

The Hammond Historic Preservation Commission held a meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 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)  
Anne Taylor (IP)

**ABSENT**

Christopher Jones  
Debbie McGough

**ALSO PRESENT**

Brian L. Poland, AICP  
Director of City Planning

Tom Novak  
Asst. City Planner

Shannon Morris-Smith  
Secretary

Ray Escamilla  
I.T., Zoom

PRESENT- 6

ABSENT- 2

QUORUM

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Swibes called for approval of the minutes for the July 9, 2024 meeting. Ms. Czulno so moved, seconded by Ms. Evans. Roll call vote. Amanda Aguilera/yes, Kevin Clutter/yes, Laurie Czulno/yes, Janet Evans/yes, Anne Taylor/yes, Patrick Swibes/yes. 6 “Ayes”, 0 “Nays”, 2 “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 incorrect version of the Towle House summary was in the packet. Ms. Czulno would resend the version that addressed Mr. Poland’s comments. Ms. Czulno would also resend the link for the photos.

Ms. Czulno stated the committee was ready for the Commission to review and make comments on the Northern States Life Insurance Company Building. This would be sent in a separate email to staff and the Commissioners.

There was discussion on a third project. The project would be about architectural details within the City of Hammond. This would include architectural descriptions and definitions. There would be pictures of local buildings with architectural designs that would be examples of the specific characteristics. It would also involve taking pictures of the architectural detail of

buildings and adding captions to describe the architectural detail. There would not be any addresses identified to preserve the owners' privacy. Mr. Poland further discussed the challenges that the committee may encounter with specific types of homes in Hammond.

**2024 Project/Little Red Schoolhouse** – Ms. Aguilera stated that she met with the representatives from the Little Red Schoolhouse and started going through their archive collection. The collection was similar to the Hammond Public Library's local history room. A new dehumidifier has been purchased to address the humidity issue. Mr. Poland asked Ms. Aguilera to see if she could find any documentation regarding the moving of the building, and the relationship with the Hammond Parks Department.

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

**Designation Committee** – Mr. Poland stated the Landmark Designation Priority List was adopted at the last meeting, and asked what were the next steps. Mr. Swibes stated the committee could schedule a meeting to determine the next steps.

**Design Review Committee**

**229 Ogden Street** – Mr. Novak stated there were no new updates to report to the committee. The homeowner has not responded since their last communication about 4-6 weeks ago. Mr. Poland asked Mr. Novak to follow up with the homeowner.

**Montessori Schoolhouse** – Mr. Poland asked for a status update on the proposed porch work. Mr. Novak stated that someone from the school would reach out when they were ready to do the work.

There was a discussion on the existing stone. Mr. Novak stated Ms. Dedelow was aware and the school was aware and wanted the stones to match.

Mr. Swibes reported that the paving and striping has been completed and the lot looks good.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was none

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

There were none.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Mr. Poland advised the Commissioners that the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2024.

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

Mr. Novak further stated there would 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 11 a.m., at the Ophelia Steen Center (northeast corner), located at 5927 Columbia Avenue, Hammond, IN 46320. There was a discussion on the status of the marker production and donations.

**LIAISON COMMENTS**

There was none.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

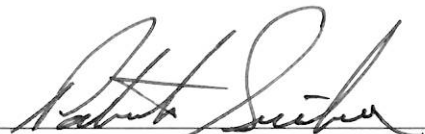
There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT**


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

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

9-10-24

  
Patrick Swibes, Chairperson

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Shannon Morris-Smith, Secretary