

The Hammond Historic Preservation Commission held a meeting on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, in person and via [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us).

The meeting began at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Amanda Aguilera (Z)
Anne Taylor (IP)
Kevin Clutter (IP)
Laurie Czulno (IP)
Janet Evans (IP)
Debbie McGough (IP) 5:34 p.m.
Patrick Swibes (IP)

ABSENT

Christopher Jones

ALSO PRESENT

Brian L. Poland, AICP
Director of City Planning

Tom Novak

Asst. City Planner

Shannon Morris-Smith
Recording Secretary

PRESENT- 7

ABSENT- 1

QUORUM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Swibes called for a motion to table the minutes for the October 1, 2024 meeting. Ms. Czulno so moved, seconded by Mr. Clutter. Roll call vote. Amanda Aguilera/yes, Anne Taylor/yes, Kevin Clutter/yes, Laurie Czulno/yes, Janet Evans/yes, Patrick Swibes/yes. 6 “Ayes”, 0 “Nays”, 2 “Absent”, 0 “Abstentions”. Motion carried.

Mr. Swibes called for a motion to approve the minutes for the June 10, 2025 meeting. Mr. Clutter so moved, seconded by Ms. Evans. Roll call vote. Amanda Aguilera/yes, Anne Taylor/yes, Kevin Clutter/yes, Laurie Czulno/yes, Janet Evans/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 – Mr. Poland asked if the Commissioners received the material that Ms. Czulno sent to everyone. Mr. Poland lead a discussion on the major architectural styles and the subtypes. The Chicago Bungalow style was a subtype of the Bungalow Arts and Crafts Style. One of the important things to point out about the Chicago Bungalow was the front window/floor plan has a half hexagon bay window that sits forward with a recessed door. The Hammond Bungalows were referred to as the “Rectangular” version. Mr. Poland recommended the context of the architectural styles and subtypes to be included. Mr. Poland further provided the committee with a book by Mcalister titled “American Architectural Styles”. There was a discussion on how the content in the book was set up.

There was a discussion on Sears Modern Homes. It was clarified that Sears Modern Homes was not an architectural style. This was a category of homes known as "Catalog Houses", Montgomery Wards and other major companies that were not associated with stores that were manufacturing kit pre-fab homes. Sears homes had many styles. There was a discussion on various subjects with the Sears homes, and pre-fab homes.

There was a further discussion on Colonial Revival Style homes, and the subtype of Cape Cod homes. The local Cape Cod homes and the Chicago Bungalow were reflective of the small lot sizes. Tudor styles homes were identified as a subtype. Tudor Revival was the architectural style. Saltbox style was also identified as a subtype of Colonial Revival-Cape Cod. Spanish Mission Style was a Period Revival houses. It could be a Tudor, Spanish, or an Italian Renaissance Revival that has picked up architecture from a previous period.

Botanic Garden

The committee reported that documents have been gathered on the Botanic Gardens. They would begin sorting through the information. Mr. Poland advised the Commissioners that the keys to the building were available. The Commissioners scheduled Friday, July 11th, at 10 a.m., to visit the property and to take photos.

2025 Project/Little Red Schoolhouse – Ms. Aguilera stated she would contact the representative to set up a time this week.

Special Projects Committee – There were no new updates.

Designation Committee – Mr. Swibes stated he had a draft letter addressed to the Banc. He would email the letter to staff and the Commissioners before the end of the week. There was a discussion on the level of detail that should be in the letter. There was further discussion on referring to the COA brochure and the questionnaire that was used for Harrison Park as a guide. Ms. McGough would provide the questionnaire to Mr. Swibes.

Design Review Committee – There were no new updates.

5935 Hohman Avenue - Montessori Schoolhouse – Mr. Novak stated a permit application was submitted for review. Staff would need to make sure the permit includes the work that was approved by the commission before issuance.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

There were none.

STAFF COMMENTS

There were none.

LIAISON COMMENTS

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. McGough motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Czulno. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

APPROVED: August 5, 2025 for Patrick Swibes
Patrick Swibes, Chairperson
Janet Evans, Vice-Chairperson

ATTEST: Shannon Morris-Smith
for Shannon Morris-Smith, Secretary
Bren Pineda, Dir of City Planning