

Committee of the Whole Meeting
City Hall - 1707 St Johns Avenue
March 9, 2026
6:30 PM
Agenda

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- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of Minutes**
- IV. Scheduled Business**
 - A. Considerations Pertaining to the Permanent Place of Remembrance
 - B. Historic Preservation Incentives
- V. Other Matters**
- VI. Adjournment**

Staff Report



Meeting Date: March 9, 2026
Staff Contact: Emily Taub, Assistant City Manager
Department: City Manager's Office

Title: Considerations Pertaining to the Permanent Place of Remembrance

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the City Council and the Historic Preservation Commission consider the impact of the local landmark designation on the design of the Place of Remembrance and the ability of the Place of Remembrance to achieve the stated objectives.

The last discussion on this topic was held at the Committee of the Whole meeting on February 23, 2026. At that meeting, the Mayor and City Council suggested a joint meeting between the City Council and Historic Preservation Commission to discuss further.

Policy Consideration:

Place of Remembrance Background

In 2023, the City Council established a Working Group to guide the planning process for the permanent place of remembrance for the Highland Park shooting. The place of remembrance will have three primary objectives:

- Create an accessible public place for reflection, remembrance, and solace;
- Pay tribute to the memories of Katie Goldstein, Irina McCarthy, Kevin Michael McCarthy, Jacki Lovi Sundheim, Stephen Straus, Nicolas Toledo, and Eduardo Uvaldo;
- Honor the community’s resiliency, especially those who were injured.

The Working Group has been meeting regularly since November of 2023. The Working Group, with input from the public and notably victims, brainstormed a list of possible locations and issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a consultant to assist in gathering community feedback in keeping with the commitment to public engagement in the process. In conjunction with the working group’s feedback, the City entered into an agreement to work with Do Tank. Following extensive community engagement, Do Tank's Location Feedback Report recommended a prominent, primary location in the Rose Garden adjacent to City Hall and a subtle, secondary location in Port Clinton Plaza. The location feedback report is available

at hpremembrance.org. The working group advanced the recommendation in the Do Tank Location Feedback Report and the City Council supported the location recommendation.

Following the location recommendation, the City issued a Request For Qualifications (RFQ) from experienced architects, artists, designers, and design teams to create these meaningful and lasting places of remembrance. The Working Group and City Council evaluated the RFQ responses, interview responses, concept designs, incorporation of trauma-informed community engagement, and feedback from the public, including victims. After careful review and consideration of all submittals, interviews with the top candidates, and feedback from the public and victims, the City Council supported the working group recommendation to enter into an agreement with SWA Group (SWA) as the design firm on this project. The City entered into an agreement with SWA in January of 2026. The project kicked off in January 2026 and is expected to run through December of 2026.

The project will be divided into two phases as follows:

Phase 1

- Project Administration
- Listening, Discovery, and Community Engagement
- Schematic Design

Phase 2

Design Development

- Construction Documentation
- Construction Administration

The construction timeline will be developed after the final design is determined.

SWA and their partner All Together have begun the process of engagement with the community regarding the design of the Place of Remembrance. SWA and All Together will begin seeking feedback in March and continue through June. The feedback gathered will inform the design of the Place of Remembrance.

Rose Garden Information

Background

Laurel Park, the location of the Rose Garden, was acquired by the Park District in 1930. The Men’s Garden Club of Highland Park engaged notable landscape architect Marshall J. Johnson, who was the son-in-law of Jens Jensen, to design Gardeners Memorial on the site of Laurel Park. Upon completion in 1942, Gardeners Memorial was presented to the City.

The garden was designed as a commemoration of three Highland Park citizens who were instrumental in the development of Highland Park's landscape heritage. The park design has three main components which relate to the principles of the man it honors: the rose garden in honor of William C. Egan, Highland Park's first rosarian; a wildflower garden at the northeastern third of the park to honor Jessie Lowe Smith, a naturalist and local educator; and Players Hill at the southeastern section of the park in honor of Jens Jensen, naturalist and landscape architect.

In 1992, Laurel Park and Gardner Memorial Park were designated a local landmark by City of Highland Park Ordinance Number 16-92. The properties were determined to meet the following criteria for landmark designation as outlined in The Highland Park Historic Preservation Ordinance.

- 1) Its Character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or culture characteristics of the community, county, state or country;
- 3) Its identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the community, county, state or country;
- 5) Its identification as the work of a master builder, designer, architect of landscape architect whose individual work has influenced the development of the community, county, state or country;
- 7) Its overall embodiment of design elements that make it structurally or architecturally innovative;
- 8) Its unique location of singular physical characteristics that makes it an established or familiar visual feature

In 2015, the then-Cultural Arts Commission (CAC) and the Public Art Advisory Group (PAAG) undertook the conservation of John Kearney's sculpture, *Antelope*, part of the City's public art collection. Upon its restoration, the CAC & PAAG formally recommended reinstallation of the sculpture at the Rose Garden, which was supported by the Park District Board of Commissioners. The sculpture was relocated to the Rose Garden in the same location where the temporary memorial now stands, and was rededicated on October 16, 2015. The sculpture was removed and placed in storage in October 2022, to accommodate the installation of the temporary memorial.

Maintenance and Ownership

Laurel Park and Gardeners Memorial was owned and maintained by the Park District from 1930 through November of 2022. In November of 2022, in partnership with the Park District, a temporary memorial was created at the Rose Garden as a quiet, contemplative space for reflection, remembrance, and respite until a permanent Place of Remembrance is established. The City took over maintenance of the Rose Garden as of November of 2022, although ownership of the land remained with the Park District. In May of 2025 ownership of Laurel Park was transferred from the Park District to the City of Highland Park.

Current Status

Staff has investigated the historic record and visited the site to determine which historic site elements are still intact. Staff concludes the site once closely resembled the 1942 Marshall Johnson Plan but has been gradually altered over time. Following is an analysis of the three primary components of Gardeners Memorial.

- William Egan Rose Garden – Central Portion of Lot
 1. The Rose Garden was implemented as depicted by the Marshall Johnson plan and has largely retained integrity of design.
 2. Many of the original roses planted in the garden did not adapt well to the climate through the years and have been replaced with hardy varieties.
 3. There was once a pool of water at the center of the Rose Garden. The pool was filled in between 1942 and 1988.
 4. In 2008 a rain garden was installed in front of the Rose Garden.

- Jesse Lowe Smith Wildflower Garden – Northeast Portion of Lot
 1. This portion of the site is marked by a stone that reads “Jesse Lowe Smith Native Garden.”
 2. The wildflower garden was originally intended to include a sizeable pool and council ring.
 - The council ring was never implemented.
 - According to the 1988 Landscape Survey, Johnson installed a stone sundial bench in place of the council ring.
 - The pool was implemented but filled in between 1942 and 1988.
 - An original stone retaining wall marks where the pool once stood.
 - In 1959, Forest King, created by artist Abbott Pattison, was installed above the 1942 retaining wall.

- Jen Jensen’s Player’s Hill – Southeast Portion of Lot
 1. This portion of the site is marked by a stone that reads “Jens Jensen Native Garden.”
 2. The original design was not maintained, and as a result, the Player’s Hill retains little integrity of design.

Staff concludes the site’s remaining historic features are the Rose Garden in its entirety, the stone sundial bench, and the stone retaining wall. The Rose Garden, sundial bench and stone retaining wall are confirmed to have existed in 1992. These features were known to the Historic Preservation Commission at the time of the Landmark Designation. The other site features depicted in the Marshall Johnson plan were either never implemented or do not retain sufficient integrity of design.

Next Steps

The Permanent Place of Remembrance will pay tribute to the memory of the seven victims of the Highland Park shooting, create a space(s) for reflection, remembrance, and solace, and honor the community’s resiliency, especially those who were injured. The local landmark designation and historic elements are important considerations as part of the design process. Feedback from the Historic Preservation Commission is important as part of the next phase of the project before designing begins for the Permanent Place of Remembrance.

Core Priorities:

Fiscal Stability

The engagement with Do Tank was \$45,000. The cost of the Phase 1 Professional Services Agreement with SWA is \$262,500 plus up to \$21,000 in reimbursable expenses (8% of the cost). The estimate provided by SWA is \$700,000 – \$1,250,000 for Phase 2 costs. The final determination on Phase 2 costs will be made after a design is approved.

The City Council supported a preliminary budget of \$2 million dollars for construction of the place of remembrance.

