

Public participation is invited. When called upon, please approach the microphone and state your name. Kindly limit your remarks to three (3) minutes.

VILLAGE OF VILLA PARK
Village of Villa Park, Committee of the Whole Room
20 S. Ardmore Avenue, 2nd Floor
Villa Park, IL 60181

Commission Chair: Laurie LoCoco
Commissioner: Jose Castillo, Joseph DeAntonis, Nancy Diver and Jeralynn Lee
Board Liaison: Khalid Sabri
Staff Liaison: Michelle House

Historical Preservation Commission

March 5, 2026

6:00 PM

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- 1. Call to Order - Roll Call**
- 2. Public Comments on Agenda Items**
- 3. Amendments to the Agenda**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Minutes of Meeting on January 8th, 2026
- 5. Old Business**
- 6. New Business**
 - a. Review of Application HP26-02 - 614 S. Illinois.
 - b. Information regarding Train Car 321
- 7. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**
- 8. Commissioner Comments**
- 9. Chairman Comments**
- 10. Adjournment**

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Village of Villa Park
Historical Preservation Commission
January 8, 2026

I. Call to Order

Chairperson LoCoco called the meeting of the Historical Preservation Commission to order at 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Present: Chairperson LoCoco, Commissioner Diver, and Commissioner Lee

Absent: Commissioner Castillo, Commissioner DeAntonis

A Quorum was present.

II. Public Comments on Agenda items – None

III. Amendments to the Agenda - None

IV. Approval of Minutes of the November 13, 2025, Meeting

- a. Commissioner Diver moved to approve November 13, 2025, minutes.
- b. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee.
- c. Voice Vote: The Ayes have it.

V. Old Business - None

VI. New Business

- a. Review of Application HP26-01-138 S. Yale Ave.
 - i. Staff presented historical background information on the application for 138 S Yale.

Chairperson LoCoco asked what name they were going to put on the plaque.

Michelle House said that in the last set of plaques they put the builder's name on the plaque.

Motion to vote on the 138 S Yale application made by Chairperson LoCocco

Seconded by Commissioner Diver

Roll Call

AYES: Lee, Diver LoCocco (3)

NAYS: (0)

AYES have it

Motion Passed

- b. Review of Application HP26-02 – 614 S. Illinois Ave.
 - i. Staff presented historical background information on the application for 614 S. Illinois.
 - ii. It was determined that further information is needed to approve this application. It will continue until the March 5th meeting.

Information needed, Name of builder, more history on the building, History for the web site tour. Commissioner Divers husband can give resources.

VII. Public Comments - None

VIII. Commissioner Comments

Open house what would they do differently. Have plaques at table and applications available. Think of other giveaway items.

IX. Chairman Comments - Commission could do temporary exhibits at the museum highlighting what they do. Should offer to other commissions on a rotating basis.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn made by Commissioner Diver

Seconded by Commissioner Lee

Voice Vote: AYES have it

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm



HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD

VILLAGE OF VILLA PARK

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Application: HP-26-____

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Every year the Historical Preservation Commission grants Historic Preservation Awards to owners of structures that have historical merit and are important to the Village's heritage. Villa Park is fortunate to be rich in diverse and historic architecture that gives the Village its unique character. To qualify for the Historic Preservation Award, the structure must be at least 50 years old, be significant in history (prominent owner, architect, or event), have a defined architectural style, or be a kit home (Sears, Aladdin, etc.). Anyone can nominate a home or structure for this award, however, owner consent is necessary for receiving this award. The physical award is a plaque, which is expected to be displayed on the exterior of the structure in a prominent location.

SUBJECT PROPERTY INFORMATION

Property Address:

614 South Illinois Ave Villa Park, IL 60181

Applicant:

Margaret Amerpohl & Steven Fuller

Applicant Address:

614 South Illinois Ave Villa Park, IL 60181

Applicant Email:

mea331@gmail.com

Applicant Phone:

(317) 331-1228

Owner(s) (if different from the Applicant):

SAME

Owner(s) Address:

SAME

Owner(s) Email:

SAME

Owner(s) Phone:

SAME

Architect (name and address – if known):

Developer/Contractor (name and address – if known):

Year Built:

1926

Applications Open	May 12, 2025
Applications Due	October 31, 2025
First Round of Review	January 8, 2026
Award Selection	March 5, 2026
Proclamation (VB)	April 27, 2026
Award Presentation (VB)	May 11, 2026

Submit applications via email to planning@invillapark.com or in person at 11 W Home Ave, Villa Park

For questions or concerns, contact the Community & Economic Development Department.

