

RESOLUTION/ FINDINGS OF FACT

Village of Oak Park
Historic Preservation Commission
Nomination for Historic Landmark Status
414 Augusta Street

WHEREAS, the property owner (hereinafter referred to as “applicant”) filed a Nomination for Landmark Status on September 8, 2017 for the ***Edgar Rice Burroughs House no. 1*** with the Historic Preservation Commission, (hereinafter referred to as “Commission”) the property being located at **414 Augusta Street**, Oak Park, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Payne, Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission scheduled the nomination for preliminary review at the regularly scheduled Historic Preservation Commission meeting of October 12, 2017; and

WHEREAS, at that regularly scheduled meeting the Historic Preservation Commission, it was unanimously determined that there was a likelihood that the nominated property would meet one or more of the criteria for designation contained in the Historic Preservation Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Payne, Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission, set Thursday evening, November 9, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. as the date and time of a public hearing held at Oak Park Village Hall, 123 Madison Street, to take testimony on the question as to whether the ***Edgar Rice Burroughs House no. 1*** should be recommended for Nomination as an Oak Park Landmark; and

WHEREAS, notice of the time and place of said public hearing was duly published on October 25, 2017 in the Wednesday Journal, a newspaper of general circulation in the Village of Oak Park, and letters were also mailed to property owners within 250 feet of the subject property, advising them of the application and the public hearing to be held thereon; and

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2017 this Commission did have a quorum of members present; and

WHEREAS, this Commission having fully heard and considered the testimony of the applicant and others present at the hearing and materials submitted prior to and during the hearing, does hereby find the following:

1. The Edgar Rice Burroughs House no. 1 was constructed by Walter C. Franck in 1911-1912 in the Tudor Revival style of architecture.
2. The house is two-stories with a high side gable. The house is clad with a rough-textured stucco. The asymmetrical façade has a two-story projecting bay with half-timbering and a brick skirt wall. There are banks of 6/6 double-hung windows on each floor. The main entrance is located in a one- and two-story wing on the east side of the house. There is a one-story enclosed entrance porch on the west side and a brick chimney clad in stucco below the eave-line.
3. The house at 414 Augusta is significant for its association with author Edgar Rice Burroughs, where he lived with his family from 1914-1917, and where he wrote

twelve novels. Burroughs was a prolific author of science fiction, and his name became synonymous with his most famous creation – Tarzan of the Apes. He wrote twenty-four Tarzan novels published between 1912-1935. He also wrote numerous other series, including *John Carter of Mars*, *The Land That Time Forgot*, *Pellucidar*, *Venus* as well as many individual novels of adventure. By the time of his death in 1950, Burroughs had written ninety-four novels, along with the production of twenty-six Tarzan movies (there would ultimately be fifty-one movies – the last in 2005).

4. That the house is over 50 years old and possesses a high degree of physical integrity in terms of its historic location, siting, massing and character-defining exterior forms, details and materials.
5. That the evidence presented showed that the property meets the following criteria under section 7-9-5 of the Historic Preservation Ordinance “Criteria for Designation of Historic Landmarks and Interior Historic Landmarks”:
 - (3) *Identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the architectural, cultural, economic, historic or social heritage, or other aspect, of the Village of Oak Park, the State of Illinois, or the United States;*

Now, therefore, be it and it is hereby resolved that this Historic Preservation Commission, acting under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon it by the Ordinance of the Village of Oak Park, does hereby recommend to the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park that the property located at **414 Augusta Street** and known as the **Edgar Rice Burroughs House no. 1** be designated an Oak Park Historic Landmark under the provisions of the Oak Park Historic Preservation Ordinance.

Thursday, November 9, 2017