Infrastructure Investment

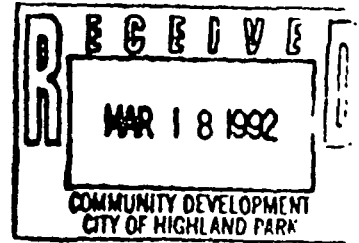
The permanent place of remembrance will incorporate a primary installation at the Rose Garden, and a subtle secondary installation at Port Clinton Plaza, each a significant infrastructure undertaking given the presence of existing structures at or adjacent to the site. The Working Group and staff will work with the project managers from SWA Group to define the scope of each installation. SWA Group will take the City's commitment to environmentally sustainable practices into consideration as the project is undertaken.

Attachments:

1. Laurel Park Gardeners Memorial Park Landmark Information
2. Marshall Johnson Plan
3. 1986 Survey
4. Rose Garden Existing Conditions

Highland Park Historic Preservation Commission
1707 St. Johns Avenue
Highland Park, Illinois 60035

Landmark Nomination Form



Date: 3/16/92

1) Name of Property (original if known): Laurel Park & Gardener Memorial

2) Street Address: 494 Laurel/1707 St. Johns Avenue, Highland Park, IL 60035

3) Legal description or P.I.N. (Permanent Index Number from Township Assessor's Office, 600 Laurel Ave., Highland Park): _____

PIN 16-23-413-018 16-23-413-019

4) Name and Address of Property Owner(s) (From Assessor's Office): _____

Park District of Highland Park

636 Ridge Road, Highland Park, IL 60035

5) Present Use: Park 6) Past Use: Park

7) Architect: Marshall Johnson 8) Date of Construction: 1942

9) Written statement describing property and setting forth reasons it is eligible for Landmark designation:

Laurel Park and Gardeners Memorial was presented to the City by the Men's Garden Club in 1942. It was designed by Johnson, Jens Jensen's son-in-law, and commemorates three citizens who were instrumental in the development of Highland Park's landscape heritage; Jessie Lowe Smith, naturalist and educator. William Egan, Highland Park's 1st rosarian, and Jens Jensen, naturalist and landscape architect. Each part of the park relates to the principles of the man it honors.

10) This structure is eligible for designation on the basis of the following criteria (see reverse page):

1, 3, 5, 7, 8

11) Name(s) and Address(es) of Applicant(s):

Name(s): Ralph Cianchetti

Signature(s): _____

Ralph Cianchetti

Address(es): 636 Ridge Road
Highland Park, IL 60035

12) Affiliation (Commission Member, Owner, City Council, Preservation Organization):
President, Board of Park Commissioners, Park District of Highland Park

Please complete and return this form to the Highland Park Preservation Commission 1707 St. Johns Avenue, Highland Park, Illinois 60035

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING HIGHLAND PARK LANDMARKS

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Highland Park, pursuant to Section 24.025 of "The Highland Park Code of 1968", as amended, did conduct a public hearing on April 16, 1992, pursuant to proper notice; and

WHEREAS, following said hearing, the said Historic Preservation Commission passed Resolution No. 05-92 (a copy of which resolution is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit I), which resolution contains the report of the Commission as well as a recommendation to the City Council of the City of Highland Park that Laurel Park and Gardeners Memorial Park (hereinafter referred to as "Subject Property") be designated Highland Park Landmarks; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the designation of the Subject Property will be consistent with the planning policies and objectives of the City, will promote the welfare of its residents, and will not adversely affect the value, use, or enjoyment of any adjacent or nearby property; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Highland Park believes it to be in the best interests of the residents of the City of Highland Park that the Subject Property be designated as Landmarks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION ONE: That, pursuant to Section 24.025 of "The Highland Park Code of 1968", as amended, the following described properties be and the same are designated hereby as Landmarks:

Laurel Park	494 Laurel Avenue	16-23-413-018
Gardeners Memorial Park	1707 St. Johns Avenue	16-23-413-019

and as such shall be subject hereafter to the provisions of Chapter 24 of "The Highland Park Code of 1968", as amended.

SECTION TWO: That, as notice of the action of this City Council, the City Clerk shall forward certified copies hereof to those who nominated the aforescribed properties as Landmarks, to the owner of record of the aforementioned Landmarks, and to the Building Department of the City of Highland Park.

SECTION THREE: That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in the manner provided by law.

AYES: Mayor Pierce and Councilmen Blane, Brenner, Weiss, O'Keefe and Koukos

NAYS: None


ABSENT: Councilman Geraci

PASSED: May 26, 1992

APPROVED: May 26, 1992

PUBLISHED: June 4, 1992

ORDINANCE NO: 16-92



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

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June 3, 1992

Mr. David W. Fairman
City Clerk
City of Highland Park
1707 St. Johns Avenue
Highland Park, Illinois 60035

Dear Mr. Fairman:

As per instructions from your attorney, I am advising you that through an error of Pioneer Press, two legal notices: Ordinance 15-92 and Ordinance 16-92 did not appear in the Highland Park News on June 4, 1992.

They are now scheduled to appear in our next issue of June 11, 1992.

We apologize for this error. Your business is deeply appreciated and we hope this has not inconvenienced you.

Sincerely,

PIONEER PRESS

Ruth M. Wirth
Legal Assistant

cc: John G. Bieschke

Ord No. 16-92

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By John G. Riachke
Legal Advertising Manager

(official title)

Challenges to Dems continued to July 7

By JIM TEAGUE JR.
STAFF WRITER

Lake County Clerk Linda Hess has until Sept. 4 to prepare a ballot for the Nov. 3 general election. It may take every day between now and then to decide which names belong there.

While one objection is off the Lake County Electoral Board's plate, challenges against Democrats Grant Farrell and Michael Corn have been continued until 1 p.m. July 7.

The state House Republican Election Committee filed the objections against the two Democrats claiming state-mandated nominating procedures were followed improperly. They were two of 17 objections filed with the state Board of Elections on May 29.

Farrell and Corn were slated by the Lake County Democratic Central Committee as candidates for Illinois state representative districts 62 and 61, respectively. Farrell's opponent is incumbent Republican Robert Churchill, the Lake County Republican Party chairman.

Corn is running against Republican primary winner Andrea Moore, the current Lake County Forest Preserve president and a member of the Lake County Board.

One June 5, the electoral board ruled in favor of Ingleside resident Dr. James Brophy III in

deciding June 5 that he can run for Coroner as a Democrat despite having been elected as a Republican precinct committeeman on March 17.

Antioch resident Timothy Osmond, who filed the objection against Brophy with the electoral board, has until June 15 to file an appeal with the 19th Circuit Court.

The Lake County Electoral Board, which consists of Hess, Clerk of Courts Sally Coffelt and Lake County Assistant State's Attorney Mitch Hoffman, decided June 5 to combine the Farrell and Corn cases because the issues involved are identical.

"It's my understanding that the objection has to do with whether the Democrats' slating hearings were actually held in the districts the candidates would represent if elected, and if the proper procedures were followed at those hearings," Hess explained.

Robert Mankibski, attorney representing the Illinois House Republican Campaign Committee, said the objection in both cases involves the procedure used to slate the two Democratic candidates and not the validity of the candidates themselves.

"The question is whether, in fact, the Democratic party central committee did, in fact, meet according to the Illinois Electoral Code," he said after the June 5 hearing.

Mankibski has asked the electoral board to subpoena members of the Lake County Democratic Central Committee to testify about the slating process. He also submitted a number of questions about the process which he would like answered before the July 7 hearing.

Gerald Statza, the attorney representing Corn and Farrell before the electoral board, objected to two of the questions. He said asking the Democrats to provide a list of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all individuals who have any knowledge of the process used to slate the candidates was too broad a request. The electoral board allowed the question to stand but said only those individuals directly involved in the process had to be listed.

When Statza also objected to a request by Mankibski that Corn and Farrell provide copies of their nominating petitions to be compared with their statements of candidacy, the board members agreed to take that issue under advisement until the July 7 hearing.

Corn, who was the only candidate present among the four who are involved in the two cases, said he was confident he had made no mistakes in the filing procedure.

Lake County Democratic Party Chairman Terry Link has also said the process of slating both Corn and Farrell was done correctly.

Ex-husband charged in Kenilworth murder

By BOB BREITTSCHNEIDER
STAFF WRITER

Investigators had the body, the murder weapon and what they believed to be a motive.

They did not, however, have physical evidence linking those elements to their suspect.



Wolff

Police say that changed a month ago, when they searched a Colorado mountainside.

There, investigators found seven bullet casings that tests showed were fired from the same gun used to kill Diane B. Davis of Kenilworth July 25, 1991.

