



Islamorada, Village of Islands HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

January 15, 2025 - 10:00 AM
ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER AND PUBLIC SAFETY
HEADQUARTERS
86800 Overseas Highway
Islamorada, FL 33036

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Absent: Megan Scallan, Commission Member (excused)

Present: Roland Moore, Commission Member

Jerry O'Cathey, Commission Member

Emily Hernandez, HPC Liaison/Planner

Barbara Edgar, Commission Chair

Cinnamon Edgar, Guest

Tammie Gurgiolo, Commission Vice Chair

Kim Harrington, HPC Recording Secretary/Planning Coordinator

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was moved to the 2nd Floor Conference Room which has no flag. The Commission did not participate in the Pledge of Allegiance at this meeting.

III. AGENDA: Requests for Deletion / Emergency Additions

None

IV. COMMENTS

This section provides an opportunity for the public or others to mention matters that are pertinent to the HPC but not scheduled elsewhere on the agenda. The chair asks for public comment.

Chair, Barbara Edgar, mentioned that the Hurricane Monument Placard has been refurbished and looks good. Kim Harrington, Recording Secretary, said that she was glad to hear it and would let Public Works, AJ Engelmeyer, know that the HPC says "Thank you".

Barbara Edgar, Chair, also asked if everyone received the Historical Preservation Commission plaque design. All members replied they did (it was attached to their agendas). Commissioner, Jerry O'Cathey, said that he believes the Alligator Reef Lighthouse image needs to be brightened up and that its girth needs to be improved on for accuracy with the real-life lighthouse. Liaison, Emily Hernandez, offered to adjust the logo, but said that Barbara will need to email the original artwork file to her. Barbara said that she would find the file and email it to Emily.

Roland Moore went over the Sunshine Law with the Commission and stated that the

Commission needs to find out if members of the Commission can meet at various properties on the list for the purpose of determining historical value/qualification outside of a publicly noticed meeting. Recording Secretary, Kim Harrington, has asked Commission Members NOT to discuss qualifying properties or historical designation potential of any properties with other commissioners or to meet or visit properties in a group or in pairs, outside of the monthly meeting, but it is difficult to discuss many characteristics and the history of the properties without a physical visit. Liaison, Emily Hernandez, said she will talk to Village Attorney, John Quick, to see if members of the commission, can in fact, meet at the properties outside of a publicly noticed meeting.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes from December 11, 2024 ()

Tammie Gurgiolo, Vice Chair motioned to approve the minutes from the December meeting. Roland Moore seconded the motion and the motion passed.

VI. REPORTS, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Introduce Emily Hernandez, Planner/Liaison to the Historic Preservation Commission

Recording Secretary, Kim Harrington, introduced Emily Hernandez, Historical Preservation Commission Liaison, to all Committee Members and guests present. Emily told the Commission a little bit about herself, and all members were happy to have her on board with the HPC.

B. Update from any commission member(s) who visited any properties on the proposed properties to designate as historic list or who has any updates or new information

Discussion ensued as to the current status of many of the properties on the "Most Endangered Potentially Historical Islamorada Properties" list.

Vice Chair, Tammie Gurgiolo, said that she went to the Krome House site, and it is no longer there. Members made notes on their individual lists as the discussion continued. Vice Chair Tammie Gurgiolo, said that she did manage to visit many of the old hurricane houses on the list. She then updated the Commission on which have been demolished. Everyone removed the demolished properties from their individual lists.

Vice Chair, Tammie Gurgiolo, then said that it would be very nice to have a trailhead designating the native middens (Indian mounds) on the property behind Island Christian Church, which she said has now been purchased by the Village. Tammie then passed around some photos she'd taken of the Old Starck's Fish Camp House at Robbie's Marina. It has now been demolished.

Chair, Barbara Edgar, suggested that each Commissioner select ten properties to begin the process of determining which properties the Commission would like to approach for consideration as an officially designated Islamorada Historical Property. Emily said that she will discuss the criteria for the designation with Jennifer. Barbara said that she has the criteria already from a few years ago, and that she will email it to Emily Hernandez, Liaison.

Chair, Barbara Edgar, volunteered to look up addresses from the list on the plat map for clarification on some of the locations.

C. Selection of next meeting date

The Commission decided that the next meeting of the HPC will be held on Wednesday, 2/12/25, at 10:00 am, assuming a quorum can be met.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Jerry O'Cathey motioned to adjourn. Tammie Gurgiolo, Vice Chair, seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:31 am.

Kim Harrington, Recording Secretary

Barbara Edgar, Chair