

# 2025 WORK PLAN FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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## 2025 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 2025	2025	\$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 2025	2025	\$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 2025	2025	\$0
Architectural Review Guidelines	<u>Strategic HP Plan Recommendation:</u> 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	2025	\$0
Historic Preservation Ordinance	<u>Strategic HP Plan Recommendation:</u> 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.	2025	\$0
Historic Preservation Ordinance	Historic Landmarks	Designating individual properties as Historic Landmarks.	Ongoing	\$900 (three plaques) \$100 (research fees)
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 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	\$200 (selection and event costs) \$30 (award sign maintenance)

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Interdepartmental Cooperation	<u>Historic sidewalks and streets</u>	Work with Public Works to develop an ongoing strategy and recommendations for historic street elements like stone sidewalks and brick streets	Ongoing	\$0
Public Education	<u>Strategic HP Plan Recommendation:</u> 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	<u>Strategic HP Plan Recommendation:</u> Create online guide as update to guide book	Create a new online Oak Park guide for Oak Park's Frank Lloyd Wright and Prairie School Historic District, Ridgeland Historic District, and Gunderson Historic District, and 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	<u>Strategic HP Plan Recommendation:</u> 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.	Ongoing	\$0
Public Education	<u>Strategic HP Plan Recommendation:</u> 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 2025	\$420
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

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	<b>TOTAL BUDGET REQUEST FOR 2025</b>			<b>\$1,500</b>

## 2024 Historic Preservation Commission Accomplishments

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	27 Certificates of Appropriateness were reviewed as of November 14, 2024	2024	\$0
Historic Preservation Commission Review	Provide Advisory Review (including reviews of planning/zoning actions in historic districts or within 250 feet of landmarks, as well as new construction within the historic districts)	17 Advisory Reviews were completed by the HPC as of November 14, 2024	2024	\$0
Historic Preservation Commission Review	Public Hearings	5 Public Hearings were completed by the HPC as of November 14, 2024	2024	\$0
Architectural Review Committee	Review and provide feedback for additions and alterations proposed for buildings within the historic districts	26 projects were reviewed by the Architectural Review Committee as of November 14, 2024 (including Advisory Review, COAs, and discussion items)	2024	\$0
Interdepartmental Cooperation	<u>Historic sidewalks and streets</u>	Project continued from 2020 (delays caused by the pandemic)	Ongoing	\$0
Architectural Review Guidelines	<u>Strategic HP Plan Recommendation (and ongoing)</u> : Review, update and re-write the Architectural Review Guidelines	Any potential Guidelines revisions to be compiled at the end of the calendar year.	2024	\$0

## 2025 Work Plan for the Historic Preservation Commission

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Historic Preservation Ordinance	<u>Strategic HP Plan Recommendation:</u> Examine the Historic Preservation Ordinance and its review processes to identify future process efficiencies.	Any potential Ordinance revisions to be compiled at the end of the calendar year.	2024	\$0
Historic Preservation Ordinance	Historic Landmarks	N/A	2024	\$0
Historic Preservation Awards	Preservation Awards	Sponsor annual preservation awards and co-host the awards event with other Village of Oak Park commissions. <i>Anticipated Oct-Dec 2024</i>	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	\$200 (selection and event costs) <i>anticipated Oct-Dec 2024</i>
Public Education	<u>Strategic HP Plan Recommendation:</u> 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.	2024	\$0
Public Education	<u>Strategic HP Plan Recommendation:</u> 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	2024	\$0
Public Education	<u>Strategic HP Plan Recommendation:</u> Educate contractors, architects, property owners, real estate community, and local business community	The Commission displayed signs for 2023 award winners during May of 2024 (Historic Preservation Month)	2024	\$0

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Public Education	<u>Strategic HP Plan Recommendation:</u> Educate contractors, architects, property owners, real estate community, and local business community	The HPC hosted the following Speaker Series in 2024: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February: Speaker Frank Lipo, who provided a talk on the history of the Black community in Oak Park from the 1880s until today. This talk was open to the public.</li> <li>• March: Speaker Bonnie McDonald, who provided a talk on the “The Relevancy Guidebook”.</li> <li>• April: Speaker Susan Benjamin, who provided a talk on the role of a National Register of Historic Places district and how that can facilitate the utilization of Historic Tax Credits.</li> <li>• May: Speaker Alyssa Frystak, who provided a talk on the PlaceEconomics and data-driven arguments to address some misconceptions about historic preservation.</li> <li>• November: Tom Kus, Chair of Maywood HPC who provided a talk on establishing the City’s first Historic District, and their initiatives and undertakings to preserve and protect Maywood’s historic resources.</li> </ul>	2024	\$0
	<b>TOTAL BUDGET FOR 2024</b>		<b>2024</b>	<b>\$200</b>