11 W Home Ave, Villa Park, IL 60181 | planning@invillapark.com | 630-433-4300



HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD

VILLAGE OF VILLA PARK

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Application: HP-26-____

BRIEF PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF STRUCTURE:

Chicago Bungalow – one and a half story, brick home with a low pitched roof, a front dormer and side front entrance. Red brick, wide front windows, sits on raised foundation with small side basement windows and large side and rear windows.

BRIEF HISTORICAL/ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE OF STRUCTURE:

1925 Build – Chicago Bungalow style home adapted the Prairie School design to city living. It's brick construction, craftsmanship and affordability made it a symbol of early 20th century middle class life and helped define Chicago's neighborhood character.

PERSONAL HISTORY WITH THE HOME:

How long have you lived here? Have you made any improvements to the home? Do you have a personal connection with Villa Park?

April 16, 2021 – 5yrs, 6months
Repointed & Tuck-pointed Brick Structure
Finished Hardwood Floors

APPLICATION SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

- Current photographs of all sides of the structure/property
- Historical photographs of the structure/property (if available)
- Elevations of the structure/property (if available) • Blueprints (if available)
- If a kit home (such as Sears, Aladdin, Gordon-Van Tine), include the model name and catalog sheet (if available)

Signature of Applicant

Date

Margaret Amerpohl *Steven Fuller* 10-18-25

Name (Please Print or Type)

Margaret Amerpohl, Steven Fuller

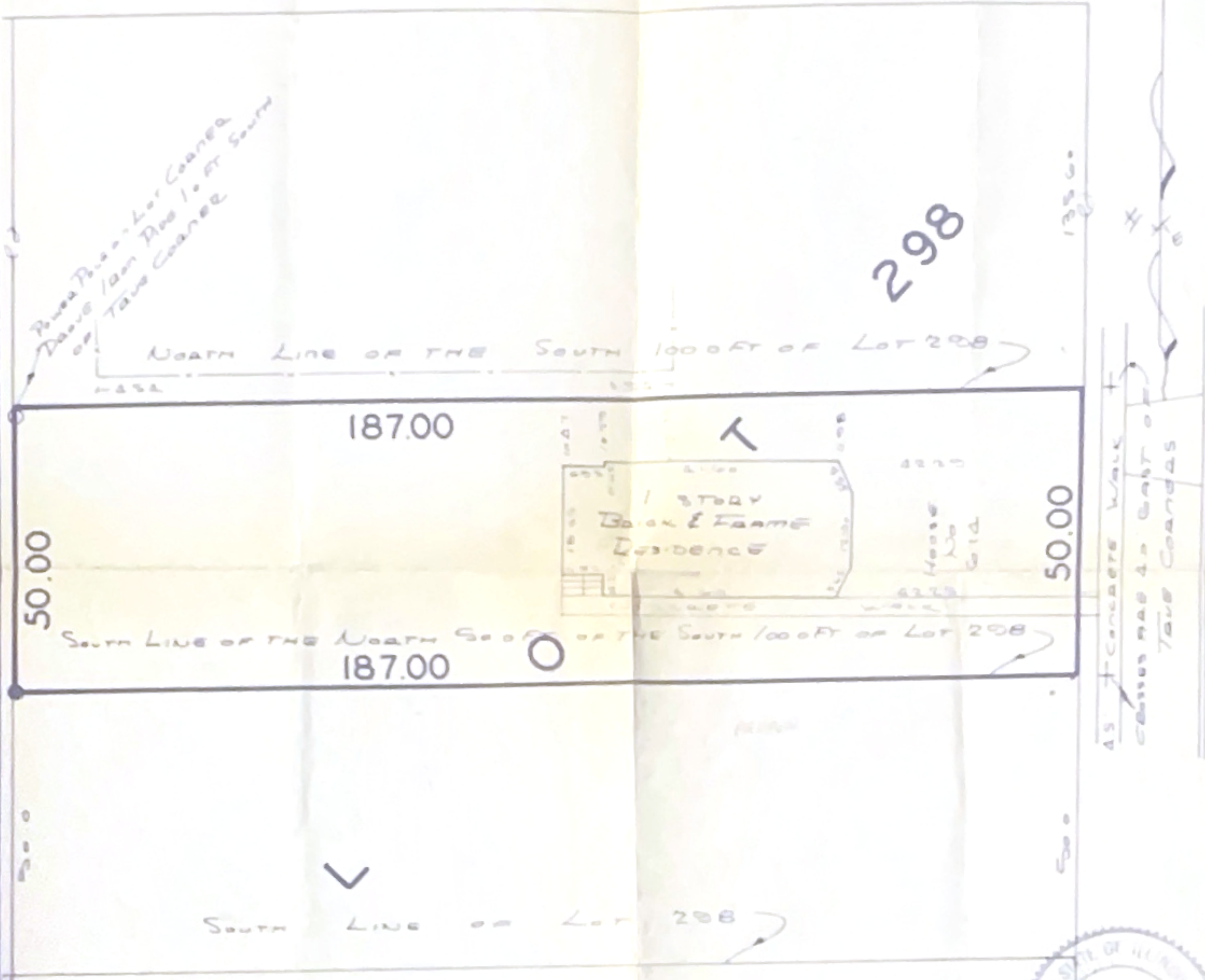
Signature of Owner of Record (if different from the Applicant)

