

Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission
March 8, 2018 Meeting Minutes
Oak Park Village Hall, Council Chambers, 7:30 pm

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Tom Abrahamson, Jennifer Bridge, Sandra Carr, Adam Engle, Darrick Gurski, Rebecca Houze, Acting Chair Laura Jordahl, David Sokol, Aleksandra Tadic
ABSENT: Chair Christopher Payne, Noel Weidner
STAFF: Douglas Kaarre, AICP, Urban Planner
ATTORNEY: Greg Smith, Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins

- A. **HISTORIC LANDMARK: Preliminary Determination of Eligibility (Risch):**
• 400 N. Kenilworth Avenue: John J. Schmidt House (c. 1872-1908)
The property owners were not present.

Planner Kaarre presented the staff report and provided an overview of the nomination. The property was construct c. 1872 for John J. Schmidt and was altered in 1908 with a new front porch, side addition, as well as interior changes. The 1908 design was by architect E. E. Roberts. The property is proposed to meet four criteria for designation and staff recommends approval.

Motion by Engle to open the item for discussion. Second by Abrahamson.

Commissioner Bridge stated that she appreciated all of the details in the nomination report and the overview of the changes to the building over time.

Commissioner Houze stated that is has interesting cultural and architectural history.

The commission discussed the nomination and agreed that the property meets four criteria for designation.

Motion by Sokol to approve the preliminary determination of eligibility for the Historic Landmark nomination of 400 N. Kenilworth Avenue under criteria (1), (3), (5) and (6). Second by Engle. Motion approved 9-0.

AYE: Abrahamson, Bridge, Carr, Engle, Gurski, Houze, Sokol, Tadic, Acting Chair Jordahl

NAY: None

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April 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes
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- B. **HISTORIC LANDMARK: Public Hearing (Risch):**
• 400 N. Kenilworth Avenue: John J. Schmidt House (c. 1872-1908)
Property owners Dianne Risch was present.

Chair Payne opened the public hearing. He confirmed that written owner consent is on file with the Village.

Commissioner Gurski stated that he lives within the 250-foot radius of the property and received the public hearing notice. He stated that he can remain fair and impartial when voting on the nomination.

Motion by Sokol to approve the nomination report as the Findings of Fact. Second by Bridge.

Planner Kaarre read the list of exhibits into the record. Exhibit A is the Nomination Form and Exhibit B is the Nomination Report.

Dianne Risch, property owner of 400 N. Kenilworth, stated that she had nothing to add in addition to the nomination report.

There was no testimony in support or opposition to the nomination.

Commissioner Sokol stated that most of the points were made at the preliminary eligibility meeting. The nomination was well-prepared and he supports the nomination.

Commissioner Houze stated that it is an interesting nomination and she appreciates how far back the history of the property is outlined. She supports the nomination.

Chair Payne concurred. He appreciates how well-maintained a house of this age is. The property is well cared for.

Motion approved 8-0.

AYE: Bridge, Carr, Gurski, Houze, Jordahl, Sokol, Weidner, Chair Payne

NAY: None

Motion by Weidner to forward a Resolution with the Findings of Fact for the John J. Schmidt House, located at 400 N. Kenilworth Avenue, to the Village Board for approval. Second by Bridge. Motion approved 8-0.

AYE: Bridge, Carr, Gurski, Houze, Jordahl, Sokol, Weidner, Chair Payne

NAY: None

Motion by Sokol to close the public hearing. Second by Bridge. Motion approved 8-0.

AYE: Bridge, Carr, Gurski, Houze, Jordahl, Sokol, Weidner, Chair Payne

NAY: None