It was the same gun found last fall in the Skokie Lagoons, and the same gun, prosecutors say, that was owned by James Nathaniel Davis, the victim's former husband.

The discovery of the bullet casings in western Colorado led directly to the June 3 arrest of Davis on the charge of murdering his former wife in her home.

Davis, a retired insurance executive, intends to plead not guilty. He was released on \$100,000 cash bond last Thursday and is scheduled to appear in court Wednesday.

Bond hearing

During the bond hearing, Assistant Cook County

States' Attorney Robert Egan told the court that Davis had acknowledged in previous interviews with police that he once owned a gun matching the type found in the Skokie Lagoons.

The gun, a .38-caliber Colt automatic, is rare. Only 18,000 of them were manufactured between 1903 and 1923.

Davis, 66, said his father had given him such a gun, but he lost it on a hunting trip in Colorado in the fall of 1987. He told police he "never, ever fired the gun, not on the hunting trip or any other time," Egan told the court.

Those who had accompanied him on the hunting trip told investigators Davis never mentioned losing the gun on the trip. Two of them also recalled that Davis had fired the gun into a hillside at a gun range. In May, when snow had melted on the mountainside, they led investigators to the spot where the bullet casings were found.

Egan said prosecutors will show that Davis purchased two boxes of bullets for the gun from a hardware store in Northfield, "the only two boxes the store ever sold."

Egan also told the court that the Davis' had gone through a bitter divorce before the murder. Mrs. Davis received a divorce settlement of about \$1.4 million only 13 days before she was killed, he added, a settlement vigorously contested by Mr. Davis.

According to Egan, Davis spent the last evening of her life with her son, Nathaniel, who lived with his father in Northbrook. They had dinner in her home at 150 Oxford Road in Kenilworth.

Night of murder

After Nathaniel returned home sometime after 10 p.m. and went to bed, "the defendant rose from bed and drove to Kenilworth with a Colt .38-caliber pistol," Egan said. "He entered the house while the victim slept. He went upstairs and confronted her, emptied the gun into her, killing her."

Phone lines cut

Egan said Davis then cut phone lines to the home and cut off electrical power at a circuit breaker in the basement. An electric clock stuck at 1:16 a.m.

"He got back in his car," Egan continued.

"Driving back to Northbrook, he crossed the Tower Road bridge, where he threw the gun into the Skokie Lagoon. "He arrived home while his son was still sleeping."

The son did not notice anything amiss until he went to a kennel to pick up his mother's dog, expecting the dog to be there because she had planned a trip to Wisconsin to visit relatives. When told the dog had not been dropped off, he went to his mother's home, where he found her dead on the floor of her bedroom.

Police additionally

charged Davis, who until his arrest had resided in Naples, Fla., with home invasion. The additional charge makes Davis eligible for the death penalty if found guilty.

William Kunkle Jr., Davis' attorney, maintained his client is not guilty of either charge and said he would address the murder charge at subsequent hearings.

Through questioning of Kenilworth Police Officer Richard Bennett, who was closely involved in the investigation, Kunkle asserted there was no evidence of forceful entry, nor was there any evidence that placed Davis in his ex-wife's home on the night of the murder.

Cook County Circuit Court Judge Margaret Frossard agreed the presumption of a home invasion was "not great," and agreed with Kunkle's plea to set bond in the case.

Egan had argued that Davis is an experienced world traveler with adequate financial resources to make him a threat to flee the country.

No prior arrests

Kunkle responded that Davis is a "respected member of the community" and had no prior arrests. His move to Naples after the murder was long planned and was not a "get-away scheme," Kunkle said.

Davis "cooperated from day one" of the investigation, Kunkle continued, explaining he had flown to

Chicago at his own expense to meet with investigators and had provided hair and blood samples without court order.

In setting bond, which Davis raised in about four hours, Frossard ordered him to surrender his passport and not to leave the state without the court's permission.

Davis was one of three original suspects in the case, said Kenilworth Police chief Gary Wolff, who declined to name the other two.

"We started with a wide investigation," Wolff said, "and it eventually funneled toward Davis."

Wolff said the department is still awaiting the results of tests from the FBI crime lab, which is examining pieces of physical evidence related to the case. Wolff said he could not divulge the nature of the evidence still being examined.

Nor could he say how state police divers knew to look for the gun at the Tower Road bridge. "The state's attorney says we still must keep some things to ourselves that only the murderer would know," Wolff said.

Davis' arrest brings some relief to the department, Wolff allowed. "Our entire department was under pressure to solve this case. We had half the department, five or six officers, on the case for the first couple of months. And the others were working 12-hour days to pick up the slack."

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AYES: Mayor Pierce and Councilmen Blane, Brenner, Weiss, O'Keefe and Koukos

NAYS: None
ABSENT: Councilman Geraci
PASSED: May 25, 1992
APPROVED: May 25, 1992
PUBLISHED: June 4, 1992
ORDINANCE NO: 16-92 / Daniel M. Pierce Mayor

Attest: David W. Fairman City Clerk

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- Rosewood Park Foot of Roper Williams Avenue at Lake Michigan 16-23-485-014 16-23-485-020 16-31-181-001

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Attest: David W. Fairman City Clerk

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BID NOTICE

The City of Highland Park, Illinois, will receive sealed bids for Fire Hydrants, until 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, June 23, 1992, at which time they will be publicly opened, read aloud, and placed on file for public inspection.

Specifications and bid forms are available from the Purchasing Agent. All bids must be in a sealed envelope addressed to the Purchasing Agent and plainly marked "FIRE HYDRANT BID."

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive irregularities if so doing is deemed to be in the best interests of the City.

Gil Thornborough Purchasing Agent City of Highland Park 1707 St. Johns Avenue Highland Park, Illinois 60035.

06 6/07/92 #625 1 weeks

BID NOTICE

The City of Highland Park, Illinois, will receive sealed bids for Watermain Construction Material, until 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, June 23, 1992, at which time they will be publicly opened, read aloud, and placed on file for public inspection.

Specifications and bid forms are available from the Purchasing Agent. All bids must be in a sealed envelope addressed to the Purchasing Agent and plainly marked "WATERMAIN MATERIAL BID."

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive irregularities if so doing is deemed to be in the best interests of the City.

Gil Thornborough Purchasing Agent City of Highland Park 1707 St. Johns Avenue Highland Park, Illinois 60035.

06 6/07/92 #528 1 weeks

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT/POLICY STATEMENT

The Highland Park School District #107 today announced they are participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Free meals will be made available to all children 18 years of age and under and to persons over 18 years who are enrolled in a State approved educational program for the mentally or physically handicapped. Meals are made available to all eligible participants without regard to race, color, national origin, handicap, sex, or age. Any person who believes that he or she has been discriminated against in any USDA related activity should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Meals will be provided at the sites listed below beginning June 15, 1992 and ending July 31, 1992.

For further information contact Fernando Mardones at 432-9257, 2075 St. Johns Avenue, Highland Park, Illinois 60035.

(LISTING OF SITES)

Indian Trail School 2075 St. Johns Avenue Highland Park, Illinois 60035

We have adopted the fiscal year 92 United States Department of Agriculture Income Guidelines. If you receive Food Stamps or "Aid to Families with Dependent Children" (AFDC) your child is automatically eligible.

FAMILY SIZE LEVEL FOR FREE MEALS

Table with columns: FAMILY SIZE, YEAR, MONTH, WEEK. Rows 1-8 showing meal counts for each family size.

06 6/07/92 #8114 1 weeks

The following parcels of property, acquired through the Tax Sale Certificate Program are being offered for sale by the County of Lake.

Written bids should be submitted to the County of Lake, Tax Extension Department, Room 601, 18 N. County St., Waukegan, Illinois 60085.

Bids received will be retained for 30 days after the initial bid. After completion of the 30 day period, the County has the right to accept the highest bid or to reject it if the amount is insufficient or if the sale would not be in the best interest of Lake County Taxpayers.

INCORPORATED HIGHLAND PARK 60035

Old Trail 16-15-101-021

Linda Januzi Hess Lake County Clerk

06 6/07/92 #4729 1 weeks

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the West Deerfield Township Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the fiscal year that began April 1, 1992 and ends March 31, 1993, which was adopted on April 2, 1992, and the Auditor's Report for the Fiscal year that ended March 31, 1992 are available for inspection at the Township Office, 438 Waukegan Rd., Deerfield. The office is open Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Marilyn Strain Supervisor

06 07 08 6/07/92 #1325 1 weeks

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the requirements of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act (Public Act 800), Code Part 1200 of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board, Notice is given of a Public Hearing on an application for a permit to proceed with construction (Project #92-064) from Highland Park Convalescent Center in Highland Park, Illinois. This project includes the construction and establishment of a three-story long term care facility consisting of 144 skilled nursing beds, and 71 intermediate care beds. The estimated project cost is \$7,888,000.

