



Islamorada, Village of Islands HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

July 15, 2026 - 10:00 AM
ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER AND PUBLIC SAFETY
HEADQUARTERS
3rd Floor Conference Room
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 the meeting minutes for the June 17, 2026, meeting.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- A. Request to schedule an off-site meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

[PUBLIC_PARTICIPATION]

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MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am.

Present were:

Chair, Barbara Edgar

Vice Chair, Tammie Gurgiolo

Roland Moore

Jerald O'Cathey

Daphne Sanitz

Craig Zabransky

Also present were:

Councilwoman, Deb Gillis

Recording Secretary, Angy Rivas

Planning Coordinator, Michele Copley

II. AGENDA: Requests for Deletion / Emergency Additions

None

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None

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the meeting minutes for the May 20, 2026 meeting

Member, Tammie Gurgiolo, motioned to approve the meeting minutes.

Roland Moore seconded the motion.

The motion passed unopposed.

V. VOTING OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

A. Voting of Chair

Chair, Barbara Edgar, motioned to elect Tammie Gurgiolo as Chair.

Jerald O'Cathey seconded the motion.

The motion passed unopposed.

B. Voting of Vice Chair

Member, Craig Zabransky, motioned to elect Daphne Sanitz as Vice Chair.

Roland Moore seconded the motion.

The motion passed unopposed.

VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Property Tax Incentive Discussion

Member, Daphne Sanitz, suggested the idea of incentivizing property owners to designate their homes as historical and potentially becoming tax-free property in exchange.

Councilwoman, Deb Gillis, suggested that the committee continue to research more information regarding the rules and regulations behind this idea and, when ready, propose it in front of Council as a recommendation proposal. This proposal could be at the state level. Currently, the State of Florida is looking to create a bill to reduce or eliminate property taxes.

Members suggested creating a tax-free criterion for historical purposes.

Member, Tammie Gurgiolo, suggested that the committee use the list of historic sites that was provided at the meeting to move forward with creating an offer to property owners.

Members discussed the properties that were listed on the list. In addition, members discussed Alligator Reef, which is privately-owned. Member, Daphne, suggested that the group try to create a partnership with the owners of the Alligator Reef lighthouse and potentially provide them with an incentive or more assistance. Members shared their interest in inviting several historians to future committee meetings.

B. Historic Sites Discussion

Committee member, Daphne Sanitz, shared with the group a copy of an AI-generated map of all of Islamorada's historical sites she created. Although its accuracy is up for review, she suggested the group use it as a starting point to locate all the correct historic sites, make the necessary revisions and create a final updated historical map. A suggestion was made to add the historic map to the Village website for the community to have access to and promote awareness.

All members were provided a copy of a historical site list provided by Village staff. Member, Daphne Sanitz, requested a digital file of this printout so she can make

the necessary changes to update the list. Village Staff will provide this information via email.

This will be used as a cross-referencing tool to make updates to the Map Ms. Sanitz created. Chair, Barbara Edgar, will also bring her historical archives to help support this project.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2026.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The group adjourned at 11am.

Recording Secretary, Angy Rivas

Date

Chair, Barbara Edgar

Date

Re: HPC Attendance Request

Summariz



Tammie Gurgiolo <FishnBully@msn.com>

To Michele Copley

You replied to this message on 7/1/2026 8:34 AM.



Wed 7/1/2026 8:25

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Tammie Will be there. I would like to add to the agenda to meet off property to look at a list of Red Cross houses. I would like to plan a showing of historic homes at the library so the home owners can history and the importance of recognizing it.

Thanks Tammie Gurgiolo

From: Michele Copley <michele.copley@islamorada.fl.us>

Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2026 8:21 AM

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Subject: HPC Attendance Request

Hello committee members,

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 15th, at 10:00 am. I would like to kindly request your attendance.

Please send your replies individually.

Please do not reply all or otherwise cross communicate.

Regards,

Michele Copley

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RE: HPC Offsite meeting request

[Summarize](#)

Jennifer DeBoisbriand

To Angy Rivas

Cc Michele Copley; Tammie Gurgiole; debgillis@att.net

Reply

Reply All

Forward

Thu 6/18/2026 1:09 PM

Hi Angy,

The HPC can meet anywhere as long as the meeting is publicly noticed to meet sunshine law requirements. There is a question as to whether or not a meeting location has to have ADA accessibility if it is open to the public. That would be a legal question we would not be able to answer until the Village attorney returns from vacation at the end of the month.

It should also be noted that Village staff is not able to provide meeting support offsite. So the committee would need to take care of their own minutes for offsite meetings.

Jennifer DeBoisbriand

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From: Angy Rivas <angy.rivas@islamorada.fl.us>

Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2026 10:09 AM

To: Jennifer DeBoisbriand <jennifer.deboisbriand@islamorada.fl.us>

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Subject: HPC Offsite meeting request

Hi Jennifer,

The Historic Preservation Commission has requested clarification on whether the committee is allowed to meet at offsite locations from time to time, provided that advance public notice is issued. If this is allowable, could you please outline the applicable procedures, notice requirements, and any other conditions that would need to be met?

Regards,

Angy Rivas

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