Date

PLAT OF SURVEY

OF THE NORTH 50.0 FEET OF THE SOUTH 100.0 FEET OF LOT 298 IN ARDMORE, A SUBDIVISION IN SECTIONS 9 AND 10, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS,

WASHINGTON STREET



ILLINOIS AVENUE



THIS SURVEY AND PLAT OF SURVEY ARE VOID WITHOUT OUR EMBOSSED SURVEYOR SEAL HEREON.



STATE OF ILLINOIS
 COUNTY OF DUPAGE S.L.
 THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I, AN ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR, HAVE SURVEYED THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE CAPTION(S) AS SHOWN BY THE ANNEXED PLAT WHICH IS A CORRECT AND TRUE REPRESENTATION OF SAID SURVEY.
 GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL AT LOMBARD, ILLINOIS, THIS
 28TH DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 1983
Glen D. Krisch
 ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2562

BUILDINGS LOCATED AS SHOWN ON THIS
 28TH DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 1983.
Glen D. Krisch
 ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2562

REFER TO DEED OR GUARANTEE POLICY FOR BUILDING LINE RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS NOT SHOWN ON PLAT OF SURVEY

GLEN D. KRISCH
 LAND SURVEYOR
 555 SOUTH EDSON AVENUE
 LOMBARD, ILLINOIS 60148
 PHONE 602-5585

Order No. 7525-83
 File No. 12991
 For G.D. Smith & Son
 Notes:

- Found Iron Stake
- Drive Iron Stake
- All Dimensions Given in Feet and Decimals Thereof
- Scale of Plat 20 Feet to the Inch

Drawn *Tony*
 Checked

COMPARE DESCRIPTION AND POINTS BEFORE BUILDING AND REPORT ANY APPARENT DIFFERENCE TO THE SURVEYOR.

Bring CA&E Car 321 Home to Villa Park as a Monument

Ralph DiFebo

7/12/2025

IPPc director & project lead



“Some Restoration Needed”

- Car 321 Facts

- Length 55’
- Width 8.9’
- Height 13’
- Weight 9.5 Tons
- Year Built 1914

These pictures were taken several years ago. The car has deteriorated somewhat and will need some repairs and paint. The car has been stored in a barn and the inside of the car is being used as equipment and tool storage.