The Public Hearing is to be held by the Illinois Department of Public Health pursuant to the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act. The Hearing is open to the public with opportunity to present relevant verbal and written comments on the proposed project.

The Hearing will be held on June 16, 1992 at 11:00 A.M. at the Highland Park City Hall located at 2075 St. Johns Avenue, Highland Park, Illinois.

For additional information call (217) 782-3516.

NOTICE: THIS MEETING WILL BE ACCESSIBLE TO HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS IN COMPLIANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER #3 AND PERTINENT STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS. NOTICE: ATTENDANCE ANTICIPATED. HANDICAPPED PERSONS SHOULD CONTACT Brynna G. O'Brien BY TELEPHONE AT (217) 782-3516 OR BY LETTER NO LATER THAN TWO DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE.

06 6/07/92 #4326 1 weeks

BID NOTICE

The City of Highland Park, Illinois, will receive sealed proposals of the City of 1707 St. Johns Avenue, Highland Park, Illinois, for one (1) New 1992 1993 Trucks Cabs-Chassis Tandem Drive until 11:15 A.M., Wednesday, June 24, 1992, at which time they will be publicly opened, read aloud, and placed on file for public inspection.

Specifications and bid forms are available from the Purchasing Agent. Bids shall be addressed to the Purchasing Agent and plainly marked "TRUCK-CAB-CHASSIS-TANDEM DRIVE BID."

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive irregularities if so doing is deemed to be in the best interests of the City.

Gil Thornborough Purchasing Agent City of Highland Park 1707 St. Johns Avenue Highland Park, Illinois 60035.

06 6/07/92 #197 1 weeks

ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME CERTIFICATE

NAME OF BUSINESS: ACCESS NOW! Address(es) where business is to be conducted or transacted in this county: 1620 Clavey, Highland Park, Illinois 60035.

Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business: Leslie Jordan, 1620 Clavey, Highland Park, Illinois 60035.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, SS COUNTY OF LAKE J

This is to certify that the undersigned intended to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business are correct as shown.

Leslie Jordan, 6/3/92

STATE OF ILLINOIS, SS COUNTY OF LAKE J

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this day of June, 1992.

Mary Anne O'Connor Notary Public

06 6/07/92 #3395 3 weeks

BID NOTICE

The City of Highland Park, Illinois, will receive sealed bids at the City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue, Highland Park, Illinois, for three (3) New 1992 or 1993 Trucks, Cab and Chassis, until 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, June 24, 1992, at which time they will be publicly opened, read aloud and placed on file for public inspection.

Specifications and bid forms are available from the Purchasing Agent. All bids must be in a sealed envelope addressed to the Purchasing Agent and plainly marked "TRUCK & CHASSIS BID."

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive irregularities if so doing is deemed to be in the best interests of the City.

Gil Thornborough Purchasing Agent City of Highland Park 1707 St. Johns Avenue Highland Park, Illinois 60035.

06 6/07/92 #498 1 weeks

Where To Call To Get Help In Placing A Story



Wilmette 708-256-7642 1232 Central Ave., 60091

Evanston 708-866-6501 1600 Orrington Ave., 60201

Northbrook 708-272-4301 1344 Shemer Rd., 60062

Dannockburn 708-317-0300 2201 Waukegan Rd., 60015

Mundelein 708-949-0301 414 N. Seymour Ave., 60060

Danmington 708-381-9201 200 James St., 60010

Oak Park 708-383-3201 1148 Westgate, 60030

Park Ridge 708-696-3133 130 S. Prospect, 60068

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5. Mr. Bob Sanders, 1852 Park Avenue West, inquired about special assessments for storm sewer installation, storm sewer connection, and the culvert on Park Avenue West.

OMNIBUS VOTE

The Council unanimously consented to take a single vote by yeas and nays on several items grouped together for voting purposes under the designation "omnibus vote".

Councilman Weiss moved approval of Items 13, 14 and 15.

Councilman Koukos seconded the motion.

Upon roll call: Yeas: Mayor Pierce and Councilmen Blane, Brenner,
Weiss, O'Keefe and Koukos
Nays: None

The Mayor declared that the motion carried.

13. Ordinance - Designating Highland Park Landmarks

a. 892 Burton Avenue

Adoption of an Ordinance (No. 14-92), designating 892 Burton Avenue as a Highland Park Landmark.

Omnibus Vote

b. Rosewood Park

Adoption of an Ordinance (No. 15-92), designating Rosewood Park, located at the foot of Roger Williams Avenue at Lake Michigan, as a Highland Park Landmark.

Omnibus Vote

c. Laurel Park/Gardeners Memorial Park

Adoption of an Ordinance (No. 16-92), designating Laurel Park, 494 Laurel Avenue, and Gardeners Memorial Park, 1707 St. Johns Avenue, as Highland Park Landmarks.

Omnibus Vote

14. Ordinance - Establishing "W" Parking Permits

Adoption of an Ordinance (No. 17-92) entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC REGULATIONS OF "THE HIGHLAND PARK CODE OF 1968", AS AMENDED", providing for a "W" parking permit; and prohibiting parking at all times on the west side of Midlothian Avenue between Glenview and Onwentsia Avenues.

Omnibus Vote

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15. Ordinance - Granting a Non-Exclusive Special License to Bojan's Auto Body of Highland Park, Inc.

Adoption of an Ordinance (No. 18-92) entitled "AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A NON-EXCLUSIVE SPECIAL LICENSE TO BOJAN'S AUTO BODY OF HIGHLAND PARK, INC. FOR THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 2058 FIRST STREET", permitting the awnings to encroach 2' over the public right-of-way at 2058 First Street.

Omnibus Vote

16. Release of Easements - Highland Lakes Subdivision

Councilman O'Keefe moved to table this Item to a future City Council Meeting.

Councilman Brenner seconded the motion.

Upon roll call: Yeas: Mayor Pierce and Councilmen Blane, Brenner,
Weiss, O'Keefe and Koukos

Nays: None

The Mayor declared that the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS FROM STAFF

There was no other business from staff this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, Councilman Koukos moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brenner and passed by acclamation. The Council adjourned its meeting at 10:25 p.m.

City Clerk

**Owner Consent Form
for
Highland Park Landmark Nomination**

Date: March 23, 1992

The undersigned owner of the property located at 494 Laurel Ave./1707 St. Johns Ave.
(Laurel Park & Gardener Memorial Park) (address), in the city of Highland Park,
Illinois, hereby

approves consent for the above property to be nominated by the Highland Park
Historic Preservation Commission for designation as a Highland Park Landmark

disapproves consent for the above property to be nominated by the Highland Park
Historic Preservation Commission for designation as a Highland Park Landmark.

(Please place an "X" in the appropriate space.)

Signature(s) *Jerome C. Fell*

Print Name(s) Jerome C. Fell

Address 636 Ridge Road, HP, IL

Phone # 831-3810



CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

City Hall 1707 St. Johns Avenue
Highland Park, Illinois 60035
312/433-0600

March 25, 1992

Ms. Connie Skibbe
Director of Parks & Recreation
Park District of Highland Park
636 Ridge Road
Highland Park, IL 60035

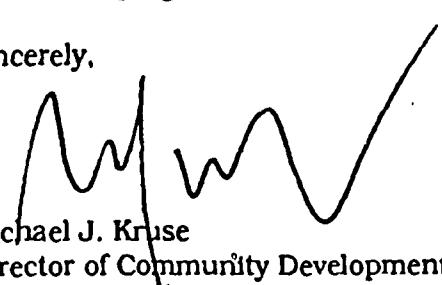
Dear Connie:

This letter is to inform you that the Highland Park Historic Preservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 16, 1992, to make an official recommendation to the City Council that Laurel Park & Gardener Memorial be designated as a Highland Park Landmark. A public notice will be published in the Pioneer Press not more than 30 days nor less than 7 days prior to the hearing.

The meeting will commence at 7:30 PM. It is not required that you attend, but you are welcome if you so desire. Please call me if you have any questions.

The Historic Preservation Commission thanks you for your participation in the local landmarks program.

