The Hammond Historic Preservation Commission held a meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, in person and via Zoom.us.

The meeting began at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT	ABSENT	ALSO PRESENT
Amanda Aguilera (Z)	Christopher Jones	Brian L. Poland, AICP
Kevin Clutter (IP)		Director of City Planning
Laurie Czulno (IP)		
Janet Evans (IP)		Tom Novak
Patrick Swibes (IP)		Asst. City Planner
Anne Taylor (IP)		
Debbie McGough (IP)		Ray Escamilla
		I.T., Zoom
PRESENT- 7	ABSENT- 1	QUORUM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Mr. Swibes called for a motion to approve the minutes for the August 6, 2024 meeting. Ms. Czulno so moved, seconded by Mr. Clutter. Roll call vote. Amanda Aguilera/yes, Kevin Clutter/yes, Laurie Czulno/yes, Janet Evans/yes, Anne Taylor/yes, Debbie McGough/yes, Patrick Swibes/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 – There was a review and discussion on the Towle House material in the packet. Ms. Czulno stated the Towle House presentation has been completed if there were not any additional edits from the Commissioners. There were not any additional corrections. Ms. Czulno would submit the presentation to Mr. Escamilla after the meeting.

Mr. Poland discussed the comments that he gave Ms. Czulno regarding the Northern States Life Insurance Company building. Ms. Czulno would build descriptions for the photos that the committee had. There was a further discussion on articles in the Hammond Public Library regarding the interior of the building. There was a decision to highlight the interior of the building. It was also discussed to inform the public that the building was privately owned with restricted access. There was a consensus to work on the presentation to include the additional information and update at next months meeting.

Ms. Czulno stated the committee has been discussing the architectural definitions that would be used for the project. Buildings in Hammond would be used for illustrations to the definitions to give people a general understanding of the buildings within the City of Hammond. This would

include architectural descriptions and definitions. Mr. Poland recommended comparing the line drawings in the architectural dictionaries for door columns and Corinthian columns. Ms. Czulno stated the working name of the presentation was " Hammond, Looking Up". Ms. McGough would provide Ms. Czulno with the previous materials that were used for a similar project.

2024 Project/Little Red Schoolhouse – Ms. Aguilera stated that she would make an appointment this week to go to the schoolhouse to continue working.

Special Projects Committee – There were no new updates.

Designation Committee – Mr. Swibes stated the committee has not set up a meeting. Ms. Taylor stated the committee has chosen the top five properties. There was a discussion on the next steps in the process prior to reaching out to the owners.

Design Review Committee
229 Ogden Street – Mr. Novak stated there were no new updates to report to the committee.

Montessori Schoolhouse – Mr. Poland stated all of the permits have been taken care of and there were upcoming final inspections.

CORRESPONDENCE
There was none

COMMISIONERS COMMENTS
There were none.

STAFF COMMENTS
Mr. Poland advised the Commissioners that the property at 28-34 Ruth Street was in significant deterioration with holes in the roof, water damage, and fears of the building collapsing on the adjacent property. The City has been in the process of having the building demolished through the Unsafe Building Laws. The designated funding source for the demolition is the Community Development Block Grant. Mr. Poland further stated the demolition was eight percent (80%) through the Section 106 Review process. The property is a contributing building and a National Register eligible historic district the full Section 106 Review process has to be completed. The City and SHPO were working through on a memorandum of agreement that would allow the use of CDBG fund to demolish the building.

Mr. Poland discussed the proposed mitigation measure. There was a discussion on the State requirement to explain where items that were not demolished will be retained.

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 11a.m., at the Ophelia Steen Center (northeast corner), located at 5927 Columbia

Avenue, Hammond, IN 46320.

Mr. Poland stated the Hammond Historical Society was gearing up for the cemetery tour on Sunday, October 6, 2024. Volunteers were requested to help out in various areas. Carrie Tharpe and Ruth Moore were the point of contacts if anyone was interested in volunteering.

Mr. Poland advised the Commissioners that Shannon Morris-Smith was absent due to her grandmother's funeral.

LIAISON COMMENTS
There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
There were none.

ADJOURNMENT
Ms. Taylor motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Czulno. The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

APPROVED: 10-1-24

Patrick Swibes, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Shannon Morris-Smith, Secretary