the Village Board for final approval following any additional required public hearings.

Anyone unable to attend a community meeting who wishes to review or comment on the options may visit www.oak-park.us where all information presented and gathered at the community meetings will be posted. Comments and questions may be sent via e-mail directly to the Historic Preservation Commission at planning@oak-park.us or by telephone at 708.358.5417.