

The Hammond Historic Preservation Commission held a meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, in person and via [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us).

The meeting began at 5:30 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Amanda Aguilera (IP)  
Kevin Clutter (IP)  
Laurie Czulno (IP)  
Janet Evans (IP)  
Patrick Swibes (IP)

**ABSENT**

Debbie McGough  
Anne Taylor  
Christopher Jones

**ALSO PRESENT**

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 June 4, 2024 meeting. Ms. Evans so moved, seconded by Mr. Clutter. Roll call vote. Amanda Aguilera/yes, Kevin Clutter/yes, Laurie Czulno/yes, Janet Evans/yes, Patrick Swibes/yes. 5 “Ayes”, 0 “Nays”, 3 “Absent”, 0 “Abstentions”. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

COA Review – 24/02 5935 Hohman Avenue

Mr. Novak stated the COA was a staff approval for repaving near the public alleyway. The contractor was JIF Paving LLC, 11908 W. 108<sup>th</sup> Pl., St. John, IN. Staff worked with Lori Dedelow from Montessori Children’s Schoolhouse to complete the application. Staff approved a generic 2700 Sq. Ft. Overlay with approximately 2 inches. Mr. Novak further stated details were included in the packet for review.

Mr. Novak shared a discussion that he and Lori Dedelow had regarding future work for the front porch.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Project Updates**

**Educational Assistance and Communications Committee**

**On-line display** – Ms. Evans stated that Mr. Poland was reviewing the Towle House project and the committee was awaiting his comments. The project was ready for I.T. pending approval.

The Montessori Children’s Schoolhouse project was almost complete. The fourth project was in the beginning stage. There was discussion on the architectural terms and photos of properties that would be applied to the terms. Ms. Czulno stated that addresses of the homes would not be displayed in the project, but the committee would have the addresses for their reference.

**Website Review** – Mr. Novak reviewed the second quarter online display counts. The number one project reviewed was Gavit High School. The top three were all high schools.

The Our Hammond, Our Community DVD has been uploaded to the Gohammond.tv and the Go Hammond YouTube page.

**2024 Project/Little Red Schoolhouse** – Ms. Aguilera stated that she spoke with representatives from the Little Red Schoolhouse. A tour was given and Ms. Aguilera was able to assess the building and different issue areas that had been discussed in prior HPC meetings. The main building was in really good condition. Small desk, etc., needed repairs. The broken door was almost done being repaired. It still needed stain. Ms. Aguilera stated the roof has been patched, but the representatives were told that a new roof would be needed within 2-3 years. The basement appeared to need the most repairs. There was a humidity issue and the flooring has been affected.

The basement was like a small museum area with 6-7 glass cases with small artifacts and archival items. Some of the items were original and some were reproduced. Ms. Aguilera stated there was a small archival collection that she offered to assist with processing the items and getting a full finding of what was there. Ms. Aguilera further stated she offered to assist with instructions on storing the items and supplies from the Local History Room.

The representatives expressed an interest to Ms. Aguilera regarding exploring official historic preservation with the HPC. Ms. Aguilera stated she had another meeting in the next two weeks to begin going through their archival collection. Ms. Aguilera advised the Commissioners to provide her with any questions that they might have. And that the representatives seems to be open to others participating with advance notice.

Ms. Evans asked where was the money coming from for repairs. Ms. Aguilera stated it appears that they receive donations and money from the volunteers.

Mr. Swibes stated this would be the perfect opportunity for the Commission to work with the LRSH and give them guidance. The Commission was not able to not able to recommend specific contractors. Mr. Swibes further stated they could reach out to the Roofers Union for contractual work by their apprentices. There was further discussion on how the Commission would be able to assist.

**Special Projects Committee** – There were no new updates.

**Designation Committee** – Mr. Swibes stated the committee needed to confirm if the Lustron Homes on the current Landmark Designation Priority List were still in condition to remain on the list. It was determined that 2047 169<sup>th</sup> Street should be removed because it has been extremely altered with siding. The Lustron Home located at 1409 Amy Court was in good condition and would remain on the list.

Mr. Swibes called for a motion to adopt the Landmark Designation Priority List with the amendments. Ms. Czulno so moved, seconded by Mr. Clutter. Roll call vote. Amanda Aguilera/yes, Kevin Clutter/yes, Laurie Czulno/yes, Janet Evans/yes, Patrick Swibes/yes. 5 "Ayes", 0 "Nays", 3 "Absent", 0 "Abstentions". Motion carried.

**Design Review Committee**

**229 Ogden Street** – Mr. Novak stated the homeowner wanted to research the potential redesign of the porch to conform more with the historical accuracy. The photos that were provided by the HPC was provided to the owner for reference.

The discussion on the siding replacement has not moved forward as of today's meeting. The permit for the asphalt paving has been completed and but has not been picked up by the contractor.

Mr. Swibes asked how long was the COA valid. Mr. Novak stated the building permit was valid for 1 year and he believed the COA was valid for the same length of time.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was none

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

There were none.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Mr. Novak advised the Commissioners that the Hammond Historical Society would have their next meeting on Saturday, September 7, 2024. The Bishop Noll 100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration would be presented.

There will be a memorial dedication of the 1919 Standard Steel Car Co., strike, where 4 union members were murdered. This will take place on Saturday, September 14, 2024, at 11a.m., at the Ophelia Steen Center (northeast corner), located at 5927 Columbia Avenue, Hammond, IN 46320.

**LIAISON COMMENTS**

There was none.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.


**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Czulno motioned to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

APPROVED: 8-6-24

  
Patrick Swibes, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Shannon Morris-Smith, Secretary