

**Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission**  
**September 10, 2015 Meeting Minutes**  
**Oak Park Village Hall, Council Chambers/Room 201, 7:30 pm**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Chair Rosanne McGrath, Joerg Albrecht, Regina Nally, Vice Chair Gary Palese, Chris Payne, Tony Quinn  
**ABSENT:** Greg Battaglia, Fred Brandstrader, Don McLean, Dan Moroney, Tom Sundling  
**STAFF:** Douglas Kaarre, AICP, Urban Planner

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

*Motion by Albrecht to approve the meeting agenda. Second by Palese. Motion approved 6-0.*  
*AYE: Albrecht, Nally, Palese, Payne, Quinn, Chair McGrath*  
*NAY: None*

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**MINUTES**

None

**REGULAR AGENDA**

- A. **Signa System Insulating Glass:** Presentation on their insulating glass system as an alternative to window replacement in historic buildings

Sebastian Borys presented information on the Signa System (Scandinavian Insulated Glass of North America). It was developed in 1976 in Denmark, and is a system for retrofitting single glaze windows into hermetically sealed double glaze insulating glass units. The system utilizes existing windows, adds a half-inch spacer and an additional layer of glass, and hermetically seals into a double-glazed insulating glass unit. It is applicable for historic wooden frames as well as aluminum and metal frames. There are no alterations to the sash and the exterior appearance does not change.

The company is based out of Chicago and provided examples of historic buildings they have worked on as well as provided details about the installation process. More information may be found on their website at [www.signasystem.net](http://www.signasystem.net). The Commission discussed the product and asked numerous questions. They thanked Mr. Borys for his presentation.

- B. **2016 Work Plan:** Discuss proposed work plan and budget for 2016
- C. **Architectural Review Guidelines:** Discuss drafts of final sections

**CONSENT AGENDA**

No business

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Hulbert Houses Historic District:** The postcard survey and FAQ were mailed out to property owners and we have begun to receive the postcards back in the mail. The Commission may consider holding a special meeting on the date of the HPC Architectural Review Committee or HPC Education Committee meetings.

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Joerg Albrecht Final Meeting: Chair McGrath thanked Joerg for his six years of service on the Commission. Planner Kaarre presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Open House Oak Park & River Forest: September 12 will be a one-day free admission to local cultural and architectural attractions. Village Hall is one of the sites, but volunteers are needed in order to open the building to the public. Due to the late notice, no Commission members were available.

Staff Approvals: August 2015 Staff permit approval report

### **ADJOURN**

*Motion by Albrecht to adjourn. Second by Palese. Motion approved 6-0.*

*AYE: Albrecht, Nally, Palese, Payne, Quinn, Chair McGrath*

*NAY: None*

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Douglas Kaarre, Urban Planner.