

**RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK HISTORIC
PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF A
HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION FOR 408 NORTH KENILWORTH AVENUE
(A. L. Robbins / George A. Chapman House)**

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2019, George and Myrtle Mason (together the “Applicants”) filed an application for historic landmark status of the structure located at 408 North Kenilworth Avenue (“Subject Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Applicants own the Subject Property; and

WHEREAS, the structure on the Subject Property was designed and built by architects Patton & Fischer for A.L. Robbins in 1890, and the structure on the Subject Property was remodeled by Tallmadge & Watson for George A. Chapman in 1910; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2019, the Village of Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission (“Commission”) reviewed the Applicants’ application and made a preliminary determination that there was a likelihood the Subject Property met one or more of the “Criteria for Designation” in Section 7-9-5 of the Village of Oak Park Village Code (“Village Code”); and

WHEREAS, the Commission set October 10, 2019 as the date for a hearing on the potential designation of the Subject Property as a historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2019, a legal notice was published in *The Wednesday Journal*, a newspaper of general circulation in the Village of Oak Park (“Village”) providing notice of the public hearing, and letters were mailed to the owner of the Subject Property and to owners of property within two hundred and fifty feet (250’) of the Subject Property advising them of the application and the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to proper notice, the Commission conducted a public hearing on the application on October 10, 2019, at which time and place a quorum of the Commission was present; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing all persons testifying were sworn and provided testimony and evidence under oath, the Applicants presented evidence and testimony in favor of the application, and the Commission heard testimony and accepted exhibits into evidence; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the public hearing, the Commission considered all evidence and testimony submitted on the application, deliberated on the application and determined, by a unanimous vote of those Commissioners present, that the Subject Property qualifies for a historic landmark designation and recommended that the Village President and Board of Trustees designate the Subject Property as a historic landmark under the Village Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION:

SECTION 1: Incorporation. That each Whereas paragraph above is incorporated by reference into this Section and made a part hereof as material and operative provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 2: Report. That the Commission adopts and incorporates the written report attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, which is made a part hereof, as both the written summary of the relevant evidence presented at the hearing on the application and the Commission's findings of fact with regard thereto, which report includes the exhibits accepted into evidence at the hearing, which are included in **Exhibit A**.

SECTION 3: Recommendation. That the Commission recommends that the Village President and Board of Trustees designate the Subject Property as a historic landmark under the Village Code because the Subject Property meets the following landmark designation criteria in Section 7-9-5 of the Village Code:

1. Significance as an example of the architectural, cultural, economic, historic or social development or heritage of the Village of Oak Park, the state, or the United States, in Section 7-9-5.A.1.;
2. 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, or the United States, in Section 7-9-5.A.3.;
3. Embodiment of those distinguishing characteristics of significant architectural type, or style, or engineering specimen, in Section 7-9-5.A.5.;
4. Identification as the work of a builder, designer, architect, craftsman, engineer or landscape architect whose individual work is significant in the development of the Village of Oak Park, the State, or the United States, in Section 7-9-5.A.6.; and
5. The structure on the Subject Property is at least fifty (50) years old and has sufficient integrity of location, design, materials and workmanship to make it worthy of preservation or restoration, in Section 7-9-5.B.

ADOPTED this 10th day of October, 2019, pursuant to a unanimous roll call vote of the Commission.

APPROVED by me this 10th day of October, 2019.

Rebecca Houze, Acting Chair

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EXHIBIT A

REPORT

(attached)