

SUMMARY OF CHANGES FROM PRIOR YEAR'S WORK PLAN

Aging in Communities (AIC):

Interim Staff Liaison: Cassandra Adediran, Community Relations Coordinator

- Reduction in the AIC budget from \$16,500 to \$15,000
- Changed the format of lunch and learns to have them incorporated as Chairman meetings in support of enabling language #3
- Established new outcome for enabling language #3 to have AIC to facilitate awareness of ageism in OP to Village officials, staff, and others
- Reduced the number of speakers during the year from 3 to 2 in support of enabling language #5
- Added the Intergenerational mural project in support of enabling language #5
- Added intergenerational dialogues and shared perspectives in support of enabling language #5
- Added design and distribute yard signs in support of enabling language #5

Board of Fire and Police (BFPC) Commission

Staff Liaison: Kira Tchang, Assistant Village Manager/HR Director

- No significant changes

Board of Health (BOH)

Staff Liaison: Greg Olsen, Director of Public Health

- Conduct an environmental scan to identify and document Oak Park's current status of challenges, strengths, and opportunities related to the social and structural determinants of health, including but not limited to housing, food insecurity, health care access, and transportation
- Make recommendations on health equity in Oak Park with a wish to collaborate across Oak Park
- Conduct an environmental scan to understand national trends in Local Board of Health roles, responsibilities, and regulatory; best practices; and key impacts and outcomes
- Make recommendations to the Village of Oak Park Board of Trustees regarding the BOH role and authority to impact health and health-related matters, especially those that pertain to urgent communicable or emergency matters

Building Codes Advisory Commission (BCAC)

Interim Staff Liaison: Zack Meadow, Building Inspector

- Eliminate - Permit Submittal Project – Review permit submittal and field inspection processes
- Eliminate - Permit Submittal Project Outcome – Streamline the process so more people will apply for permits and the review inspection process

Citizen Police Oversight Committee (CPOC)

Staff Liaison: Kira Tchang, Assistant Village Manager/HR Director

- No significant changes

Citizen Involvement Commission (CIC)

Staff Liaison: Village Clerk Christina Waters

- No significant changes

Civic Information Systems Commission (CISC):

Staff Liaisons: Dan Yopchick, Communications Director and Alvin Nepomuceno, IT Director

- Rather than suggest smart city solutions, CISC preferred to support staff and the Village Board with their recommended initiatives, advocating for maximizing existing OP tech and infrastructure
- CISC preferred to advocate for affordable internet in Oak Park rather than suggesting specific paths to that end
- CISC removed the 2024 item on recommending specific AI staff solutions, preferring to support staff in their exploration of technology solutions, which might include AI

Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee (CDCAC)

Staff Liaison: Vanessa Matheny, Community Services Administrator

- Addition – Adding Liaison Visits for CDCAC members to gain a deeper understanding of the services provided to the community

Community Relations Commission

Interim Staff Liaison: Kira Tchang, Assistant Village Manager/HR Director

- The Board adopted amendments to the enabling ordinance on June 10, 2025. The work plan reflects projects that align to the newly created enabling language. This includes 1) Supporting the DEI Office in developing a Racial Equity Action Plan, 2) Preparing an annual readout of CRC activities, 3) Community Building via training and community engagement, 4) Supporting community cultural events, 5) Reviewing the Mini Grant Program, 6) Re-establishing Dinner & Dialogue program, 7) Work Plan development for 2026

Disability Access Commission (DAC)

Interim Staff Liaison: Shalonda Lane, Collective Impact Manager

- Support for local disabled artists and art **through a sponsored project** (specifically mentioned)
- Clarified focus on participating in at least 3 outreach events and distributing the survey electronically
- "Conduct Capacity Review of Oak Park Businesses to determine employer readiness and ability to support disabled employees" (moved from previous sections in 2024)
- "Increase awareness and implementation of existing access ordinances and laws" (shifted to become a more explicit focus)

- Increase budget request to \$6,000, reflecting a broader scope of projects, such as supporting disabled artists through sponsored projects and an increased focus on public education and business capacity reviews

Environment & Energy Commission (EEC)

Staff Liaison: Lindsey Roland Nieratka, Chief Sustainability Officer

- Oak Park Electric Shuttle: Provide comment as necessary
- Community Waste Reduction: Receiving updates about waste-related studies
- Community Waste Reduction: Continue to assess the single-use bag ordinance
- Biodiversity Program: Proposal of adoption of a parkway ordinance

Farmer's Market

Staff Liaison: Jack Carmody, Farmers Market Manager

- The commission made various language changes throughout the work plan to more accurately depict their goals and intentions for each of the market's major events and efforts
- The work plan was also changed to better represent the division of workload between the commission and the market manager
- The commission added two new projects to this year's work plan: "Reducing plastic bag use at the Farmers' Market" and "Planning for 50th anniversary year"
- A budget of \$2,075 was proposed for "Planning for 50th anniversary year" in order to properly celebrate this historic year for the market. This budget request is a one-time occurrence, and the project will end along with the market season in October 2025.
- An additional budget proposition of \$120 was made for the commission to have a sign-up genius account to better coordinate children's events and market volunteers.

