

Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission
November 7, 2017 Meeting Minutes
Oak Park Village Hall, Room 102, 7:30 pm

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Christopher Payne, Jennifer Bridge, Sandra Carr, Adam Engle, Darrick Gurski, Rebecca Houze, David Sokol
ABSENT: Laura Jordahl, Aleksandra Tadic, Noel Weidner
STAFF: Douglas Kaarre, AICP, Urban Planner

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Sokol to approve the agenda as submitted. Second by Bridge. Motion approved 7-0.
AYE: Bridge, Carr, Engle, Gurski, Houze, Sokol, Chair Payne
NAY: None

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

MINUTES

Motion by Bridge to approve the October 18, 2017 meeting minutes as submitted. Second by Carr. Motion approved 7-0.
AYE: Bridge, Carr, Engle, Gurski, Houze, Sokol, Chair Payne
NAY: None

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Oak Park Guide Book

Commissioner Bridge provided an overview of the project to date. The experts group put together a list of properties, which includes all historic landmarks, the properties from the existing guide books, and additional properties deemed of interest or of significance by the experts group and the Commission. It also includes properties from Downtown and Madison Street. They still need to add properties from historic resource surveys for the Arts District, South Town, I-290 and Lake Street.

Commissioner Sokol stated that once the list is complete they will need to determine which of the properties will be accompanied by text in the new book.

Commissioner Gurski suggested a way to determine that could be to rank them as A or B and provide text for properties with an A ranking.

The Commission discussed dividing the Village up geographically among members to oversee the property lists and text for those areas. Each area will be assigned to a Commission member and others interested in assisting with that area. Additional suggestions for additions to the property list included churches, parks, Dole Library, fire stations, schools, neighborhood stores and the three historic gas stations at Oak Park & North Avenue, S. Oak Park & Lexington, and Lake & Harvey. RuskinARC could be used to identify subdivisions.

Proposed geographic areas

1. NORTHWEST (north of Division, west of Ridgeland) – Chris Payne
2. NORTHEAST (north of Austin, east of Ridgeland) – Rebecca Houze
3. WRIGHT-PRAIRIE HD (historic district boundaries) – David Sokol

4. RIDGELAND HD (historic district boundaries) –
5. DOWNTOWN (Ontario to South, Harlem to Forest) – Darrick Gurski
6. MADISON STREET (from Austin to Harlem) –
7. GUNDERSON HD – Adam Engle
8. HULBERT HOMES –
9. SOUTH OF MADISON (Madison to I-290, Austin to Harlem) – Jennifer Bridge, Frank Lipo
10. SOUTH OF I-290 (290 to Roosevelt, Austin to Harlem) – Sandi Carr

The Commission discussed organizing the chapters to focus on an introduction and then list of properties, with one commissioner overseeing each chapter.

B. Architectural Review Guidelines

The Commission discussed identifying the changes between the existing and proposed versions. They will concentrate on the Requirements section with the yellow and green boxes which identify best practices and requirements. They will also identify conceptual changes. Staff will review the documents as well, and each Commissioner should send their notes as well by the end of November.

CONSENT AGENDA

None

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

Motion by Houze to adjourn. Second by Tadic. Motion approved 7-0.

AYE: Bridge, Carr, Engle, Gurski, Houze, Sokol, Chair Payne

NAY: None

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Douglas Kaarre, AICP, Urban Planner.