



**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
JUNE 20, 2018 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
18-ADR-0004 1514 Thornwood Drive	Designation of a Historic Landmark	Devin Kamperschroer Planning Intern

REQUEST

The petitioners are seeking a Historic Landmark Designation for their home at 1514 Thornwood Drive based on the criteria that the house represents the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style.

NOTICE

The application has been filed in conformance with applicable procedural and public notice requirements.

GENERAL INFORMATION

OWNER: Juanita Shaw
1514 Thornwood Dr
Downers Grove, IL 60516

APPLICANT: Pamela Shaw
1514 Thornwood Dr
Downers Grove, IL 60516

PROPERTY INFORMATION

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Bungalow
BUILDING DATE: Circa 1927
HISTORICAL BUILDING USE: Single Family Residence
EXISTING BUILDING USE: Single Family Residence
PROPERTY SIZE: 16,550 square feet (.38 acres)
PIN: 09-18-201-042

ANALYSIS

SUBMITTALS

This report is based on the following documents, which are on file with the Department of Community Development:

1. Application/Petition for Public Hearing
2. Project Summary/Applicant Narrative
3. Plat of Survey
4. Owner Consent Form
5. Certificate of Acknowledgement Form

6. Historic Landmark Information Form
7. Photographs with descriptions

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The petitioners are seeking a Historic Landmark Designation for their property at 1514 Thornwood Drive under criteria 12.302.B.3 of the Historic Preservation Ordinance: representation of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style. The bungalow was built circa 1927.

The bungalow architectural style was one of dominant building forms in Downers Grove commonly built from 1890 to 1930. They can also feature different architectural styles. They typically are one to one-and-one-half stories in height, have a gently pitched gable or hip roof, and have full or partial front porches. The different styles have other features: the Craftsman may have wood clapboard siding and exposed roof rafters; Prairie style may have wide eaves and stucco cladding; and the Chicago Bungalow is entirely constructed in brick.

The property at 1514 Thornwood Drive displays many characteristics of the Craftsman style bungalow. The one-story building features a low pitched Jerkinhead (clipped) gable on its front elevation with wide eaves, dark tapestry brick, and a partial front porch. Recently, the property owners restored two features of the home. The brick partial height porch walls and brick stair wing walls were restored. Additionally the 3-over-1 double hung windows replaced a single large picture window. Both restorations are consistent with the original appearance of the home.

Although the detached garage is outside of the scope of this petition it is of interest to note that the recent renovation was designed to complement the main structure with a Jerkinhead gabled roof and similar siding.

The home is well maintained and the owners have carefully restored the above identifies features. In addition, the owners have also maintained several original features such as interior and exterior doors and hardware. The porch window is also original. Other characteristic features include original woodwork, plaster walls, and kitchen cabinetry, now moved to the basement.

The home was purchased by Juanita and Ralph Shaw from Gordon and Dorothy Bunge in 1953. Research from the applicant indicates that the previous owner, Gordon Bunge, worked as an attorney for his uncle, Gustav Bunge of the Tivoli Theater. The home itself is located in Block 2 of the Bunge subdivision, and additional research from the applicant shows that several other homes in the area were owned by members of the Bunge family in the 1930s.

COMPLIANCE WITH HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

The petitioner has outlined the request in the attached narrative summary and photographs. The petitioner will further address the proposal and justification to support the requested landmark designation at the public hearing.

Landmark designations require evaluation based on Section 12.302 of the Historic Preservation Ordinance, *Landmark Designation Criteria*. Staff finds the request complies with Section 12.302A and Section 12.302.B, as described below.

Section 12.302.A.

The proposed landmark is either over fifty (50) years old, in whole or in part, or is under fifty (50) years of age and possesses exceptional importance such as might be recognized immediately for its reflection of an extraordinary political event or architectural innovation; and

The house was constructed circa 1927 making it approximately 91 years old. This standard is met.

Section 12.302.B

That one or more of the following conditions exist:

- 1. The property has significant value as part of the historic, heritage or cultural characteristics of the community, county, State or Nation;**
This criteria does not apply.
- 2. The property was owned by a person or persons of historic significance to the community, county, State or Nation;**
This criteria does not apply.
- 3. The property represents the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural period, style, type, method of construction or use of indigenous materials;**
Staff finds the property represents the distinguishing characteristics of the Craftsman Bungalow architectural style. The home is one story, with a low pitched jerkinhead (clipped) gable roof, wide eaves, a front porch, and tapestry brick. This criteria is met.
- 4. The property represents notable work of a master builder, designer, architect or artist whose individual work has influenced the development of the community, county, State or Nation;**
This criteria does not apply.
- 5. An area that has yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.**
This criteria does not apply.
- 6. A source of civic pride or identity for the community.**
This criteria does not apply.
- 7. The property is included in the National Register of Historic Places.**
This criteria does not apply.

