Introduction

Village of Powell Color Palettes

The color schemes

Village of Powell color schemes are based on those found in *Century of Color: Exterior Decoration for American Buildings - 1820/1920* written in 1981 by Roger Moss. The *Century of Color* palettes were developed with the help of the Sherwin Williams paint company after extensive research into 19th and early 20th century books on exterior decoration and paint company samples from that period. Unfortunately, neither the *Century of Color* book or the Sherwin Williams paint sample card which accompanied it are available today.

The color schemes which follow have been matched as closely as possible to the Century of Color palettes. Schemes from at least three paint companies at varying price and quality points have been provided for your convenience. This is not intended to limit choices to these companies, nor is it to be implied as a direct endorsement of their products. The intention is to provide suggested paint colors to be used in the Village, and a visual example of how these schemes would have been used historically.

How to use the palettes

There are several possible ways to use these palettes when choosing colors for your structure, the following are a few suggestions:

- Select a color scheme from this book, and purchase paint from the companies which are represented.
- Select a color scheme from this book, obtain samples from the companies represented, and have those samples matched by the paint, siding or trim company of your choice.
- Bring paint, siding, or trim samples from the company of your choice to the Village office and compare them to those in the book to find the closest match.

Paint and other material color selections which follow the schemes suggested in this book may be approved by the Village building inspector without Historic District Board review. Mixing colors between the palettes is also acceptable, and such schemes may also be approved by the building inspector alone, unless he or she desires advice from the Historic District Review Board. Color schemes which vary significantly from the suggested palettes may also be acceptable, but will *require* Historic District Board review. Such schemes will be evaluated for their compatibility with the acceptable palettes.

NOTE: An exact match to the colors in this book will not always be possible, especially when using other paint companies or manufactured materials, such as vinyl siding. Colors that are *reasonably close* to the paint samples presented will be accepted.

How the palettes are set up

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NOTES:

- 1. Body colors should be used for the main parts of the building, for example, the siding in a wood frame structure.
- 2. Trim colors may be used for large decorative elements such as an area of decorative shingles or the major structural portions of a porch. All trim colors may also be used as accent colors.
- 3. Accent colors should be used only in small doses. Use them to pick out detailing on trim, for banding in cornices or under the eaves, or for a shot of color on a door.
- 4. The simpler the building, the fewer colors should be used. Since most of the architecture in Powell is relatively simple, schemes should be kept to two or three colors. More elaborate buildings, with recognizable styles, such as Italianate, Queen Anne, and Eastlake may be enlivened by the use of more varied color schemes.
- 5. More information on painting and colors can be found on pages 71 to 73 of the Village of Powell Architectural Guidelines.

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Group I Color Scheme: A palette of delicate, natural colors such as straw, sand, earth, and clay.

Styles/Building Types:

Cottages and other small scale building types









Group II Color Scheme: A palette of generally darker colors, with a few of the earlier, lighter colors persisting. More vivid contrast and accenting of details is prevalent.

Styles/Building Types:

Italianate style, Gabeled Ell, and Upright and Wing building types



BODY

TRIM/ACCENT







Group III Color Scheme: A palette of saturated colors, which were previously used as trim colors, used as

body colors. Olives, oranges, and reds are used to emphasize architectural mass,

materials, volumes, and structure.

Styles/Building Types:

Queen Anne, Eastlake, Stick styles and early (vertically proportioned) Single Gable building types









Group IV Color Scheme: A palette of slightly lighter, less agressive colors. Emphasis on materials and

structure continues.

Styles/Building Types: Bungalow style, American Foursquare, and later (broader, horizontally proportioned) Single Gable building types







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