



October 21, 2024

City of Hammond  
Historic District Commission  
219 East Robert St.  
Hammond, Louisiana 70401

Attn: Heather Diebold

Re: Hammond Historic District Commission Membership

Dear Ms. Diebold,

It has come to my attention that the Historic District Commission needs an Architect to become a member of the Hammond Historic District Commission. Please accept this letter along with my current resume for that position.

As one of the original members of the Hammond Historic District Commission and chairman for the first ten years of its existence I think I can offer valuable input. Furthermore, please be advised of the following:

- I have been a resident of the downtown area of Hammond for the past 47 years.
- I am a current property owner of 5 separate properties that are within the Hammond National Register Historic District.
- I own real estate and have historically restored properties in the Bywater Historic District of New Orleans.
- I have been associated with many Historic Rehabilitations including but not limited to Nostalgic Hammond Historic District Projects such as:
  - The Columbia Theater
  - The Baltzell Building
  - The Ritz Theater
  - The Morgan & Lindsey Apartments

Should you have any questions regarding my experience I am available for further information and / or discussions.

Sincerely,



Michael Holly AIA, REFP



**MICHAEL F. HOLLY** AIA, NCARB, REFP, A4LE

HOLLY & SMITH ARCHITECTS. FOUNDER  
PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT

"Getting there" in architecture is more than half the fun for Michael Holly. In fact, getting there - or fulfilling the architectural process from a conceptual design to a completed structure - embodies the essence of continual collaboration, reflection, and exploration that informs his endeavors, inspires his life, and enriches his soul.

He is devoted to the idea that architecture should have an uplifting impact on its environment and that the details that go into a building or plan should support its specific purpose as much as its overall design concept.

Michael earned his architecture degree from the University of Southwestern Louisiana (now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette) and has been a registered architect since 1977. In 1980, he founded Michael Holly & Associates Inc., and Jeffrey Smith joined the team in 1985 and shortly after that, Holly & Smith Architects APAC was formed. From that time, they have built Holly & Smith into the largest architecture firm on the Northshore of Lake Pontchartrain and developed a regional brand that is known throughout Louisiana.

He has contributed his leadership abilities to a broad array of civic, art, education, charitable and professional organizations and has played a key role in the rejuvenation of downtown Hammond. His contributions to the Hammond Historic District Commission at its inception and as former chairman of the Downtown Development District Board of Directors, he has contributed to keeping the city's downtown center a vibrant place to live, work and visit. Michael has received numerous awards in architecture design and leadership, but he is most proud of the more than 120 awards Holly & Smith Architects has earned for design excellence during his years as the firm's president. As immediate past president of the organization, he will remain Chairman of the Board of Directors for the corporation.

**As principal for H/S, Michael has been involved with all of the firm's projects in some capacity.**

**EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Architecture, 1974  
University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Harvard Graduate of Design, focusing on Firm Operations, Marketing and Educational Facilities

**CERTIFICATION**

Registered Architect:  
Louisiana 1977, License No. 2166;  
Texas, License No. 18355;  
Mississippi, License No. 1954  
NCARB, Certification No. 32600  
A4LE Certified Recognized Educational Facility  
Planner (REFP)

**PROFESSIONAL**

- American Institute of Architects (AIA), 1977-Present
- AIA Committee on Education, 2004-Present
- Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners, Board Member 2010-2012, 2022-Present
- Louisiana Chapter of the Association for Learning Environments (A4LE), Governor, 2014-2021
- Southeastern Louisiana University STEM Camp, Speaker, "Net Zero Design of the Pond House," 2015-Present
- Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation, Board Member, 2017-2021
- Louisiana Mainstreet Program, Speaker, "The Revitalization of Downtown Hammond", 2019
- Hammond Kiwanis, Speaker, "Holly & Smith Architects from 1980-2018", 2018
- National Trust for Historic Preservation, 2000-2017
- Hammond Historic District and New Orleans, Real Estate Developer of Historic Properties, 1996, 2006, 2014, 2015, 2016
- Louisiana Chapter Association for Learning Environments, President, 2015
- University of Louisiana at Lafayette Architecture School, Professional Practice Lecturer, 2010, 2014
- AIA Louisiana, Committee Liaison with Facility Planning & Control, 2002-2008
- League of Historic American Theaters, 2000-2002
- AIA Louisiana, Board Member. 1992-1993