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

Staff Liaison: Atefa Ghaznawi, Urban Planner

- Addition – Public Education - Online Guide - 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.

Housing Programs Advisory Committee (HPAC)

Staff Liaison: Jeff Prior, Neighborhood Programs Manager

- Under Public Education, the outcome of attending A Day in Our Village festival was modified to include an addition of communicating to the public about all village housing programs, policies, and initiatives. The budget has increased from \$300 to \$350. The Village Board goal changed from Community Affordability #4 to Vibrant, Diverse, Connected Neighborhoods #3.
- Also under Public Education, the separate outcome of communicating to the public about all village and emergency housing programs, policies, and initiatives was removed.

- The third modification under Public Education outcomes is to add Social Media to the review of marketing efforts. This outcome now aligns with the Village Board goal of Community Affordability #1.
- Addition - The fourth modification under Public education is removing the outcome of supporting future Community Forums related to housing programs and adding the outcome of conducting and sponsoring Community Forums related to housing programs in partnership with Realtors, attending a management landlord training seminar and senior citizen housing and services. The timeframe for this outcome is the 2nd/3rd Quarter. This outcome has a new budget of \$150 and aligns with the Village Board goal of Community Affordability #1.
- For the project of Housing Data, the outcome of reviewing the Hope Fair Housing Report is modified to reviewing the Fair Housing Testing to include any reports and suggested changes to the landlord management training session and the Village licensing code. The timeframe changed from annually to the 1st Quarter, and the Village Board goal changed from Racial Equity #1e to Racial Equity #3.
- Another outcome under Housing Data is modified to remove the word “implementation” and the reference to “participation in landlord training”, now aligned with reviewing the data associated with the Village’s Resident Tenant Landlord Ordinance to include notices and citations issued and addition of making board recommendations to the Village Code as necessary. This outcome has a timeframe of 3rd Quarter and aligns with the Village Board goal of Racial Equity #3.
- Addition – a new outcome under Housing Data is about producing an annual report of all HTF programs to be presented to the Village Board. It has a timeframe of June and aligns with the Village Board goal of Community Affordability #1.
- Under the Joint Commission work project, the outcome of conducting joint meetings was edited to remove two commissions – Disability Access Commission and Aging in Place Commission. The timeframe was changed from Ongoing to 2nd Quarter.

Plan Commission

Staff Liaison: Mike Bruce, Village Planner

- No significant changes

Liquor Control Review Board

Rasheda Jackson, Assistant Village Attorney

- No significant changes

Transportation Commission (TC)

Staff Liaison: Bill McKenna, Assistant Public Works Director/Village Engineer

- Review and provide comments to staff on the designs for the Neighborhood Greenway system for future construction
- Review traffic calming opportunities on Ridgeland from Augusta to North Avenue to be incorporated into a future street resurfacing project’s design

- Review traffic concerns and patterns in the northwest section of the Village and make recommendations to the Village Board to address residents' concerns
- Update the Village's bike plans and make a recommendation to the Village Board on an Update to the Bike Plan
 - Provide input on potential bike-sharing program proposals stemming from the updated Bike Plan
- Review updated process for traffic calming petitions based on recommended strategies in the Vision Zero plan
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the 2023 parking pilot expansion to select overnight on-street parking zones
- Review School Safety Plan: Lincoln Elementary and potentially additional schools if needed
 - Recommend measures to improve safety for students around the school during arrival and dismissal times
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- Assist in coordinating the Village's second annual celebration of Park(ing) Day
 - Pending the evaluation of the Inaugural Park(ing) Day celebration being held in 2024, partner with Village staff and other community partners to execute the Village's second annual celebration Park(ing) Day
- Coordinate engagement and education opportunities with regional transit partners
 - Engage with regional transit partners, including but not limited to Pace, CTA, Metra, and the Regional Transportation Authority
- Participate in the annual Day in Our Village special event.
 - Coordinate a table at the Day in Our Village event to engage with the community on transportation-related topics
 - Conduct a Q&A session with relevant Village staff, including Planning and Neighborhood Services, regarding the Village's off-street parking policies as well as the public permit parking program

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)

Interim Staff Liaison: Michael Bruce, Village Planner

- No significant changes