



Islamorada, Village of Islands

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

October 15, 2025 - 10:00 AM
ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER AND PUBLIC SAFETY
HEADQUARTERS
86800 Overseas Highway
Islamorada, FL 33036
3rd Floor Conference Room

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 for September 17, 2025.

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 10:02am.

Present were: Barbara Edgar — Chair

Tammie Gurgiolo- Vice Chair

Jerald O'Cathey

Roger Young

Megan Scallan

Deb Gillis- Councilwoman

Ron Saunders — Village Manager

Angy Rivas- Recording Secretary

Emily Hernandez - Staff Liaison

Excused were: Hank Pinder

Roland Moore

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None.

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None.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the meeting minutes from the July 9, 2025, meeting.

Vice Chair Tammie Gurgiolo motioned to approve the meeting minutes.

Roger Young seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Barbara Edgar initiated a discussion on developing a permanent set of guidelines for historic properties. These guidelines would help property owners understand what modifications are permissible under historic preservation regulations. Committee

members were given copies of the current code for review and agreed that further evaluation is needed.

The committee discussed ways to encourage property owners to seek historic designation, including offering plaques and creating visual memorabilia (e.g., ideography and photographs). Megan Scallan emphasized the importance of having both a physical and digital presence to preserve the stories of these properties. She noted that while plaques are valuable, enforcement is unlikely, so a strong digital presence would be more sustainable.

Grant opportunities were another key topic. The committee discussed potentially acquiring or renovating a Village-owned property for use as a local history museum.

Roger Young reported that he had spoken with Daphne Sanitz from Green Turtle Hammock, who is knowledgeable in historic preservation. He suggested inviting her to participate or advise the committee and would follow up with her.

Council Member Deb Gillis recommended selecting at least three properties for potential historic designation and starting conversations with the owners. The committee also considered a more flexible recognition process—allowing properties to receive plaques and digital presence without going through full designation procedures.

Megan Scallan encouraged the committee to move forward with concrete actions, such as reaching out to property owners and establishing clear procedures. She proposed updating the Village website's Historic Preservation page with collected information and suggested appointing someone to manage and maintain that content. Emily Hernandez, Staff Liaison, said she would coordinate with IT on how to improve the web page.

Council Member Gillis further advised the committee to choose one property and assign a designated person to collect information (distinct from the person engaging property owners).

Village Manager Ron Saunders recommended speaking with Peter Frezza about relevant grants and supported focusing first on Green Turtle Hammock. He proposed hosting an event at the renovated pavilion to unveil historical information, using brochures and inviting the public. He also suggested including the Caboose site, given its visibility, and conducting a video interview with Henry Rosenball, a former Village Council Member, about Green Turtle Hammock.

Megan Scallan volunteered to lead the compilation of historical information.

Manager Saunders also advised reviewing the Key West Historic Committee's guidelines as a model and committed to obtaining and sharing them with Emily Hernandez, to ensure compliance with public record laws. Any collected materials, including interviews, will be consolidated and published on the Village website.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair, Barbara Edgar motioned to adjourn. Roger Young seconded the motion and the motion passed unopposed at 10:53am.