

The Hammond Historic Preservation Commission held a meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, in person and via [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us).

The meeting began at 5:32 p.m.

PRESENT

Amanda Aguilera (Z)
Kevin Clutter (IP)
Janet Evans (IP)
Debbie McGough (Z)
Patrick Swibes (IP)

ABSENT

Laurie Czulno
Anne Taylor
Christopher Jones (IP)

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- 5

ABSENT- 3

QUORUM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Swibes called for approval of the minutes for the May 14, 2024 meeting. Ms. McGough requested that the minutes be corrected to show that she was late to the meeting, but she was present. Mr. Swibes called for approval of the amended minutes. Mr. Clutter so moved, seconded by Ms. Evans. Roll call vote. Amanda Aguilera/yes, Kevin Clutter/yes, Janet Evans/yes, Debbie McGough/yes, Patrick Swibes/yes. 5 "Ayes", 0 "Nays", 3 "Absent", 0 "Abstentions". Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

COA Review – 24-01 229 Ogden Street

Mr. Poland stated the COA was a staff approval for repaving a portion of the existing paving in the rear yard. The concrete and asphalt are deteriorated. The work was expected to begin on June 10th.

Mr. Poland discussed the status of the siding permit for 229 Ogden Street. Staff was still awaiting information from the contractor. A new COA number would be assigned at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS

Project Updates

Educational Assistance and Communications Committee

On-line display – Mr. Poland stated there were hand outs with the text on the Towle House presentation. Mr. Poland stated he had further questions on the information. Mr. Poland stated he would have a further discussion with Ms. Czulno upon her return. Ms. Evans stated the Towle House presentation was not anticipated to be completed until September. Ms. Evans further stated a fourth project has been added. The project was related to architectural termination. Mr.

Poland advised the committee that there were architectural dictionaries in the City Planning office.

2024 Project/Little Red Schoolhouse – Mr. Novak stated the building has been painted and the door was fixed, but he was not sure who did the work. Ms. Aguilera stated Calumet Painting. Mr. Clutter stated there were some rudimentary roof repairs. Mr. Poland asked Mr. Novak if there was a permit issued since the work was done on City property. Mr. Novak stated he was not aware. Mr. Poland asked Mr. Novak to check if there was a permit and who hired the contractor.

Mr. Poland further discussed the need to be in contact with the representatives from the Little Red Schoolhouse. Ms. Aguilera stated she has been in contact with the representatives. Ms. Aguilera was awaiting on a confirmed date and time from the representatives. Mr. Poland requested that a Hammond Historical Society member that was not a City of Hammond employee accompany her to the meeting.

Special Projects Committee – Mr. Novak stated the DVD Hammond...Our Home, Our Community was mailed to Ray Escamilla. There was a discussion on the compatibility of the DVD to be posted on the Gohammond.com website.

Designation Committee – Mr. Swibes stated the Lustron Home at 2121 169th Street was removed from the list because it had been altered. A confirmation was still needed on 1409 Amy Court. Mr. Poland requested that the committee get a resolution and finalize the list. Mr. Swibes stated a committee meeting would be set within the next week.

Design Review Committee

229 Ogden Street – Mr. Poland stated the asphalt repair COA was resolved. The COA for the siding would be placed back on the agenda. The deck would be revisited after the homeowner researches the original deck.

5935 Hohman Avenue – Mr. Novak stated a paving permit to overlay and stripe the parking lot. The contractor was JIF Paving.

Mr. Novak discussed the opportunity to work with someone to assist with creating an interactive bike trail map. There was a discussion on the matter. Mr. Swibes stated that he reviewed the website and encouraged the other Commissioners to do the same. Mr. Swibes stated that he thought this was conceptually a good place to start.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Mr. Clutter advised the Commissioners that he would be attending the Preserving History seminar in Cedar Lake, IN.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Poland reconfirmed that the next HPC meeting was on July 9, 2024.

LIAISON COMMENTS

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT


Ms. Evans motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. McGough. The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

APPROVED: _____

7-9-24


Patrick Swibes, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____


Shannon Morris-Smith, Secretary