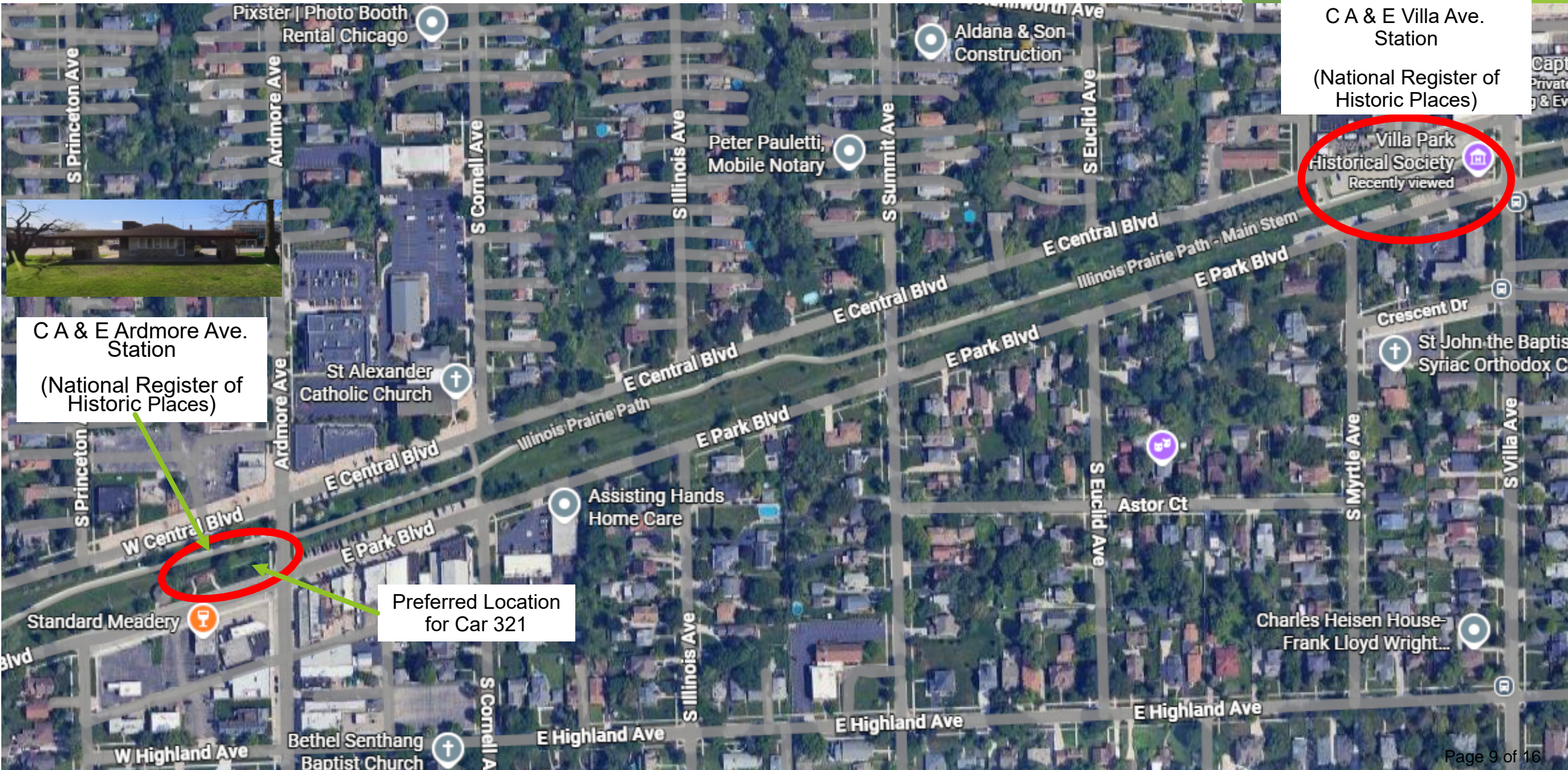
Where will Car 321 be located?