Sincerely,




Michael J. Kruse
Director of Community Development

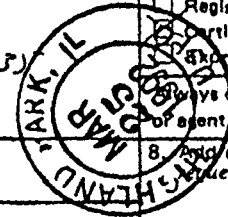
MJK:aaw

cc: Irv Wagner, Chairman Historic Preservation Commission

SENDER: Complete Items 1 and 2 when additional services are desired, and complete Items 3 and 4.
 Put your address in the "RETURN TO" Space on the reverse side. Failure to do this will prevent this card from being returned to you. The return receipt fee will provide you the name of the person delivered to and the date of delivery. For additional fees the following services are available. Consult postmaster for fees and check box(es) for additional service(s) requested.

1. Show to whom delivered, date, and addressee's address. **1 (Extra charge)†** 2. Restricted Delivery **1 (Extra charge)†**

3. Article Addressed to: Connie Yubbe Park District 636 Ridge Rd. Highland Park, IL 60035	4. Article Number P236061911
Type of Service: <input type="checkbox"/> Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Insured <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified <input type="checkbox"/> COD <input type="checkbox"/> Express Mail	
Always obtain signature of addressee of agent and DATE DELIVERED.	
5. Signature - Addressee	8. Addressee's Address (ONLY if requested and fee paid)
Signature - Agent  of Delivery	



Highland Park Historic Preservation Commission
1707 St. Johns Avenue
Highland Park, Illinois 60035



Landmark Nomination Form

Date: 3/16/92

- 1) Name of Property (original if known): Laurel Park & Gardener Memorial
- 2) Street Address: 494 Laurel/1707 St. Johns Avenue, Highland Park, IL 60035
- 3) Legal description or P.I.N. (Permanent Index Number from Township Assessor's Office, 600 Laurel Ave., Highland Park): _____
PIN 16-23-413-018 16-23-413-019
- 4) Name and Address of Property Owner(s) (From Assessor's Office): _____
Park District of Highland Park

636 Ridge Road, Highland Park, IL 60035
- 5) Present Use: Park 6) Past Use: Park
- 7) Architect: Marshall Johnson 8) Date of Construction: 1942
- 9) Written statement describing property and setting forth reasons it is eligible for Landmark designation:
Laurel Park and Gardeners Memorial was presented to the City by the Men's Garden Club in 1942. It was designed by Johnson, Jens Jensen's son-in-law, and commemorates three citizens who were instrumental in the development of Highland Park's landscape heritage; Jessie Lowe Smith, naturalist and educator, William Egan, Highland Park's 1st rosarian, and Jens Jensen, naturalist and landscape architect. Each part of the park relates to the principles of the man it honors.

10) This structure is eligible for designation on the basis of the following criteria (see reverse page):

1, 3, 5, 7, 8

11) Name(s) and Address(es) of Applicant(s):

Name(s): Ralph Cianchetti

Signature(s):

Ralph Cianchetti

Address(es): 636 Ridge Road
Highland Park, IL 60035

12) Affiliation (Commission Member, Owner, City Council, Preservation Organization):
President, Board of Park Commissioners, Park District of Highland Park

Please complete and return this form to the Highland Park Preservation Commission 1707 St. Johns Avenue, Highland Park, Illinois 60035

Criteria for Determining Highland Park Landmarks

In making decisions about which sites or structures qualify as Highland Park Landmarks, the Preservation Commission will decide within 45 days whether the nominated property meets one or more of the following criteria:

- 1.) Its Character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or culture characteristics of the community, county, state or country;
- 2.) Its location as a site of a significant local, county, state or national event;
- 3.) Its identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the community, county, state or country;
- 4.) Its embodiment of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural and/or landscape style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction or use of indigenous materials;
- 5.) Its identification as the work of a master builder, designer, architect of landscape architect whose individual work has influenced the development of the community, county, state or country;
- 6.) Its overall embodiment of elements of design, detailing materials or craftsmanship which renders it architecturally significant;
- 7.) Its overall embodiment of design elements that make it structurally or architecturally innovative;
- 8.) Its unique location of singular physical characteristics that makes it an established or familiar visual feature; and/or
- 9.) Its character as a particularly fine or unique example of a utilitarian structure or group of such structures, including, but not limited to farmhouses, gas stations or other commercial structures, with a high level of integrity of architectural significance.

Any structure, property, or area that meets one or more of the above criteria shall also have sufficient integrity of location, design materials and workmanship to make it worthy of preservation or restoration.

Welcome to Peoria.

We have a saying that Peoria is the "Heart of Illinois." It's not just because of the central geographic location, but, as national test marketers have found, Peoria is a microcosm of America herself. Hard hats, white collars, ethnic groups - Peoria has the average percentages of each.

To "Play in Peoria" is the catch phrase so often cited when one wants to know the thoughts and habits of the typical American.

Peoria, Peoria is the first European settlement in the state of Illinois. Since September of 1991, we have been celebrating our Tricentennial. The French military sailed on our shores and erected a large fort and Jesuit mission three hundred years ago. The French lived among friendly Native Americans who for thousands of years enjoyed the bounty of the Peoria river valley, a place they called "Pianzéou" (the land of great abundance).

The flags of France, Britain, Spain, and eventually the United States have flown over Peoria.

The first American settlers arrived in 1819 and soon the small village experienced a great economic and population boom. With such an abundance of natural resources, many strong early industries arose such as meat-packing, casting foundries, pottery-makers, wholesale warehousing, distilleries, earth-moving and farm machinery manufacturers.

Ancient Indian trails were turned into solid roads. Canoes were replaced with hundreds of steamboats and ferries. The city became a massive railroad hub.

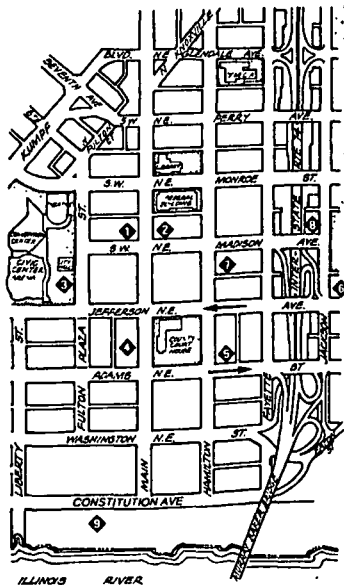
The fresh water, abundance of corn, and the ease of transport enabled Peoria to become the "Whiskey Capital of the World." Distilleries and their related industries brought tremendous wealth to the city and Peoria produced the greatest amount of internal revenue tax of any district in the nation by the late 1800s. This prosperity initiated the building of magnificent private homes, lavish parks, massive churches, model schools, and state-of-the-art municipal buildings.

Today we enjoy the artistry and splendor of these buildings. Here in Peoria we struggle to preserve them all. Like all communities around the world, some battles are lost - some are won. But the reward is a rich history, a portrait of our past, and a legacy we must strive to protect.

Preservation is "Giving the Past a Future."

Dr. Peter J. Couzi, Jr., Conference Coordinator

- ◆ HOTEL PERE MARQUETTE
- ◆ MADISON THEATER
- ◆ CITY HALL
- ◆ APOLLO THEATRE
- ◆ PACKARD PLAZA
- ◆ JUDGE GALE HOUSE
- ◆ GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HALL
- ◆ CORNERSTONE BUILDING
- ◆ RIVER STATION RESTAURANT



SPONSORS:

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COUNCIL OF ILLINOIS (LPCI)
LPCI is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to preserving architecturally and historically significant buildings and sites throughout the state. LPCI offers technical and financial assistance to local preservation programs, educates the public through lectures and publications, and acts as an advocate for state and federal preservation legislation. LPCI is supported entirely through membership, grants, and contributions.

ILLINOIS HISTORIC PRESERVATION AGENCY (IHPA)
The agency's Division of Preservation Services, in its role as State Historic Preservation Office, oversees state and federal preservation programs in Illinois. This division identifies, protects, and promotes historically significant sites through seven program areas. The IHPA oversees the State Historical Library, the Historic Sites Division, the Office of Public Affairs and Development, and the Illinois State Historical Society.

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSIONS (IAHPC)
Formed in 1981, the IAHPC serves as an informational network for historic preservation commissions throughout Illinois. IAHPC collects and disseminates materials such as preservation ordinances and design guidelines, and also sponsors workshops for commission members and staff.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS LANDMARKS FOUNDATION (CILF)
The CILF was started in 1972 to aid in the preservation and appreciation of historic structures in central Illinois. This non-profit foundation offers assistance to local historic districts, identifies historic buildings and structures, raises funds for restoration and renovation, maintains an architectural historic records program, and provides walking and bus tours of historic areas. CILF has been successful in expanding the number of central Illinois buildings on the National Register of Historic Places. One recent accomplishment is an agreement with the City of Peoria, whereby the CILF will be notified of any building under threat of demolition. After study and review, CILF can then recommend to the city whether the building has the historic and architectural merit to be preserved.