**COMMUNITY**

- Hammond 2020 Commission, Member, 2016-2018
- Hammond City Club, Member, 1992-2016
- Hammond Downtown Development District, Design Committee Chairman, 2006-2014
- Friends of Louisiana Public Broadcasting, Board Member, 2012-2014
- Regions Bank Advisory Board, 1998-2014
- Foundation for Historical Louisiana, Preservation Awards Recipient, 2009
- Hammond Downtown Development District, Board Member, 2004-2007
- Hammond 2000 Commission, Past Chairman and Member, 1999-2000
- Veritas Foundation for St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Director, 1994-2000
- Long Range Master Planning Committee, Holy Ghost Catholic Church and School, 1996-1998
- Louisiana Alliance for the Arts, Executive Board Member, 1994-1996
- Building Review Board, Diocese of Baton Rouge, Director, 1986-1992

- Hammond Chamber of Commerce, Board Member, 1988-1990
- Holy Ghost Parish Council, Member, 1986-1990
- Hammond Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Person of the Year, 1988
- Hammond Historic District Commission, Past Chairman and Member, 1978-1988
- Central Business District Association, Board Member, 1982-1984
- TARC, Board Member and Director, 1981-1982

#### COMMUNITY

- LEGATUS Northshore
- Manresa
- Holy Ghost Parish Council, Member, 1986-1990
- Veritas Foundation for St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Director, 1994-2000

#### MICHAEL'S PROJECT LIST

##### Educational

- Amite High School Auditorium
- Avoyelles Public Charter School
- Loyola University Benson Jesuit Center
- O.W. Dillon Elementary School
- St. Scholastica Academy LaSalle Hall
- St. Thomas Aquinas High School
- UNO The Cove
- Westside Middle School
- Avoyelles Public Charter School
- Avoyelles Public Charter School Baseball / Softball Field House
- UNO The Cove (Student Activity Center)
- Holy Ghost School Renovations
- Holy Ghost Middle School
- Southeastern Louisiana University – Repairs to Turtle Cove research Station
- Southeastern Louisiana University – Campus Gateways
- Southeastern Louisiana University – Fayard Hall
- Southeastern Louisiana University – Additions to Charles E. Cate Teacher Education Center
- Southeastern Louisiana University – Horticultural Center
- Southeastern Louisiana University – Science and Technology Building
- Southeastern Louisiana University D. Vickers Hall
- Louisiana State University Engineering Shops Renovation for The Arts Program
- Southeastern Louisiana University Student Union Renovations and Additions (\$32.5M)
- St. Scholastica Academy LaSalle Hall and Chapel
- St. Thomas Aquinas High School
- Tangipahoa Parish School System - Sumner Middle School - Kentwood
- Tangipahoa Parish School System – O.W. Dillon Elementary School - Kentwood
- Tangipahoa Parish School System – Westside Middle School - Hammond
- Tangipahoa Parish School System – Amite Elementary School Additions
- Tangipahoa Parish School System – Kentwood High School Additions and Renovations Phases 1 through 3
- Tangipahoa Parish School System – Amite High School Classroom Additions
- Tangipahoa Parish School System – Amite High School Auditorium
- Tangipahoa Parish School System – Amite High School Filed House
- Tangipahoa Parish School System – Champ Cooper School Renovations and Additions Phases 1 through 4
- Tangipahoa Parish School System – Chesbrough Elementary School Renovations and Additions Phases 1 through 3

- Tangipahoa Parish School System – Hammond Eastside Elementary Multi-Purpose
- Tangipahoa Parish School System – Renovations and Additions to Perrin Early Learning Center - Ponchatoula
- Tangipahoa Parish School System – Repairs and Additions to Ponchatoula High School
- Tangipahoa Parish School System – Rehabilitation of Old Ponchatoula High School for New Junior High School
- Tangipahoa Parish School System – Additions and Renovations to Roseland Elementary School
- Tangipahoa Parish School System – Additions and Renovations to Springcreek Elementary School Phases 1 through 3
- Tangipahoa Parish School System – Additions to Sumner High School for New junior High School Wing
- Tangipahoa Parish School System – Tucker Elementary School Renovations – Ponchatoula
- University of New Orleans North Central Plant
- Loyola Benson Jesuit Center
- St. Scholastica Academy Field House

##### Historic, Adaptive Reuse, or Renovation

- Renovations to 211 East Thomas for I-55 IPS (Hammond Historic District)
- Offices for Holly & Smith Architects (Hammond Historic District)
- Columbia Theater for the Performing Arts Hammond, Louisiana (Hammond Historic District)
- Renovations to Seale & Ross Attorneys (Hammond Historic District)
- Southeastern Louisiana University – Window Replacement to Historic Core Buildings
- Southeastern Louisiana University – Repairs to Turtle Cove research Station
- 631 Desire St. – New Orleans (Historic Bywater District)