NEIGHBORHOOD COMMENT

Staff has not received any neighborhood comments regarding the proposal at this time.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff finds the petition complies with the criteria in Section 12.302 for Landmark Designation. Based on the findings above, staff recommends that the Architectural Design Review Board make a positive recommendation to the Village Council for landmark status of 1514 Thornwood Drive.

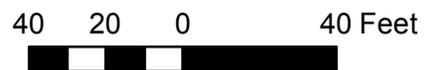
Staff Report Approved By:



Stan Popovich, AICP
Director of Community Development

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1514 Thornwood Location Map



**Historic Landmark
Project Summary/Narrative Letter**

Owner: Juanita Shaw
Applicant: Pamela Shaw

I respectfully request that the house located at 1514 Thornwood Drive, purchased by Juanita Shaw in 1953, from the Bunge family be designated as a Downers Grove Historical Landmark. The Shaw's are the second family to live in the home.

From research the house was built in 1927. Juanita Shaw and her husband Ralph Shaw, now deceased, purchased the home from Gordon and Dorothy Bunge in 1953. The 1930 U. S. census indicates that Ernest E. and Emma Bunge and their son Gordon, lived at 1514 Thornwood Drive. Gordon was an attorney who worked for his uncle, Gustav H. Bunge, a Downers Grove community leader, attorney, and developer of the Tivoli Theater and Hotel. Some research indicates the Gustav worked together in investments and real estate. The Plat of Survey indicates that the home is located "in block 2 of the Bunge Subdivision". In 1930 there were additional Bunge families on Thornwood Drive. George H. Bunge, son of Gustav, and his wife resided at 1409 Thornwood Drive. Carl and Lizzie Bunge lived at 1504 Thornwood Drive. Carl's relationship is unknown, but he was close to Gustav in age.

The house represents the distinguishing characteristics of a Craftsman style bungalow. The term "bungalow" is derived from the Hindi word "bangle" meaning a low house with a porch. Bungalows were built throughout the United states from 1890 to 1930 and are one of the dominant building forms found in Downers Grove. A bungalow can be defined as a one to one-and-a-half story house with a low-pitched gable or hip roof with wide eaves. The Craftsman style was derived out of sympathy for the ideals and design aesthetics of the Arts and Crafts Movement. This movement valued hand craftsmanship, natural materials and simplicity in design that differed from prior Victorian-Era excesses and ornamentation. The elements of the Craftsman bungalow which can be found on 1514 Thornwood Drive include a low-pitched jerkinhead (clipped) gable roof with wide eaves, dark Tapestry brick, and 3-over-1 double hung windows. Many of the original architectural features of the home are still present; including original interior and exterior doors and hardware, original porch window, original address plaque, original front and back shingles under the eaves, original crown, base, entry and window woodwork, plaster walls, and the original kitchen cabinet is used in another location of the home. In the 1960s the Shaws removed the original front porch of the home, recently the porch was replaced to replicate the original porch of the home.

1514 Thornwood Drive is an excellent example of a Craftsman style bungalow house with many of the original features still intact. Adding it to the list of Historical Landmarks will ensure that it is preserved in the future.

Landmark Designation Criteria

Section 12.302.A

The proposed landmark is either over fifty (50) years old, in whole or in part or is under fifty (50) years of age and possesses exceptional importance such as might be recognized immediately for its reflection of an extraordinary political event or architectural innovation

The proposed landmark is 91 years old and meets the criteria.

Section 12.302.B

1. The property has significant value as part of the historic, heritage or cultural characteristics of the community, county, State or Nation;

This criteria does not apply.

2. The property was owned by a person or persons of historic significance to the community, county, State or Nation;

This criteria does not apply.

3. The property represents the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural period, style, type, method of construction or use of indigenous materials;

The property has most of the distinguishing characteristics of a Craftsman style bungalow. Some of these characteristics include:

- One-story
- Low-pitched jerkinhead (clipped) gable roof
- Wide eaves
- Front porch
- Tapestry brick

4. The property represents notable work of a master builder, designer, architect or artist whose individual work has influenced the development of the community, county, State or Nation;

This criteria does not apply.

5. An area that has yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.

This criteria does not apply.

6. A source of civic pride or identity for the community.

This criteria does not apply.

7. The property is included in the National Register of Historic Places.

This criteria does not apply.



SCALE: 1"=

Village Green Assoc.