C A & E Villa Ave.
Station

(National Register of
Historic Places)

Villa Park
Historical Society
Recently viewed



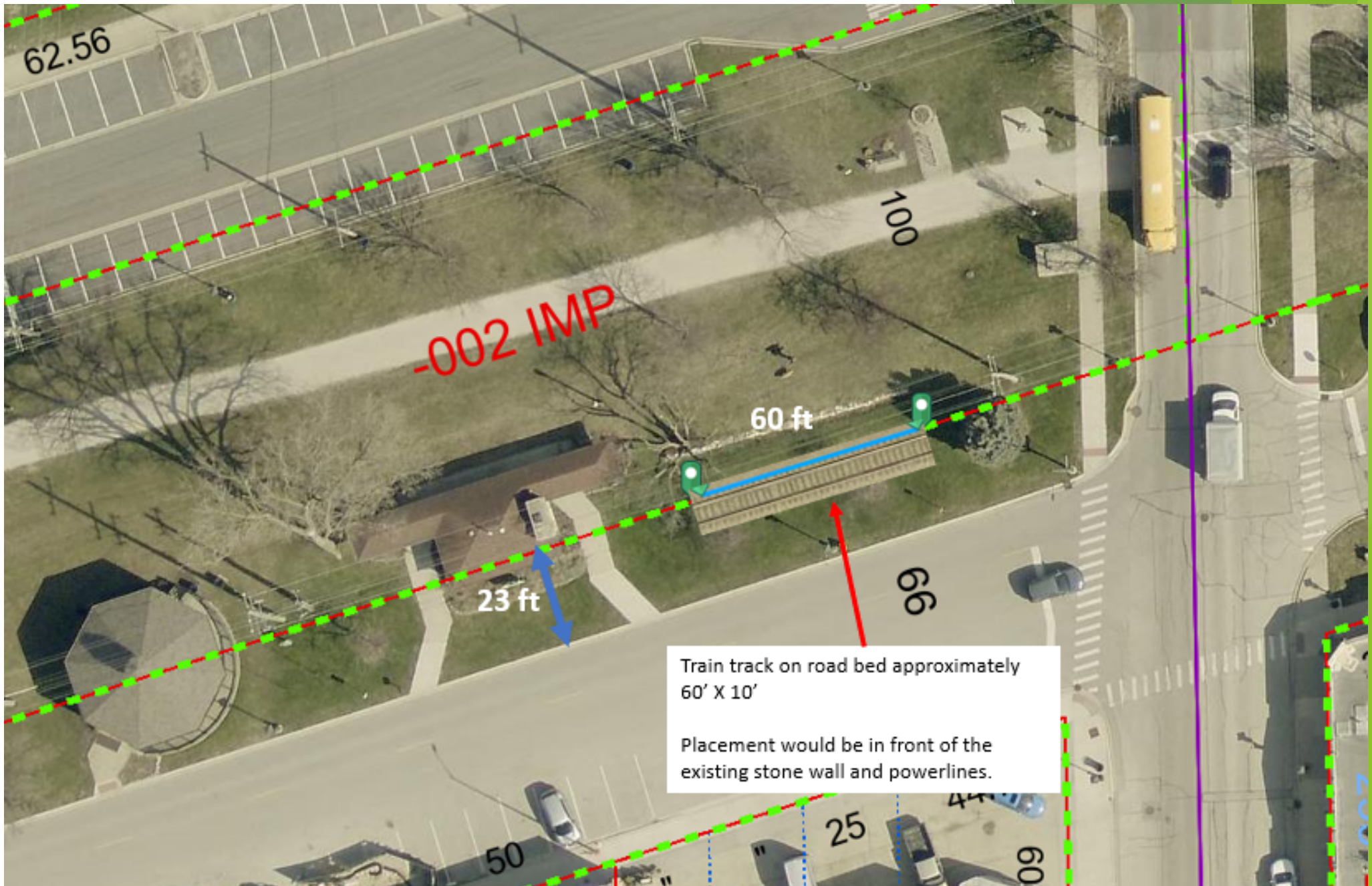
C A & E Ardmore Ave.
Station

(National Register of
Historic Places)

Preferred Location
for Car 321



Preferred Site



Our Team is prepared to create a monument to the CA&E Railroad (2026) in Villa Park

- ◆ What happens when Car 321 is donated?
 - ◆ Arrange for its transport to Villa Park
 - ◆ Install roadbed and track
 - ◆ Restore its exterior and roof
 - ◆ Secure and clean its interior / reserve options for future interior remodeling.
 - ◆ Create a station roof over it
 - ◆ Create a park around Car 321
 - ◆ Include it in Villa Park's security camera system and illuminate it.
 - ◆ Install a plaque commemorating the organizations and volunteers that have contributed to this monument.

