

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Subject to the laws of the State, this Code, and any other ordinances and resolutions of the Village, the Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- A. To adopt its own procedural rules. In the absence of such rules, the Commission shall conduct its business, as nearly as practicable, in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.
- B. To conduct a survey of structures, buildings, sites, and areas in the Village in order to identify those with historical and architectural significance.
- C. To keep a register of all buildings, structures, sites, and areas that have been-designated as landmarks or historic districts, including all information required for each designation.
- D. To provide information to owners of landmarks and structures, buildings, or sites within historic districts, as well as to residents of the Village, regarding: (1) physical and financial aspects of preservation, renovation, rehabilitation, and reuse, including information about incentives that may be available therefore and possible designation under this Title, and (2) procedures for inclusion on the State or National Register of Historic Places.
- E. To inform and educate the residents of the Village concerning the historic and architectural heritage of the Village by: (1) publishing appropriate maps, newsletters, brochures, and pamphlets, and (2) holding programs and seminars.
- F. To hold public hearings, review applications, conduct advisory review conferences, and make recommendations regarding the designation and withdrawal of designation of landmarks and historic districts and the alteration or demolition of such landmarks, and to issue decisions regarding the issuance of certificates of appropriateness and certificates of economic hardship for such actions.

- G. To develop, subject to review and approval by the Village Council, specific guidelines for the alteration, demolition, construction, or removal of landmarks or structures, buildings, or sites within historic districts.
- H. To recommend, when requested by the Village Council, whether the Village should accept and/or administer any property or full or partial interest in real property, including conservation rights as that term is used in 765 Illinois Compiled Statutes 120/1, which the Village may possess as a gift or otherwise.
- I. To request technical advice and assistance from Village staff members and to retain specialists or consultants when expressly authorized by the Village Council.
- J. To review, upon request of the Village Council, the Plan Commission or the Zoning Board of Appeals, applications for zoning or subdivision relief affecting historically and architecturally significant landmark, historic districts, structures, buildings, and sites.
- K. To periodically review, when requested by the Village Council, the Forest Park zoning code and to recommend to the Plan Commission or the Village Council any amendments appropriate for the protection and continued use of landmark, historic districts or structures, buildings, or sites within historic districts.
- L. To provide written notification to the owner of record of any structure designated as historic by the Commission, upon such designation.
- M. To perform such other functions as directed by the Village Council, including without limitation regulatory, acquisitive, informational, and incentive-oriented functions.