

**Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission  
Education Committee  
July 22, 2013 Meeting Minutes  
Oak Park Village Hall, Room 215, 7:30 pm**

**A. Roll Call**

PRESENT: Chair Christina Morris, Joerg Albrecht, Gary Palese  
ABSENT: Frank Heitzman, Regina Nally, Drew Niermann, Liz Holt  
OTHER: Karen Doty  
STAFF: Douglas Kaarre, Urban Planner/Historic Preservation

**B. 2013 Historic Preservation Awards**

The Committee continued discussion on other venues options besides Unity Temple, who is now requesting a \$1,000 rental fee. Gary Palese stated that the Cheney Mansion can hold 150 people and would cost \$875. Frank Lipo will contact Pilgrim Church about their availability. Staff will contact the Nineteenth Century Club. Everyone agreed that Unity Temple was a great venue, but the cost may be too great. However, they discussed justifying the cost in that Unity Temple provided the location free in 2010, and at a minimal cost in 2011 and 2012. Each of the three commissions has now selected their awards representatives: HPC = Liz Holt, CDC = Teresa Heit-Murray, and EEC = Bob Peterson and Brian Chang. The date for the event needs to be selected soon.

**C. National Register Public Outreach**

The Committee discussed how and when they should reach out to property owners in three potential National Register historic districts: Braucher/Duff Subdivision (1000 block S. Harvey), Hogans Home Subdivision (500-800 blocks Home), and Hulbert Subdivision (500-800 blocks Clinton and S. Kenilworth). Currently they are trying to determine if they are eligible for listing on the National Register. As it has recently been in the newspaper, they feel they should reach out and let owners know what is being planned. They also need to promote the RuskinArc software, where the survey information is available to the public ([www.ruskinarc.com/oakpark](http://www.ruskinarc.com/oakpark)). Staff has already reach out to IHPA and received examples of successful submittals. The Committee would like to hear from Staff about the extensive outreach conducted by Village consultants for the Envision Oak Park comprehensive plan process, and find out what worked best in reaching people. They also discussed locations for hosting meetings, such as Buzz Café and Irving School.

**D. Historic District Signage**

Staff noted that they are proposing to expand the signage for the *Frank Lloyd Wright-Prairie School of Architecture Historic District* to include those areas added to the district in 2012. Staff will work with the Public Works Department in costs and locations.

**E. HPC 2014 Work Plan**

The Committee reviewed the draft 2014 work plan.

**F. Educational Talk on Home Energy Audits**

The Committee discussed the idea of jointly hosting a talk on home energy audits by John Porterfield of eZing, Inc. with the EEC on either August 8 or September 12. Frank Heitzman was to reach out to the EEC to see if they are interested. They will wait for feedback from the EEC and aim for September 12.

**G. Architectural Review Guidelines**

Staff noted that the Village's consultant is still working on the revisions and they should see draft sections in August.

**H. Other Business**

None

**ADJOURN**

*Motion by Albrecht to adjourn. Second by Doty. Motion approved: 4-0.*

*AYE: Albrecht, Doty, Palese, Morris*

*NAY: None*

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Minutes prepared Douglas Kaarre.

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