Thank you for your generosity.

The IPPc appreciates our partnerships with the Illinois Railway Museum,
Fox River Trolley Museum, Village of Villa Park, & the Villa Park Historical Society.
All parties are very excited about this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Questions?



Current Photos of Car 321



ELECTRIC INTERURBAN CAR
 BUILT 1914
 CHICAGO AURORA AND ELGIN #321

Chicago Aurora & Elgin #321 Liveries

1914-1914 Fullman Green
 1924-1932 Dark Red
 1932-1941 Maroon Cream & Tan
 1941-1950 Blue Red & Light Grey
 1950-1957 Red & Light Grey

Car #321 is shown here in the yards at Whoston in 1941. It was then in the blue and grey paint scheme (like #309).

In 1914, when this car was built, wooden construction was already obsolete, but the CA&E was slow to respond. Other interurban lines had ordered steel cars years earlier. Compare this car to two others in the Museum's collection: Maryland Electric #28, built a year earlier, and North Shore #102, built a year later. Both have steel sides and arched roofs, and are much more modern in appearance.

COUPLERS AND BRAKES

You will notice that these cars are not equipped with the usual knuckle couplers used by standard railroads. These are Van Dorn couplers, and they were used by some electric lines because they are lighter in weight, work better on sharp curves, and cannot uncouple vertically. They are too weak for use on mainline freight trains but sufficient for electric passenger service.

The CA&E actually used three different kinds of couplers simultaneously: the wooden passenger cars were equipped with Van Dorns, the steel passenger cars with Tomlinson couplers (such as the couplers on Indiana RR car #65 across the aisle), and the freight and work equipment with conventional knuckle couplers (like the steeply cab locomotive across the aisle). Different types could not normally be coupled together, but adapters were available in an emergency.

However, the braking systems on these cars are much the same as used even today on mainline railroads. The air brakes on each car in the train are connected by the hoses under the couplers. Air is pumped into the line to charge the system and release the brakes. The brakes are applied by reducing the pressure in the train line, so the brakes will be applied automatically if a hose breaks or some other sort of problem develops, making this a "fail safe" system. And an emergency cord on each car can be used to open a valve and set the brakes.

Preserved Chicago Aurora & Elgin Equipment

Type	No.	Year	Builder	Location
Work equipment (blue car)	11	1910	Bell	FRFM
Wooden passenger cars:	30	1912	Niles	FRFM
	36	1913	Stephenson	TUSA
	505	1916	Niles	TUSA
	506	1916	Niles	ERM
	509	1917	Hisco	ERM
	515	1919	Kohman	FRFM
	516	1913	Jewett	FRFM
	517	1913	Jewett	FRFM
	519	1914	Jewett	TUSA
	528	1914	Jewett	MEHM
	531	1914	Jewett	IRM
	601	1913	Fullman	TUSA
	421	1927	Chicopee	IRM
	434	1927	Chicopee	STM
	451	1948	St. Louis	TUSA
	453	1948	St. Louis	TUSA
	490	1948	St. Louis	TUSA
	491	1948	St. Louis	TUSA
Steel passenger cars:				

Key to locations:
 FRFM - Fox River Trolley Museum, South Elgin, IL
 IRM - Illinois Railway Museum, Union, IL
 MEHM - Midland Electric Railway Museum, Mt. Pleasant, IA
 ERM - Rockhill Trolley Museum, Rockhill Furnace, PA
 STM - Southern Trolley Museum, Kennebunkport, ME
 TUSA - Trolleyville, U.S.A., Otsego Falls, NY

Current Photos of Car 321



Current Photos of Car 321 (interior)



What Could
Be

Renovated
Sister
Car 319



Galaxy A52 5G