



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Rita Schneider, President  
Lombard Historical Commission

**FROM:** Jennifer Henaghan, AICP, Senior Planner JSH

**DATE:** July 19, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Request for Local Landmark Designation of 241 W. Maple Street

The Village is in receipt of a request from the owners of the property at 241 W. Maple Street to have the property designated as a local landmark (see attached).

Before a public hearing is scheduled, the Village Code requires that the Historical Commission make a preliminary determination as to whether or not the subject property meets one or more of the following criteria:

1. The character, interest, or value as part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of the village.
2. The identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the cultural, economic, social, or historical development of the village.
3. The architectural significance of a building which is at least 50 years of age and is a good example of a specific architectural style containing distinctive elements of design, detail, materials, or craftsmanship, or is an example of a style which had an impact on the community. Such a building must retain much of its original architectural integrity.
4. The archeological importance of a site which has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in pre-history or history.

If the Commission makes a preliminary determination that one or more criteria have been met, the next step would be the public hearing. At the public hearing, staff would present a report on the request. Immediately following the public hearing, the Commission would review the findings of the Local Landmarks Committee and then direct staff to prepare a written recommendation. The written recommendation would then be reviewed and voted on at a subsequent meeting prior to its being forwarded to the Village Board.

### **REQUESTED ACTIONS**

Does the Historical Commission make a preliminary conclusion that the property at 241 W. Maple Street meets one or more of the criteria for designation as a landmark site?

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July 12, 2011

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Village of Lombard  
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Members of the Lombard Historical Commission:

As the newest owners of the Alonzo B. Chatfield home at 241 W. Maple, we hereby seek your approval in recommending our home as a historical landmark per § 32.079 of the Lombard Village Code.

According to the provisions of the code, we understand that the Commission may choose to designate sites or homes "landmark sites" that have a special historic or community interest or value. The code specifically stipulates certain conditions that may qualify a site for landmark status.

We submit the following information as background and consideration for our request:

- The residence at 241 W. Maple was built by Josiah Lombard in 1868 for Alonzo Chatfield. Chatfield was the tax assessor in Lombard from 1868-1871. Josiah Lombard designed and built three houses in the village. The Alonzo B. Chatfield House was one of these<sup>1</sup>.
- While we understand that Mr. Josiah Lombard never lived in the village, the Chatfield home represents one of the few remaining physical structures attributable to the village namesake, an individual who remains of cultural, economic, social and historic value to the Village.
- The architectural significance of the residence is particularly noteworthy. "The Italianate style was first developed in Britain about 1802 by John Nash, with the construction of Cronkhill in Shropshire. This small country house is generally accepted to be the first Italianate villa in England, from which is derived the Italianate architecture of the late Regency and early Victorian era ...From the late 1840s to 1890 it achieved huge popularity in the United States, where it was promoted by the architect Alexander Jackson Davis<sup>2</sup>." The Chatfield home is one of several

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<sup>1</sup> <http://plum.lib.il.us/lombardhistory/chatfield.htm>

<sup>2</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italianate\\_architecture](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italianate_architecture)

Italianate style homes in Lombard that mark the popularity of the style during the founding era of the Village.

- While the residence has undergone minor renovations since its original construction, including renovations currently underway under our direction, the general shape and size of the home, notable architectural elements, and general appearance have been maintained, to the best of our knowledge, since it was originally constructed.
- Current renovations under our direction include the addition of approximately 1,800 square feet of new construction added to the rear of the home. The renovations included the demolition of approximately 900 square feet of the residence, portions of which were not original to the home, and portions that had already undergone renovation since the home was originally constructed. The portions of the home that were removed were noted by our architect and the architectural elements were incorporated into the new construction planning approved by the Village Building Department.
- Selection of trim, windows, doors, siding, paint and other elements for the renovations underway have been made to preserve, as practically as possible, the original style, architectural elements, and design of the home.
- The front of the home will not be altered in any way, apart from new paint, and the construction of a porte-cochere on the west side of the home. The porte-cochere will incorporate the Italianate style elements currently present on the wrap-around front porch. The porte-cochere or "carriage porch" was an architectural element popular during the founding of the Village and can be seen on multiple historic homes on Maple Street, including the recently renovated home at 216 W. Maple Street along with other historic homes on Maple Street and throughout the Village.

As the Commission proceeds with our request, we would be happy to submit any records, plans, drawings or pictures that may assist in your determination. Further contact with us can be made in writing, or by email at [bburch23@gmail.com](mailto:bburch23@gmail.com) or by phone at (312) 504-5058.

We thank you for your consideration of our request, and look forward to hearing further from the Commission in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

[SUBMITTED VIA ELETRONIC MAIL]

Brian and Sara Burch