LOCAL HOST SPONSORS:
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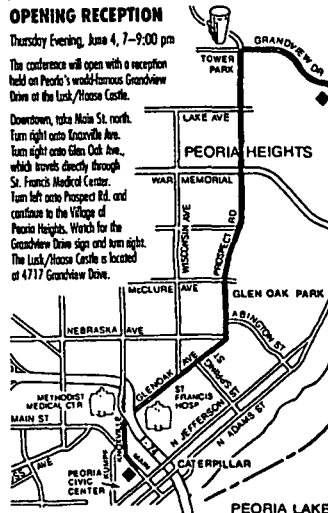
The Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois (LPCI) and the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, or national origin in any program or activity. This non-profit foundation offers assistance in compliance with the Illinois Human Rights Act, the Illinois Constitution, the U.S. Civil Rights Act, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, as amended, and the U.S. Constitution. The Equal Employment Opportunity Office is accessible for assistance and may be reached at (312) 785-4112.
This conference has been financed with federal funds from the United States Department of Interior, administered by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. The contents and opinions, however, do not necessarily reflect the views or policies of the Department of the Interior or the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. The location of each venue in this program is subject to change without notice and is subject to confirmation by the Department of the Interior or the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

OPENING RECEPTION

Thursday Evening, June 4, 7-9:00 pm

The conference will open with a reception held on Peoria's world-famous Grandview Drive at the Luck/Moosa Castle.

Downtown, take Main St. north. Turn right onto Knoxville Ave. Turn right onto Glen Oak Ave., which travels directly through St. Francis Medical Center. Turn left onto Huseport Rd. and continue to the Village of Peoria Heights. Watch for the Grandview Drive sign and turn right. The Luck/Moosa Castle is located at 4717 Grandview Drive.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Special conference hotel and dorm rooms are available to attendees. Before May 20, dorm rooms may be reserved at Bradley University Williams Hall by writing: Director of Conference Housing, Bradley University, Peoria, IL 61625. Call hotels direct for reservations, rates, and room availability.

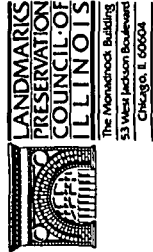
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◆ (special conference rates & headquarters; \$50 Single, \$65 Double)
501 N. Main St., Peoria, IL 61602
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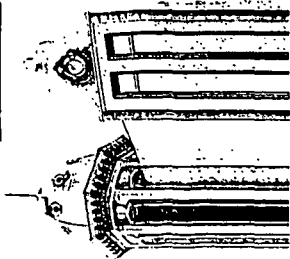
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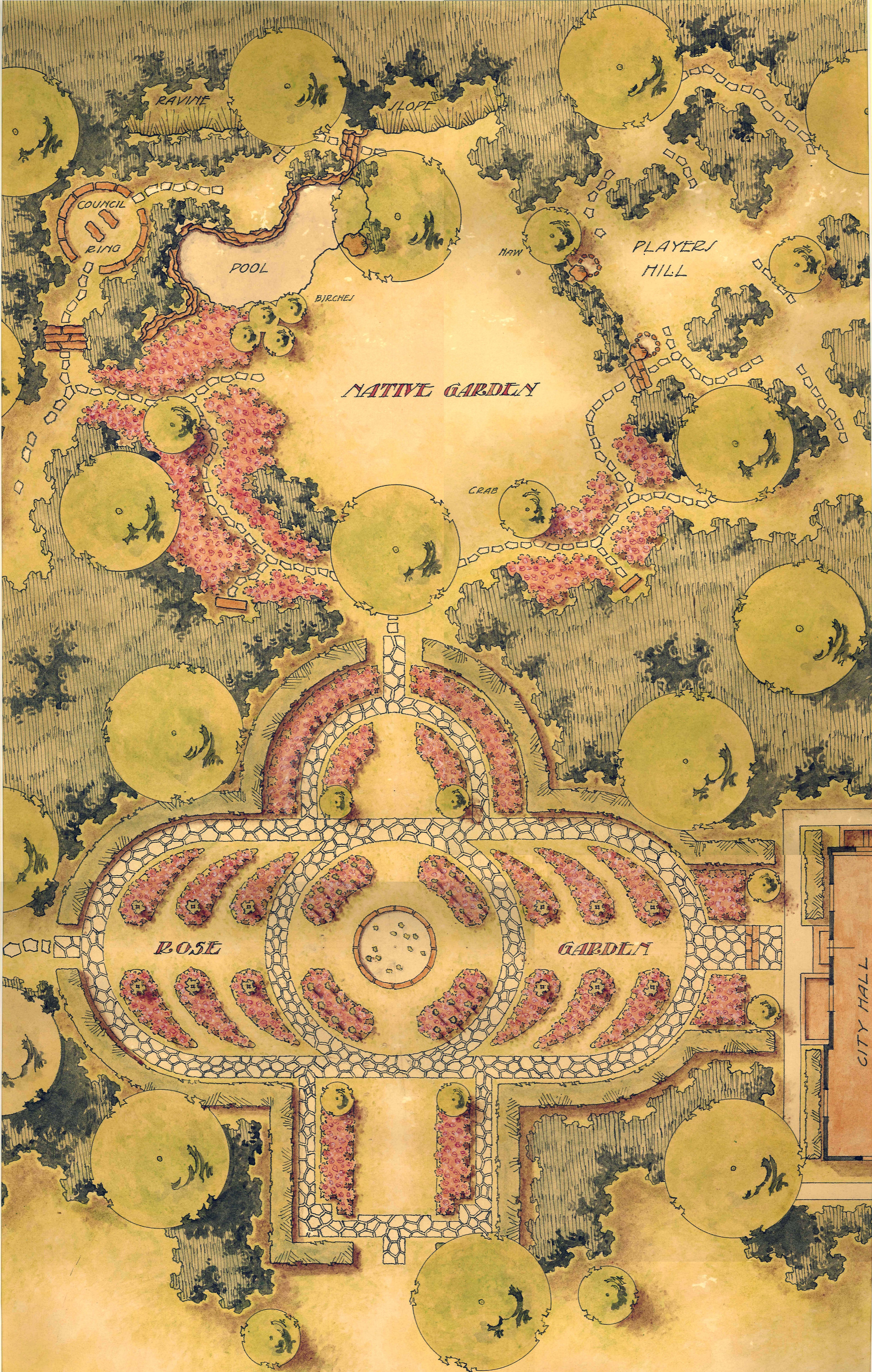
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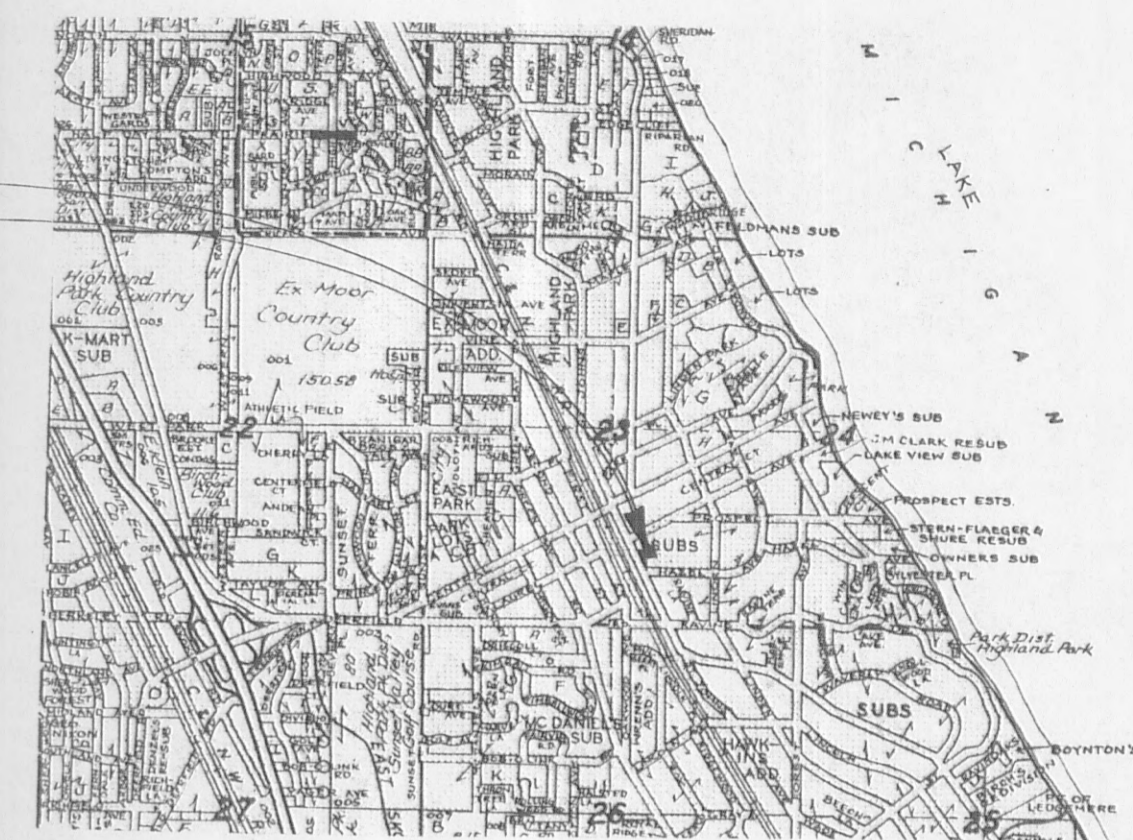
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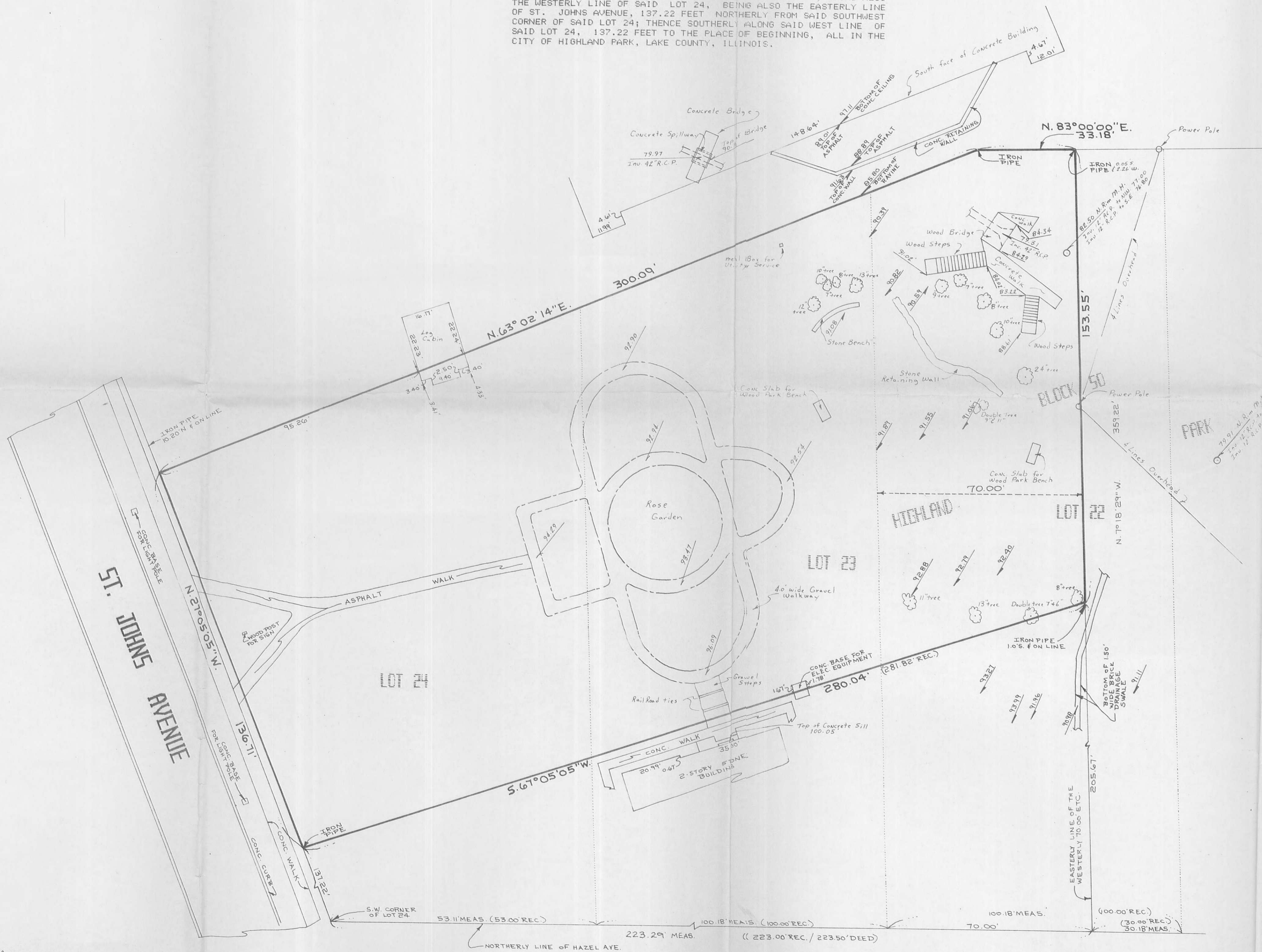
PLAT OF SURVEY

