

**Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission**  
**April 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes**  
**Oak Park Village Hall, Council Chambers – Room 201, 7:30 pm**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Chair Christopher Payne, Greg Battoglia, Jennifer Bridge, Darrick Gurski, Rebecca Houze, Laura Jordahl, Don McLean, Aleksandra Tadic, Noel Weidner  
ABSENT: Dan Moroney, David Sokol  
STAFF: Douglas Kaarre, AICP, Urban Planner

- A. **HISTORIC LANDMARK:** Preliminary Determination of Eligibility  
**209 Forest Avenue: James T. Hayden House (William K Johnston, 1893)**  
Property owner Holly Van Deursen was present.

Planner Kaarre provided the staff report. The Hayden House is an excellent example of the Queen Anne style of architecture and is significant for its association with James T. Hayden, an executive with the Crane Company, a manufacturer of steam powered engines and elevators, and with architect William K. Johnston, a Canadian architect who authored a plan book, and worked in the Midwest region with his home and office in Chicago. Staff recommends that the property meets Criteria 3, 5 and 6 for designation.

Commissioner Weidner asked if it was also in a historic district.

Planner Kaarre stated yes, it was in the Frank Lloyd Wright-Prairie School of Architecture Historic District.

Commissioner Battoglia stated that it clearly qualifies.

Chair Payne concurs that it meets three criteria for designation.

*Motion by Battoglia that the property at 209 Forest Avenue is eligible for Historic Landmark designation under criteria (3) (5) and (6) as presented in the Nomination Report. Second by McLean. Motion approved 9-0.*

*AYE: Battoglia, Bridge, Gurski, Houze, Jordahl, McLean, Tadic, Weidner, Chair Payne*

*NAY: None*

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**Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission**  
**May 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes**  
**Oak Park Village Hall, Council Chambers, 7:30 pm**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Chair Christopher Payne, Greg Battoglia, Jennifer Bridge, Rebecca Houze, Laura Jordahl, David Sokol, Aleksandra Tadic  
ABSENT: Darrick Gurski, Don McLean, Noel Weidner  
STAFF: Douglas Kaarre, AICP, Urban Planner

- A. **Historic Landmark:** Public Hearing for the following:  
**209 Forest Avenue: James T. Hayden House (William K Johnston, 1893)**  
Property owner Holly Van Deursen was present.

Chair Payne opened the public hearing and noted that owner consent is on file with the Village.

*Motion by Battoglia to accept the nomination report for 209 Forest Avenue as the Findings of Fact under criteria (3), (5) and (6) as submitted. Second by Bridge.*

Planner Kaarre read the list of exhibits.

There was no public comment in support or against the nomination.

Property owner Holly Van Deursen was present and in support. It was on the Wright Plus house walk ten years ago, which is where they got a lot of their research.

Commissioner Battoglia stated that it clearly meets the criteria outlined in the nomination report.

Commissioner Sokol stated that he lives around the corner and it is a pleasure seeing the house and how well it is taken care of.

Chair Payne stated that it is a fantastic home.

Commissioner Houze stated that it is a beautiful house with interesting history and an interesting lesser-known architect.

*Motion approved 7-0.*

*AYE: Battoglia, Bridge, Houze, Jordahl, Sokol, Tadic, Chair Payne*

*NAY: None*

*Motion by Sokol to forward a Resolution and the Findings of Fact for 209 Forest Avenue to the Village Board of Trustees for approval as a Historic Landmark. Second by Houze. Motion approved 7-0.*

*AYE: Battoglia, Bridge, Houze, Jordahl, Sokol, Tadic, Chair Payne*

*NAY: None*

*Motion by Battoglia to close the public hearing. Second by Tadic. Motion approved 7-0.*

*AYE: Battoglia, Bridge, Houze, Jordahl, Sokol, Tadic, Chair Payne*

*NAY: None*