



**VILLAGE OF WILMETTE**

1200 Wilmette Avenue  
WILMETTE, ILLINOIS 60091-0040

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015**

**7:00 P.M.**

**VILLAGE BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

**1200 WILMETTE AVENUE, WILMETTE, ILLINOIS 60091**

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Members Present: Homa Ghaemi  
James Keighley  
Melanie Glass  
Jean Olsen  
Michael St. Peter  
Joseph Vitu

Members Absent: Rob FitzGerald

Staff Present: Erika Fabisch, Planner

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 25, 2014**

The meeting minutes from September 11, 2014 were approved as submitted.

Motion to approve as revised by Commissioner Glass and seconded by Commissioner Ghaemi and approved unanimously.

**III. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Olsen handed out an update list of goals for 2015 and prioritized projects for the year. The list of goals include increasing general public awareness of preservation; finishing the historic and architectural surveys; preparing materials to promote preservation to realtors; identify significant structures that have not been landmarked; target individual homeowners with direct mailing; develop materials to specify benefits and limitations of being a landmark; collaborate with the history museum for social media promotion; continue the preservation awards program; and, pursue designation of the Village Center as a National Register District as part of the Village Center Master Plan.

**IV. STAFF REPORT**

Ms. Fabisch gave a brief update the recent meeting of the Chicago Suburban Preservation

Alliance on Saturday, February 28, 2015 sponsored by Landmarks IL and the Berwyn

Historic Preservation Commission at the Big Hurt Brewhouse in Berwyn. The topic of the meeting was an update of the Berwyn Bungalow District National Register nomination; recipient of a grant from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) to develop a comprehensive plan and using the historic district as a marking tool (“Why Berwyn” campaign); and, a presentation by Lakota Group on their historic surveys project in Berwyn and public participation.

Ms. Fabisch gave an update on the staff changes to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and how it will fold into the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Ms. Fabisch passed out a copy of the changes to the City of Highland Park’s Historic Preservation Ordinance including changes to the Demolition Delay Ordinance.

**V. LOCAL LANDMARK UPDATE**

Ms. Fabisch gave a construction update on the projects at 810 Forest—the Wischmeyer House—and 926 Lake—the Samuel Merritt Dingee House. Ms. Fabisch gave an update on the house for sale at 823 15<sup>th</sup>—The Rau House—which can accommodate an addition off the rear based on the zoning analysis for the property.

**VI. SIGNIFICANT STRUCTURES REPORT**

Ms. Fabisch gave an update on the John Van Bergen Irving House move to Evanston which is scheduled for Thursday, March 5, 2015 starting at 6:00 a.m. to its new location at 2771 Crawford. The Commissioners discussed the fire damage at the Wilmette Women’s Club at 930 Greenleaf.

Ms. Fabisch passed out a handout on the Lustron home at 2545 Lake that is currently listed for rent. Ms. Fabisch gave an update on the American Legion Hall/Gross Point School at 1925 Wilmette and passed out a handout of the NR- Neighborhood Retail zoning and the use table. Ms. Fabisch gave an update on the pending demolition for 815 Forest, a very rare home designed by popular Chicago architect, Dwight Perkins.

**VII. 2014 CLG ANNUAL REPORT AND SINGLE-FAMILY PENDING AND RECENT DEMOLITIONS**

Ms. Fabisch is working on the 2014 Certified Local Government (CLG) annual report. Ms. Fabisch passed out the final report of 47 single-family home teardowns in 2014.

**VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Vitu and seconded by Commissioner St. Peter, and approved. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Erika Fabisch, Planner I