ALL OF LOTS 23 AND 24 AND THE WESTERLY 70.00 FEET OF LOT 22 IN BLOCK 50 IN HIGHLAND PARK, A SUBDIVISION OF SECTIONS 23 AND 24 AND PART OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 43 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, (ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MAY 8, 1969, IN BOOK "A" OF PLATS, PAGE 2), INCLUDING THE SOUTHERLY HALF OF THE ALLEY ALONG THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF SAID PROPERTY, EXCEPTING THAT PART THEREOF DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID BLOCK 50, BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 24, BEING ALSO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF HAZEL AVENUE AND ST. JOHNS AVENUE; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF LOTS 24, 23 AND 22, BEING THE NORTHERLY LINE OF HAZEL AVENUE, 223.50 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH A LINE 70.00 FEET EASTERLY FROM AND PARALLEL WITH THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 22; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG SAID LINE, 70.00 FEET EASTERLY FROM AND PARALLEL WITH THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 22, 205.67 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY IN A STRAIGHT LINE, 281.82 FEET TO A POINT IN THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID BLOCK, BEING ALSO THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 24, BEING ALSO THE EASTERLY LINE OF ST. JOHNS AVENUE, 137.22 FEET NORTHERLY FROM SAID SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 24; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 24, 137.22 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, ALL IN THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.



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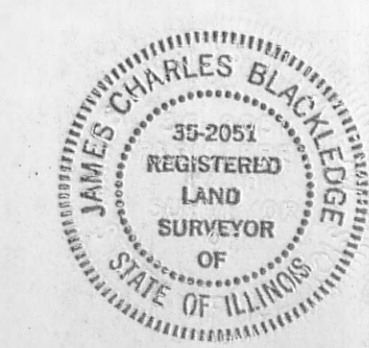


SURVEYORS NOTE:
THIS SURVEY SUBJECT TO REVIEW OF A
CURRENT TITLE POLICY FOR EXCEPTIONS
TO TITLE.

SUBDIVISION

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)SS

TO:
WE, THE BLACKLEDGE GROUP LTD, DO HEREBY
CERTIFY THAT WE HAVE SURVEYED THE ABOVE
DESCRIBED PROPERTY AND THAT THE PLAT
HEREON DRAWN IS A CORRECT REPRESENTATION
OF SAID SURVEY, CORRECTED TO A TEMPERATURE
OF 68° FAHRENHEIT.



James C. Blackledge
J.C.R.L.S. NO. 2051

CUSTOMER: HIGHLAND PARK - PARK DISTRICT
SCALE: 1 INCH = 20 FEET DRAWN BY: JCS
DATE: 1-21-86 CHECKED BY: JCS
SURVEY NO. 86-0031
ADDENDA DATE ORDER DESC.



St Johns Ave

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Staff Report



Meeting Date: March 9, 2026
Staff Contact: Maddy Markle, Planner I
Department: Community Development Department

Title: Historic Preservation Incentives

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Council discuss the recommendations of the Historic Preservation Commission and provide feedback.

The Commission has provided generalized recommendations understanding the purpose, at this stage, is to provide ideas and to seek further direction. Those of interest to the Council will be more fully researched and developed.

Policy Consideration:

Background.

