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The Hammond Historic Preservation Commission held a meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, in person and via Zoom.us.

The meeting began at 5:32 p.m.

PRESENT
Amanda Aguilera (Z)
Kevin Clutter (IP)
Laurie Czulno (IP)
Janet Evans (IP)
Debbie McGough (IP)
Patrick Swibes (IP)
Anne Taylor (IP)

ABSENT
Christopher Jones
ALSO PRESENT
Brian L. Poland, AICP
Director of City Planning

Tom Novak

Assistant City Planner

Shannon Morris-Smith

Secretary

Ray Escamilla I.T., Zoom

PRESENT- 7

ABSENT-1

QUORUM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Swibes called for approval of the minutes for January 9, 2024. Ms. Czulno so moved, seconded by Ms. Taylor. Roll call vote. Amanda Aguilera/yes, Kevin Clutter/yes, Laurie Czulno/yes, Janet Evans/yes, Debbie McGough/yes, Patrick Swibes/yes, Anne Taylor/yes. 7 "Ayes", 0 "Nays", 1 "Absent", 0 "Abstentions". Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

OLD BUSINESS

Project Updates

Educational Assistance and Communications Committee

On-line display – Ms. Czulno stated the Woodmar on-line presentation was still being worked on. New photos of the homes will be taken in the upcoming week.

The 2024 project will begin sometime in the near future. There has been a delay in starting the project with the library closing. Mr. Poland asked what was the topic of the first project for 2024. Ms. Czulno stated the three (3) local landmark building. The project would be a physical display and an online display. This would also be the preservation month display in May. There was a discussion on the proclamation process and the time frame to be completed.

2024 Project/Little Red Schoolhouse – Mr. Novak stated there were no new updates. There was a discussion on the options of contacting the representatives of the Little Red Schoolhouse to set up a meeting.

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Special Projects Committee - There were no new projects to report.

<u>Designation Committee</u> – Ms. Taylor stated the committee was tasked to select their top five (5) choices. The committee would set up a meeting to reconcile their selections. Mr. Poland stated he would like to pursue the Archway Building. There was a discussion on other structures on the list, and the things to consider when making the top five (5) selections.

Ms. Czulno stated she reached out to the homeowner at 7220 Forest Avenue. There has not been a response as of today. Ms. Czulno stated she would advise the Commission if she hears from the homeowner either way.

Mr. Novak commented on the Minus house. There was discussion on the Minus house as a prospective landmark candidate.

Design Review Committee – There were no new updates.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

COMMISIONERS COMMENTS

There were none.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Novak discussed a potential project for the HPC. The project would involve walk/drive through of different neighborhoods/Harrison Park neighborhood to identify properties that were interesting, vacant, or endangered. Ms. McGough stated she would be willing to walk the neighbor and participate with the project.

Mr. Novak encouraged the Commissioners to look into the NAPC membership. The cost was \$35. The Commissioners would be informed and able to participate in trainings. There was a discussion on the upcoming training in South Bend.

LIAISON COMMENTS

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. McGough motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Czulno. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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APPROVED: 3-5-24

Patrick Swibes, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Shannon Morris-Smith, Secretary