

The Hammond Historic Preservation Commission held a meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, in the ground floor conference room, in person and via [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us).

The meeting began at 5:34 p.m.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Christopher Jones
Anne Taylor

ALSO PRESENT

Brian L. Poland, AICP
Director of City Planning

Tom Novak
Asst. City Planner

Shannon Morris-Smith
Recording Secretary

PRESENT- 6

ABSENT- 2

QUORUM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Evans called for a motion to table the minutes for the September 9, 2025 meeting. Ms. McGough so moved, seconded by Mr. Clutter. Roll call vote. Amanda Aguilera/yes, Kevin Clutter/yes, Laurie Czulno/yes, Janet Evans/yes, Debbie McGough/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 reported that the Hammond Residential Style on-line display was up and running. The initial title page of the on-line display was awaiting an update to the title. Ms. Czulno further stated the next project was being worked on. There was not a current time line available.

Botanic Garden – Mr. Poland stated the review was at the point of sending correspondence to the Advisory Council of Historic Preservation. There Advisory Council of Historic Preservation responded with concerns that the Indian Tribes and public engagement was not properly addressed. A legal notice was published in the Times to solicit public comment, and eight (8) tribes were contacted. Both of those contact methods required a thirty (30) day time period. Two (2) weeks have passed in this process. There has been response from two (2) tribes with corrections to the current point of contacts. No future correspondence was anticipated. Mr. Poland further stated reengagement with the Advisory Council of Historic Preservation would be dependent on the duration of the government shutdown and finalizing the Memorandum of Agreement. There was discussion on the status of the mitigation agreement and the consultants

work status. The consultant would create a Statement of Significance that would be close to a national register nomination.

2025 Project/Little Red Schoolhouse – Ms. Aguilera spoke with the LRSH representative and was advised that the representative has not been to the location in person. Ms. Aguilera stated that the roof has had some repairs to the issue areas. The whole roof has not been repaired. The representative will contact Ms. Aguilera with a date and time to visit.

Special Projects Committee – There were no new updates.

Designation Committee – Mr. Swibes stated he sent a draft copy of the letter earlier today to Mr. Poland stated he has not had the opportunity to review the letter.

Design Review Committee – There were no new updates.

5935 Hohman Avenue - Montessori Schoolhouse – Mr. Poland updated the Commissioners that a permit has not been received from the contractor.

229 Ogden Street – Mr. Poland advised the Commissioners that the Towle House has been sold to a new owner. Mr. Novak further stated that Mr. Jones has provided the new owners with HPC guidelines. There was a discussion about a “Welcome” promotion for new landmark homeowners.

There was a discussion on the Towle House landmark designation and the debate that was related to whether or not the Towle House was ever moved. An article from March 6, 1911 was shared with the Commissioners regarding renovations on the home. Staff and HPC members were to work on updating the landmark designation and the records.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Mr. Clutter thanked the Commissioners for the support given to him during his time of bereavement.

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 6:13 p.m.

APPROVED: 11-4-25


Patrick Swibes, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Shannon Morris-Smith, Secretary