- At its [September 8, 2025](#) meeting, the City Council (“*Council*”) considered a Code amendment related to Historic Preservation and directed staff to work with the Historic Preservation Commission (“*Commission*”) to develop recommendations for encouraging historic preservation, while taking into consideration owner rights.
- At its [September 11, 2025](#) meeting, the Historic Preservation Commission discussed the recommendation and expressed an interest in incentives to be presented for discussion at its Nov. 13, 2025 meeting.
- At the [Nov. 13, 2025](#) meeting, the Commission discussed three monetary incentives: matching grants, tax abatements, and permit fee waivers. In addition, two regulatory-based considerations were presented: the number of properties required for a Local Historic District nomination, and land use regulations related to setbacks for historic properties. The Commission also discussed various penalties to encourage historic

preservation.

- At the [Dec. 11, 2025](#) meeting, the Commission reached a consensus on which recommendations should be brought before the City Council. At the [Jan. 8, 2026](#) meeting the Commission adopted A Resolution Recommending Formal Consideration of Ways to Encourage Historic Preservation (*see Attachment A*). Staff has also listed recommendations below that differ from the ones the Commission approved via its Dec. 11, 2025 resolution.

Commission Recommendations.

The Commission believes that a portfolio of new incentives would work well with select disincentives. Together they would encourage voluntary requests for local landmark designation, prevent further loss of historic resources due to demolition, help fund historic preservation initiatives, and recognize the value of the public good private preservation represents.

Local Property Tax Abatements.

Reducing local property taxes for Landmarked and Local Historic District properties may be an approach the City could take to recognize the public value of private preservation. This incentive would run with the property, not merely be tied to a particular property owner, to encourage the voluntary designation of properties. The Village of [Hinsdale](#) offers a local property tax incentive for historic properties.

- The Commission recommends that the Council consider a local property tax abatement for the City's Regulated Structures with exceptions.^[1]

Staff concurs with the Commission's recommendation and believes that historic homeowners would value immediate monetary relief for their properties.

Historic Rehabilitation Matching Grants.

Some cities provide matching grants for historic rehabilitation projects that meet certain design requirements. Eligible improvement projects can be encouraged through either disbursement of grant monies up front, or by reimbursement upon successful completion. Grants could be issued on a first-come first-serve basis to ensure budgetary control. The goal of such a grant program would be to encourage voluntary landmark designations, as well as the continued maintenance of the City's current 133 Regulated Structures. The Commission agreed that historic matching grants align with the policy value that maintaining historic homes is a 'public benefit.' Communities such as [Elgin](#) and [Hinsdale](#) have adopted matching grant programs for historic rehabilitations.

- The Commission recommends a historic rehabilitation matching grant program limited to substantial^[2] exterior improvements on Regulated Structures.^[3] Such improvements would require a Certificate of Appropriateness (see [Sec. 24.030](#)) from the Commission

prior to the issuance of grant monies.

Land Use Regulations.

Some homeowners demolish historic structures because they cannot expand their homes due to zoning constraints, or want to make improvements to overcome or avoid functional obsolescence. The Commission briefly discussed a floor-area-ratio (FAR) bonus for historic properties, similar to [Winnetka](#). However, the City's zoning code already includes a bonus FAR incentive that serves this purpose (see Sec. 150.703.3(B)). The City could consider how to further leverage the already existing FAR bonus incentive to encourage the preservation of historic homes. Highland Park's side setbacks have become increasingly restrictive over the years.^[4] Regulated Structures could be allowed to utilize less restrictive side-setbacks that reflect Highland Park's past zoning standards as a way to allow owners of historic properties additional flexibility to avoid functional obsolescence.

- The Commission recommends further research into land use incentives, such as the FAR bonus incentive and flexible side setback requirements, to encourage historic preservation. This recommendation would not supersede existing zoning overlays such as the Lakefront Overlay Zone (LFOZ) or Steep Slope Zone (SSZ) that are essential to local single-family development.

Permit Fee Waivers for Eligible Improvements.

Highland Park does not collect fees for Landmark nominations, Historic District nominations, or Certificates of Appropriateness. However, the City could also waive building permit fees for qualifying rehabilitations and additions to historic structures.^[5]

- The Commission recommends permit fee waivers for qualifying improvements to Regulated Structures that meet the Criteria for Certificate of Appropriateness (see [Sec. 24.030\(C-D\)](#)).

Minimum Number of Properties for Local Historic District Nomination.

Highland Park's Code currently requires Local Historic District Nominations to include a minimum of ten properties unless certain exceptions are met (see [Sec. 24.016\(C\)](#)). This requirement creates a barrier to establishing Local Historic Districts. This requirement has a disproportionately negative impact on the preservation of historic resources that are few in number, but related historically or architecturally (such as resources designed by a singular architect, or resources related to a notable person).

- The Commission recommends a code amendment to reduce or eliminate the minimum number of properties required for Local Historic District Nominations.

Historic Resource Demolition Tax & Demolition Delay.

The current demolition ordinance allows for the enforcement of a 180-360 day demolition delay on covered properties retaining integrity found to meet more than two Landmark Criteria (see

[Sec. 170.122](#)). Additionally, a \$15,000 affordable housing demolition tax is imposed on property owners who demolish a single-family residence within certain Zoning Districts (see [Sec. 170.122\(J\)](#)).

- The Commission recommends a revision of the demolition ordinance to lengthen demolition delays and impose a historic resource demolition tax, similar to the City’s demolition tax for affordable housing.
- Staff notes that such changes are a disincentive to demolition rather than an incentive to encourage historic preservation. However, staff also recognizes that disincentives can work in tandem with incentives to encourage voluntary landmark designations.

Prohibiting Variances for Redevelopment on Properties Subject to Demolition Delay.

- The Commission recommends prohibiting variances for the redevelopment of properties subject to demolition delay. The Commission expressed deep concern with teardown lots receiving zoning relief to build structures that disrupt the historic fabric of the neighborhood in ways the original historic home did not.
- Staff note that many properties in Highland Park currently do not comply with zoning. A prohibition on variances might make reasonable new construction on non-conforming lots not feasible.

[1] Those homes in local historic districts that are not contributing.

[2] “Substantial” meaning improvements beyond basic maintenance.

[3] A Regulated Structure is defined in [Sec. 24.005](#) as “Any property, structure, area, object, or landscape of significance that is subject to the provisions of this Chapter or the provisions of Section 170.040 of the building code because it (a) is a landmark, (b) is located within a historic district, (c) has been recommended by the commission for preliminary landmark designation pursuant to [Section 24.025\(A\)](#) of this Chapter, or (d) is located within an area that has been recommended by the commission for historic district designation pursuant to [Section 24.026\(A\)](#) of this Chapter.”

[4] The 1947 Zoning Code States that in residence districts, “There shall be a side yard on each side of the building having a width of not less than five (5) feet.” In 1967 this code was amended to be more restrictive. The [current zoning code](#) requires that side setbacks total to at least 25-30% of lot width, with minimums for each side yard starting at 6 feet and going up to 50 ft. depending on zoning district.

[5] The City of Chicago and Hinsdale waive all permit fees associated with historic landmarks.

Core Priorities:

Economic Development & Vibrancy - Historic Preservation adds to the interest in Highland

Park as a place to visit and live; and contributes value through the public good of private preservation.

Attachments:

1. Attachment A. Resolution No. 2026-001

**City of Highland Park
Historic Preservation Commission**

Resolution No. 2026-001

**A Resolution Recommending Formal Consideration of Ways to Encourage
Historic Preservation**

WHEREAS, the City Historic Preservation Commission ("**Commission**") is a commission of the City created pursuant to Section 33.1701 of the "The Highland Park Code of 1968," as amended ("**City Code**"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 33.1706(B)(20) of the City Code, the Commission is authorized to periodically review the "City of Highland Park Zoning Ordinance of 1997," as amended ("**Zoning Code**"), and to recommend to the City Plan and Design Commission and the City Council amendments to the Zoning Code appropriate for the protection or continued use of landmarks and contributing regulated structures within historic districts in the City; and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2025, the City Council directed the Commission to develop recommendations to encourage historic preservation in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Commission held public meetings to consider incentives to encourage historic preservation in the City on September 11, November 13, and December 11, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Commission now desires to recommend that the City Council approve incentives to encourage historic preservation in the City, as set forth in this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION ONE: **RECITALS.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated into, and made a part of, this Resolution as the findings of the Commission.

SECTION TWO: **RECOMMENDATION.** The Commission recommends the City Council approve the incentives to encourage historic preservation in the City, as set forth in **Exhibit A** attached to this Resolution.

SECTION THREE: **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution will be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

AYES: Greenbaum, Pines, Ehrlich, Bonka, Hartinger, Portman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Chair weeder

PASSED: 6-0

APPROVED: January 8, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-001

ATTEST:



Maddy Markle, Secretary



Vice Chair Lynn Greenbaum, Acting Chair