Plat of Survey



OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS: LOT 14, THE WESTERLY 5 FEET (MEASURED ON BOTH THE NORTHERLY AND SOUTHERLY LINES) OF LOT 15 AND THAT PART OF LOT 13, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: COMMENCING FOR A PLACE OF BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT; RUNNING THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT, 28 FEET TO A POINT; RUNNING THENCE NORTHERLY TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT, 27 FEET WESTERLY OF THE NORTH EAST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG SAID NORTHERLY LINE TO THE NORTH EAST CORNER OF SAID LOT; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, IN BLOCK 2 OF BUNGE'S RESUBDIVISION, BEING A RESUBDIVISION OF BUNG'S SUBDIVISION, IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 18 AND PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, EXCEPT LOTS 4 AND 10 IN BLOCK 1 AND LOT 1 IN BLOCK 4 OF SAID SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF SAID RESUBDIVISION RECORDED ON APRIL 3, 1925 AS DOCUMENT 190677, IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

See Sheet 2 for Drawing

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF KANE) SS

We, Village Green Assoc., do hereby certify that we have surveyed the above described property according to the official record; and that the above plat correctly represents said survey. Encroachments noted thusly. *

J. M. Elmer
PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR NO. 35-2158

Any discrepancy in measurements should be promptly reported to the surveyor for explanation or correction.

COMPARE THE DESCRIPTION ON THIS PLAT WITH DEED.
REFER TO DEED FOR EASEMENTS AND BUILDING LINES.

Village Green Assoc.

81 MARKET STREET
ELGIN, ILLINOIS 60123

Phone (708) 695-4235

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BUYER:

DATED: February 10, 1994

PREPARED FOR

Juanita Shaw

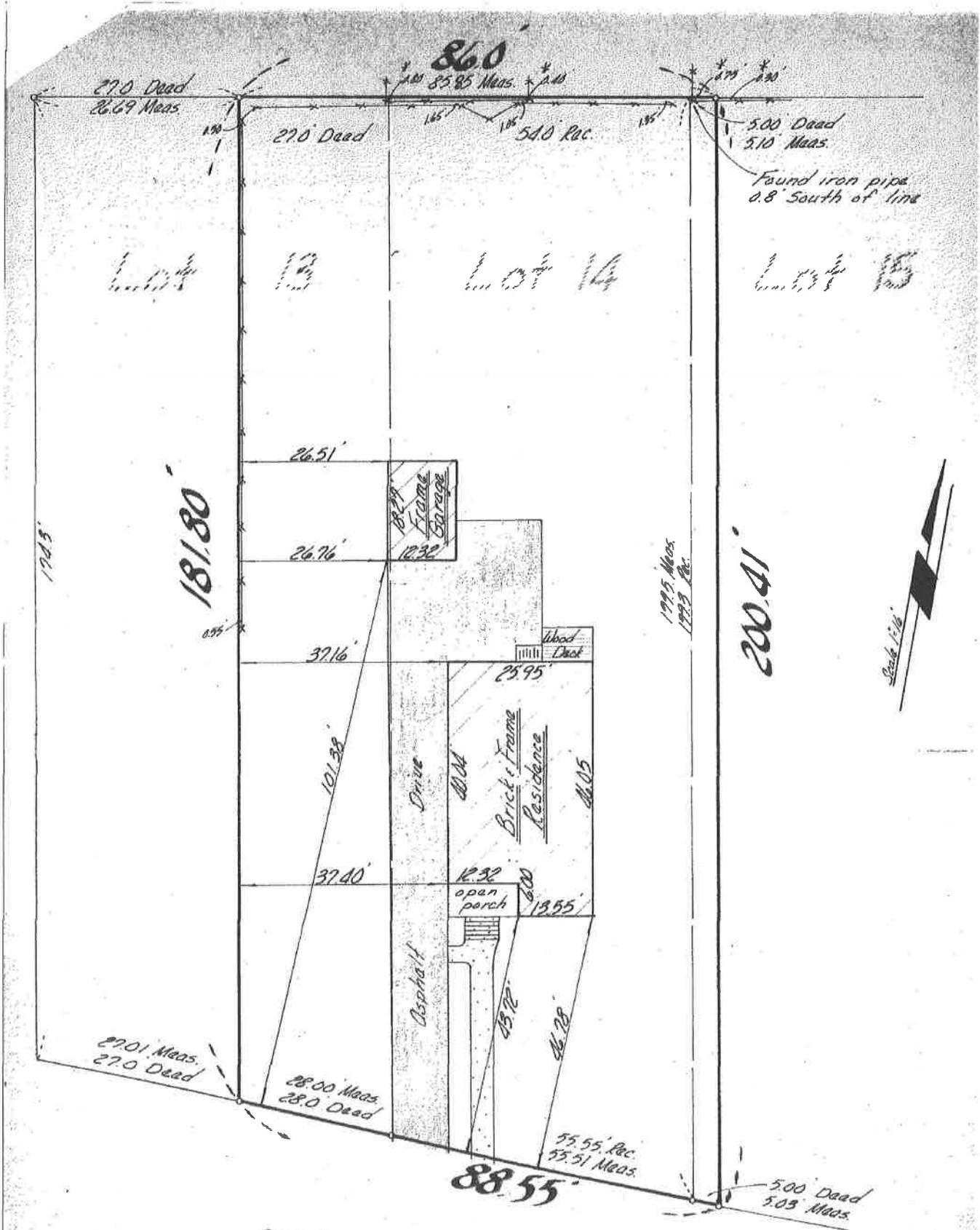
PROPERTY ADDRESS 1514 Thornwood

Downers Grove, Illinois

ORDER NO. 21440

THIS SURVEY ONLY VALID WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY EMBOSSED SEAL!!

Sheet 1 of 2



Thornwood Drive



Historic Landmark Information Form

Property Address 1514 Thornwood Drive, Downers Grove, IL 60516

Date of Construction circa 1927

Architectural Style Bungalow (Craftsman Style)

Architect (if known) unknown

Number of Stories 1 Basement (Y/N) Yes

Foundation Materials (Concrete, Concrete Block, Wood, Stone, Brick, N/A)

Concrete block

Exterior Wall Materials (Concrete, Wood, Stone, Brick, Vinyl, Other, N/A)

Brick

Roof Type (Gabled, Cross-Gabled, Hipped, Hipped-Gable, Shed, Gambrel, Flat, Other, N/A)

Jerkinhead (clipped) gable

Roof Materials (Metal, Wood Shingle, Wood Shake, Composition, Slate, Tile, Other, N/A)

Asphalt Shingle

Window Type (Double-Hung, Awning, Casement, Hopper, Other, N/A)

Double-Hung

Window Materials (Wood, Aluminum, Vinyl, Other, N/A)

Vinyl

Door Type (Panel, Flush, Transom, N/A) and Materials (Wood, Metal, Glass, N/A)

Wood panel

Other significant exterior architectural features (Accessory Structures, Arches, Porches, Towers, Brick Course, etc.)

- original bungalow porch window
- all original interior and exterior doors and hardware
- plaster walls

1514 Thornwood Drive



Exterior of the home- 2017

1514 Thornwood Drive



Exterior front of the home- 1953

Front Entry to the House



Original front door with original hardware



Original porch window



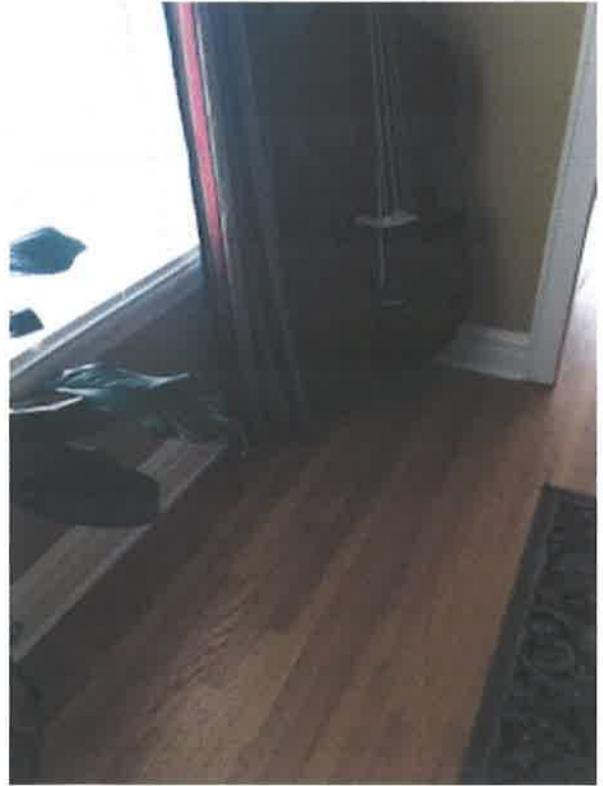
Original address marker

Front Entry to the House



Original front door and hardware

Interior- Original hardwood floors and woodwork



Interior

Original Interior of the back door with original hardware-off of the kitchen



Original kitchen cabinets with original hardware, now in use in the basement.



Example of an Interior Door- original with Original hardware

