

Hammond Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes of June 10, 2025

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The Hammond Historic Preservation Commission held a meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, in person and via [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us).

The meeting began at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Anne Anderson
Laurie Czulno
Christopher Jones

ALSO PRESENT

Brian L. Poland, AICP
Director of City Planning

Tom Novak
Asst. City Planner

Shannon Morris-Smith
Recording Secretary

Ray Escamilla
I.T., Zoom

PRESENT- 5

ABSENT- 3

QUORUM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Swibes called for a motion to table the minutes for the October 1, 2024 meeting. Ms. McGough so moved, seconded by Mr. Clutter . 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.

Mr. Swibes called for a motion to approve the minutes for the May 6, 2025 meeting. Ms. Evans so moved, seconded by Mr. Clutter. 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

There was none.

OLD BUSINESS

Project Updates

Educational Assistance and Communications Committee

On-line display – Ms. Evans advised the Commissioners that the physical display has been completed and invited the Commissioners to stop by the first floor to view it. Ms. Evans stated Ms. Czulno organized the display board by herself.

The committee was proposing to do four presentations as opposed to three presentations. The second presentation would be Eight Styles of Architecture and Houses. The third presentation would be Steeples and Domes. The fourth presentation would be Commercial Buildings. Ms.

Evans shared with the Commissioners that Mr. Poland discussed with her the need to move up the research on the Indiana Botanical Gardens. The committee would need to discuss changing the order of the projects to begin working on the Indiana Botanical Gardens. Ms. Evans further stated that a lot of photos and copies from the library has been completed. It was anticipated to begin working on the Indiana Botanical Gardens project around the beginning of July.

Mr. Poland summarized the goal of the Botanical Garden project and its relationship to the Section 106 Review. There were a lot a photographs that could be used for the Section 106 Review. The same analogy that has been used for 28-34 Ruth Street SHPO requirements would be the same analogy used for the Botanical Gardens Section 106 Review.

2025 Project/Little Red Schoolhouse – Ms. Aguilera stated the earliest time she would be able to gain access to the building would be mid July.

Special Projects Committee – There were no new updates.

Designation Committee – Mr. Poland advised the Commissioners that the final version of the priority list was in the packet.

Mr. Swibes did not have any updates for the Commissioners. The committee would be meeting in the next week. A letter to the Banc would be composed to invite the owners to discuss the possibility of landmarking the building. Mr. Poland requested that the draft letter be sent to him for review and approval prior to sending out. There was a discussion on what the content of the letter should be. Mr. Poland referred to the COA brochure as a reference and advise the owner of the procedure.

Ms. McGough commented that St. John the Baptist Church was not on the list. Mr. Swibes stated the list would remain as is for the time.

Design Review Committee – There were no new updates.

5935 Hohman Avenue - Montessori Schoolhouse – Mr. Novak stated July 7, 2025 was the tentative date for the renovations that were approved in October 2024 to begin.

229 Ogden Street – Mr. Novak stated there were no new updates.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Poland reviewed the handout that was included in the packet regarding funding issues affecting the federal level of the historic preservation fund.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Mr. Clutter advised the Commissioners that the west side mechanism on the Goldblatt's Clock was not working. There was a discussion on the ownership of the clock and maintenance of the clock. Mr. Poland stated the City of Hammond owned the clock, but the library was responsible

for the maintenance. Mr. Poland requested that a commission member discuss the issue with the library and report back to the Commissioners next month.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Poland advised the Commissioners that the meeting location would be relocated to the ground floor conference room beginning with the July 8, 2025 meeting.

LIAISON COMMENTS

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

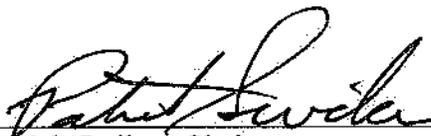
There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. McGough motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Evans. The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

APPROVED: _____

7-8-25


Patrick Swibes, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____


Shannon Morris-Smith, Secretary