2023 WORK PLAN FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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2023 Initiatives

ENABLING LANGUAGE	PROJECT	OUTCOMES	TIMEFRAME	COST (if any)
Historic Preservation Commission Review	Review Certificates of Appropriateness for additions and alterations on contributing buildings within the historic districts	COA applications to be reviewed; numbers to be tallied and reported in 2023	2023	\$0
Historic Preservation Commission Review	Provide Advisory Review (including reviews of planning/zoning actions in historic districts or within 250 feet of landmarks)	Advisory Reviews to be provided for applicants; numbers to be tallied and reported in 2023	2023	\$0
Architectural Review Committee	Review and provide feedback for additions and alterations proposed for buildings within the historic districts	Reviews to be provided for applicants; numbers to be tallied and reported in 2023	2023	\$0
Adoption of Guidelines	Strategic HP Plan Recommendation: update the Architectural Review Guidelines where necessary	The Commission will assist in maintaining the Architectural Review Guidelines and will support the updating/revision process with staff as needed	1 st Quarter	\$0
Historic Preservation Ordinance	Strategic HP Plan Recommendation: maintain and update the Historic Preservation Ordinance as needed	The Commission will assist in maintaining the Historic Preservation Ordinance and will support the updating-revision process with staff as needed.	1 st Quarters	\$0
Historic Preservation Ordinance	Historic Landmarks	Designating individual properties as Historic Landmarks.	Ongoing	\$900 (three plaques) \$100 (research fees)

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Historic Preservation Awards	Preservation Awards	Sponsor annual preservation awards and co-host the awards event with other Village of Oak Park commissions. Maintain yard sign program for Historic Preservation Award winners.	4 th Quarter	\$200 (selection and event costs) \$30 (award sign maintenance)
Interdepartmental Cooperation	Historic sidewalks and streets	Work with Public Works to develop an ongoing strategy and recommendations for stone sidewalks and brick streets	Ongoing	\$0
Public Education	Strategic HP Plan Recommendation: Identify potential cooperative efforts between Village Historic Preservation officials and other Oak Park taxing bodies	Coordinate with a local working group of preservation professionals and the Oak Park Postmaster to support the long-term preservation of the Oak Park Post Office at 901 Lake Street and provide expertise, resources, and planning for restoration, maintenance, and potential future adaptive reuse options.	Ongoing	\$0
Public Education	Strategic HP Plan Recommendation: Create online guide as update to guide book	Create a new online Oak Park guide to replace the Guide to Oak Park's Frank Lloyd Wright and Prairie School Historic District, published by the Commission in 1999, which is out of print.	Ongoing	\$0
Public Education	Strategic HP Plan Recommendation: Educate contractors, architects, property owners, real estate community, and local business community	Provide educational outreach and training regarding historic preservation in Oak Park and the use of the Architectural Review Guidelines. Update and use Village brochures. Include new Guidelines once adopted by the Village Board.	Ongoing	\$0
Public Education	Strategic HP Plan Recommendation: Educate contractors, architects, property owners, real estate community, and local business community	Host a table at Day in Our Village to educate local homeowners and others about the Historic Districts and the Historic Preservation Commission	Summer 2023	\$150

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Public Education	Inform and educate the citizens of Oak Park concerning the historic and architectural heritage of the Village	Forward education and knowledge regarding Oak Park's Midcentury Modern architecture, including compiling and assessing existing resources for future use.	Ongoing	\$0
	TOTAL BUDGET REQUEST FOR 2023			\$1,230

Historic Preservation Commission Accomplishments

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Historic Preservation Commission Review	Review Certificates of Appropriateness for additions and alterations on contributing buildings within the historic districts	55 Certificates of Appropriateness were reviewed as of October 13, 2022	2022	\$0
Historic Preservation Commission Review	Provide Advisory Review (including reviews of planning/zoning actions in historic districts or within 250 feet of landmarks)	1 Advisory Reviews were completed as of October 13, 2022	2022	\$0
Architectural Review Committee	Review and provide feedback for additions and alterations proposed for buildings within the historic districts	35 projects were reviewed by the Architectural Review Committee as of October 13, 2022 (including COAs and Advisory Reviews)	2022	\$0
Interdepartmental Cooperation	Historic sidewalks and streets	Project continued from 2020 (delays caused by the pandemic)	Ongoing	\$0
Adoption of Guidelines	Strategic HP Plan Recommendation (and ongoing): Review, update and re-write the Architectural Review Guidelines	The Historic Preservation Commission approved and the Village Board adopted updated Architectural Review Guidelines in February 2022	2022	\$0

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Historic Preservation Ordinance	Strategic HP Plan Recommendation: Examine the Historic Preservation Ordinance and its review processes to identify future process efficiencies.	The Historic Preservation Commission approved and the Village Board adopted an updated Historic Preservation Ordinance in February 2022	2022	\$0
Historic Preservation Awards	Preservation Awards	Sponsor annual preservation awards and co-host the awards event with other Village of Oak Park commissions.	4 th Quarter	\$200 (selection and event costs) <i>anticipated</i> <i>for Nov/Dec</i> 2022
Public Education	Strategic HP Plan Recommendation: Identify potential cooperative efforts between Village Historic Preservation officials and other Oak Park taxing bodies	The Historic Preservation Commission has had on-going discussions regarding the long-term preservation of the Oak Park Post Office at 901 Lake Street.	2022	\$0
Public Education	Strategic HP Plan Recommendation: Educate contractors, architects, property owners, real estate community, and local business community	Commission members had a table at Day in Our Village to educate local homeowners and others about the Historic Districts and the Historic Preservation Commission	June 5, 2022	\$0
Public Education	Strategic HP Plan Recommendation: Educate contractors, architects, property owners, real estate	The Commission created Historic Preservation Award signs in 2021 that were displayed for 2021 award winners during May of 2022 (Historic Preservation Month)	2022	\$0

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	community, and local business community			
	TOTAL BUDGET FOR 2022		2022	\$200.00