



Islamorada, Village of Islands

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

August 20, 2025 - 10:00 AM
ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER AND PUBLIC SAFETY
HEADQUARTERS
86800 Overseas Highway
Islamorada, FL 33036

AGENDA

- I. **CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**
- II. **AGENDA: Requests for Deletion / Emergency Additions**
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
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- IV. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Approval of meeting minutes from the July 9, 2025, meeting.
- V. **REPORTS, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

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MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: Deb Gillis, Councilwoman
Ron Saunders, Village Manager
Barbara Edgar, Commission Chair
Tammie Gurgiolo, Commission Vice Chair
Roland Moore, Commission Member
Jerald O'Cathey, Commission Member
Roger Young, Commission Member
Emily Hernandez, Liaison/Planner
Angy Rivas, Recording Secretary/Planning Coordinator

Absent: Hank Pinder, Commission Member
Megan Scallan, Commission Member

II. AGENDA: Requests for Deletion / Emergency Additions

None.

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None

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the meeting minutes from the June 18, 2025 meeting.

A. Approval of meeting minutes for the June 18, 2025, meeting.

Committee Chair, Barbara Edgar, suggested that Vice Chair, Tammie Gurgiolo, should approve the minutes due to her absence from June's meeting. Committee member, Roland Moore, motioned to approve the minutes. Committee member, Roger Young, seconded the motion. Vice Chair, Tammie Gurgiolo, signed the meeting minutes.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Concerns:

Have people's memorabilia and have it professionally made and displayed. Use old building and have memorabilia and have the public visit. bring awareness.

Must have a storyline of the Keys history in order to place the memorabilia.

A. Plaques

Committee Chair, Barbara Edgar, provided an update regarding revisions to the appearance of the plaque, detailing the lighthouse icon's height change, placing it on tile and then being framed so that it can be placed on the historic homes. She noted that she was waiting to get the revision. Once that happens, the committee will be able to determine where the plaques will go.

Another discussion point was the possibility of creating a virtual tour (ex. drone footage) of the historical site to create more visibility and attraction, because committee member, Roger Young, raised a concern that not everyone would be willing to place a plaque on their home with the restrictions on the historical site, but potentially in the future, this idea could create more interest in designating homes as historical.

Chair, Barbara Edgar, recommended that the committee should look into the criteria for designating places as historic (something significant had to occur or someone historic to classify as historic). Age wouldn't necessarily be historical. Existing designations have restrictions. However, it was being discussed whether there are restrictions on the changes that can be made to a historical property that needs fixing. The question is if there is something in the Village code that limits the mechanisms of what can limit someone to stop them from creating an addition, for example. Committee Chair, Barbara Edgar, said that if the Village needs to make some changes and that way, the Committee is able to designate places and make them non-binding and that property owners can do what they want.

Deb Gillis recommended Committee Liaison, Emily Hernandez, to research if there's any information that is binding.

B. Touring Historical Sites

The chair, Barbara Edgar, suggested creating a public announcement to be able to make a tour to go view the historical sites.

C. Guest Invitations

Discussed inviting Brad Bartelli & Corey Malcom to the next meeting.

Committee member, Jerald O'Cathey, motioned to select Corey Malcom, Historian of the Florida Keys Historic Center, as the first guest to invite to the next committee meeting. Seconded the motion by committee member, Roland Moore. Motioned pass unopposed.

Corey Malcom - Items of discussions: Village Manager, Ron Saunders, recommended that the committee ask Corey Malcom how we can coordinate with the county and the Key West historic preservation committee to be able to create a plan for the committee's preservation efforts. Potentially show him around the historical sites in Islamorada. Ask him about the video interview process and how they do it and give us recommendations. Ron Saunders contacted Corey for the next meeting as an official Village invitation and made sure of his availability and willingness to provide guidance. A tentative meeting is scheduled with Corey

Malcom for September 17th, 2025 @ 10 a.m.

Corey, while on speaker, recommended Diane Silvia from the Historic Florida Keys Foundation, as she has dealt with a lot of preservation historical places issues before. She is well versed in the process of preservation. Corey is versed in the importance of community character. Ron will follow up with her by extending an invitation to the Historic Preservation Commission meeting for August.

D. Islamorada Library Awareness

Members discussed the possibility of creating an event categorized as a public workshop to be held at the Islamorada Library to bring more awareness.

Have branding (plaque logo) to bring awareness and, possibly, when it is high-season, we can announce the event and be able to get more attention, as mentioned by committee member, Roger Young.

Ron Saunders, Village Manager, recommended the possibility of creating a public presentation or lecture, possibly given by Chair, Barbara Edgar, to bring awareness (e.g. 1935 Hurricane lecture). Maybe do it at the Labor Day ceremony event. Member of council, Deb Gillis, suggested the committee create a lecture outline of what will be discussed at the workshop. Village Manager, Ron Saunders, suggested expanding the exposure of workshops with the idea of initiating historical tours, and that could gain momentum and have more public interest. This recognition could result in the possibility of gaining incentive for designation and potentially create a fundraiser.

Was suggested to potentially request Island Community Church after the remodel and host one of the public workshops there.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair, Tammie Gurgiolo, motioned to adjourn at 11:01am. Seconded the motion by committee member, Roger Young.

Motion passed unopposed.

Recording Secretary, Angy Rivas

Date

Chair, Barbara Edgar

Date