

**2006 CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNUAL REPORT
VILLAGE OF OAK PARK
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
February 28, 2007**

1. Certificates of Appropriateness and Certificates of Economic Hardship

Under the authority of the Oak Park Historic Preservation Ordinance, 780 building permit or plan review applications were reviewed for appropriateness in 2006. The Historic Preservation Commission reviewed 125 of these permit applications, 60 of which required a Certificate of Appropriateness and 1 which required a Certificate of Economic Hardship. There are no applications pending from 2005. (see Attachment "A")

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:

946 North Boulevard 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. No historic review was required. August 29, 2006



320 Chicago Avenue is a non-contributing resource within the *Frank Lloyd Wright-Prairie School of Architecture Historic District*. No historic review was required. August 29, 2006



14 Lake Street is not located within an Oak Park historic district and is not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C (architecture). No historic review was required. August 29, 2006



1045 Highland Avenue is not located within an Oak Park historic district and is not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C (architecture). No historic review was required. August 29, 2006



1124 N. Humphrey Avenue is not located within an Oak Park historic district and is not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C (architecture). No historic review was required. August 29, 2006



1025 Pleasant Place is a Non-Contributing Resource within the *Ridgeland-Oak Park Historic District*. Historic review is not required. No historic review was required. September 1, 2006



307 Harrison Street is a not located within an Oak Park historic district and is not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C (architecture) due to vinyl window replacement in a portion of the building. No historic review was required. September 1, 2006



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 2006.

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

528 S. Ridgeland Avenue is a contributing structure located within the *Gunderson Historic District*. A Certificate of Appropriateness was required for exterior work. The project was later withdrawn. January 13, 2006



1104 Highland Avenue is not located within an Oak Park historic district and is not a Landmark. The one story Bungalow was constructed in 1912 by developer R. G. Hancock. The property is not eligible for listing on the National Register under Criterion C due to the application of aluminum siding. No historic review was required. May 10, 2006.



2. Local Designations

Six buildings were nominated as Oak Park Landmarks in 2006 (see Attachment “B”). The Village Board approved two of the nominations on May 1, and one on November 6. The remaining three nominations were denied by the Historic Preservation Commission as being ineligible. The following properties were nominated:

- 500 Linden Avenue (*H.W. Jenkins House*) – constructed in 1919 – DESIGNATED
- 705 S. East Avenue (*Dr. Harry Bernhardt Cottage*) – constructed 1919 – DESIGNATED
- 625 S. Oak Park Avenue (*Charles W. Eils House*) – constructed in 1910 – DESIGNATED

- 403 N. Maple Avenue (*Henry W. Ludemann Cottage*) – determined ineligible by HPC
- 407 N. Maple Avenue (*Joachim Schultz Cottage*) – determined ineligible by HPC
- 409 N. Maple Avenue (*Ignatz Schozanke Cottage*) – determined ineligible by HPC

No historic districts were designated in 2006

3. Survey

Madison Street Architectural Historical Survey

The Village Board adopted an architectural survey of Madison Street on June 5, 2006 as part of the Madison Street Corridor Plan. The survey was prepared by consultants Wiss Janney Elstner Associates. Those properties listed as Significant were added to the Village’s Potential Landmark Inventory. (see Attachment “C”)

4. National Register

No properties were listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2006.

5. Monitoring

Two properties were approved for demolition by the Historic Preservation Commission in 2006. The properties are located in the Ridgeland-Oak Park Historic District:

- 252 Lake Street (Cottage, pre-1895 – non-contributing structure)
- 256 Lake Street (Gable Front, pre-1895 – non-contributing structure)

The two properties were originally classified as Contributing Resources in 1983 and in the 2002 update of the property resource list for the National Register. The Historic Preservation Commission determined that the properties were Non-contributing Resources during a public hearing process. The determination was based on additional evidence submitted by the applicant. Their demolition has not yet occurred. (see Attachment “D”)

6. Activities

- The Commission presented 11 historic preservation awards at the Village Board meeting on May 15, 2006. (see Attachment “E”)

- The Commission hosted a booth at “A Day in Our Village”, the annual summer festival held in downtown Oak Park on June 4, 2006. The booth offered an architectural quiz for children and prizes included an architectural ruler.
- The Commission created one new educational brochure in 2006 – *Ridgeland-Oak Park Historic District*. This utilized a CLG grant. (see Attachment “F”)
- National Preservation Conference, Pittsburgh, PA (Oct. 31 – Nov. 4, 2006): Attended by Commission staff Doug Kaarre.
- State Preservation Conference, Bloomington, IL (June 2006): Attended by Commission staff Doug Kaarre.
- National Main Street Conference, New Orleans, LA (May 2006): 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 is a member.

7. Attachments

- A – 2006 Permits Reviewed
- B – Historic Landmark nominations
- C – Madison Street Architectural Historical Survey
- D – Properties approved for demolition in 2006
- E – 2006 Historic Preservation Award Winners
- F – Brochures
- G – Commission Attendance and Meeting Minutes