

**Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission
Architectural Review Committee
January 28, 2015 Meeting Minutes
Oak Park Village Hall, Room 215, 7:30 pm**

A. Roll Call

PRESENT: Chair Rosanne McGrath, Greg Battoglia, Regina Nally, Chris Payne, Tom Sundling

ABSENT: Douglas Kaarre, Urban Planner/Historic Preservation

B. Minutes

Motion by Battoglia to approve the November 17, 2014 meeting minutes as submitted. Second by Sundling. Motion approved 5-0.

C. 224 N. Scoville Avenue: Preliminary review to demolish open entry porch and construct an enclosed entry porch (*Frank Lloyd Wright-Prairie School of Architecture Historic District*) Property owner David Dribin and Airoom representative Amias Turman were present.

The proposal is to demolish an existing open original side porch and build a new enclosed side porch in keeping with the character of the house. The project will require a Certificate of Appropriateness. The Committee discussed the proposal and developed a strategy for the new porch that would meet the Architectural Review Guidelines. The applicants will research building code requirements regarding porch landings, which could impact the stair configuration. The recommendations included the following:

- Provide documentation of the deteriorated condition of the existing porch
- Maintain the extending flat south wall plane that runs under the corner columns and extends forward toward the front of the house.
- Maintain or replicate the corner column detail at the SE and SW corners of the porch. recess the new adjacent wall planes enclosing the porch so that the column detail is featured.
- Maintain as large an overhang as possible and replicate the angled soffit detail.
- Use double-hung windows on the south façade in a proportion similar to the existing house. If possible use a ganged pair of windows similar to what is used elsewhere on the house.

Revised elevations incorporating the above recommendations should be submitted to Village Staff for review and approval.

D. Architectural Review Guidelines

The Committee discussed creation of a new Preamble section which will address overall preservation principles. This will include a general introduction to Historic Preservation in Oak Park, which would touch on the HPC and the guidelines. They also discussed expanding the Definitions section to be more of a beginning part of the guidelines and touch on the things listed in the current preamble. The Committee referenced the Design Guidelines for Historic Districts in the City of Pasadena CA as an example. A name for the section was recommended to be "*Architectural Review Guidelines: General Principles and Definitions.*" The Committee will continue to review the Pasadena document and add their comments.

E. Other Business

ADJOURN

Motion by Payne to adjourn. Second by Battoglia. Motion approved: 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. Minutes prepared Douglas Kaarre.