##### Healthcare

- AMI West Park Hospital Cardiac Rehab Unit
- AMI West Park Hospital Cat Scan Facility
- AMI West Park Hospital Open MRI
- Medical Offices for Dr. Stratton Kerns Family Practice
- Offices for Dr. Ralph Maxwell
- North Oaks Medical Center West park Campus Renovations to Rehabilitation Facility
- Medical Offices for the Internal Medicine Clinic

##### Governmental

- East Feliciana Parish Health Unit
- Russell B. Long United States Courthouse – Baton Rouge
- State of Louisiana Capitol Campus Furniture Baton Rouge, La– (1,000,000 SF)
- State of Louisiana WCC Claiborne Office Building and Parking Garage (\$63 M)
- Columbia Theater for the Performing Arts Hammond, Louisiana
- State of Louisiana Department of Transportation Headquarters Building Addition (6 floors)
- State of Louisiana Tenant Improvements in Galvez Office Building Baton Rouge
- State of Louisiana Harvey State Office Building (Design work (ready for bid) completed in 90 days)
- State of Louisiana Iberville State Office Building (\$28 M)
- State of Louisiana Demolition of LNR and Education Building (explosive demolition (we have a movie of this))
- SLU Pursley Hall (Chemistry & Physics Building)
- City of Hammond Community Center Addition
- Louisiana Children's Discovery Center
- Livingston Parish School Board Additions and Renovations to The Maurepas School

- Livingston Parish School Board Additions to Holden High School
- Livingston Parish School Board Additions to Main Office Facilities
- John C. Stennis Space Center NASA Buildings 1110, 1201, & 2108
- Urology Clinic for Dr. Joy Neilsen
- Ponchatoula Area Recreation District Double Gymnasium
- Tangipahoa Main Parish Library – Amite
- Tangipahoa Parish Library – Ponchatoula Branch
- Tangipahoa Parish Government– Milk & Sanitation Testing Laboratory
- Tangipahoa Parish Government– Clerk of Court Annex Building
- Tangipahoa Parish Government– Council Annex Building
- Tangipahoa Parish Government– Health Unit - Amite
- Tangipahoa Parish Government– Health Unit- Hammond
- Tangipahoa Parish Government– Security Renovations
- Tangipahoa Parish Government– Agricultural Events Center
- Tangipahoa Parish Government– Environmental Health and Permitting Center
- Tangipahoa Parish Government– Scale Building for Landfill
- Tangipahoa Parish Government–
- St. Tammany Recreation District Double Gymnasium (Coquille)

#### **FEMA**

- UNO Keifer Lake Front Arena (governmental)
- UNO Katrina Repairs to 59 Buildings on Campus
- Tangipahoa Parish Courthouse Storm Hardening
- City of Hammond City Hall Storm Hardening
- Tangipahoa Parish Health Unit Storm Hardening- Hammond
- Sumner High School Gym Storm Hardening
- Tangipahoa Parish School System Hurricane Katrina Repairs
- McNeese State University Quad B, Hurricane Laura Repairs

#### **Commercial**

- Benson Tower Offices Tenant Completions (26 floors)
- Bick Group Head In Facilities for Charter Communications
- Additions to Charter Communications Hammond Facility
- Additions to Borden Chemical Company Headquarters
- Offices for Cashe, Lewis Moody & Coudrain
- Citizens National Bank Branch Renovations
- Commercial Federal Savings Bank Building
- Offices for Daigle Fisse Attorneys at Law
- Tenant Medical Office Improvements for Hammond Park Professional Building
- Durham Autoplex
- Refrigerated Warehouses for Elmer’s Candy Company
- Additions to Medical Offices for Dr. Michael Fajoni
- Florida Parishes Bank - Main Branch
- Fluid Power Products Meter Manufacturing Production Facility
- Guaranty Savings Bank, Ponchatoula
- Nissan of Slidell
- Royal Nissan – Baton Rouge
- New Facilities for Ponchatoula Feed and Seed Store
- River Highlands Office Park

#### **Masterplanning**

- Holy Ghost Church & School
- River Highlands Office Park – Covington Louisiana
- Saint Scholastica Academy Master Plan
- Southeastern Louisiana University Master Plan and Master Plan Updates
- Southeastern Louisiana University – Horticultural Center Master Plan

#### **Residential**

- Assisi Homes of St. Francisville
- Beacham Residence
- Coudrain Residence
- Derbins Residence

- Durham Residence
- Village de Jardin
- Haight Residence
- Additions to Macaluso Residence
- Morgan Hills Apartments
- Nessar Residence Addition
- Pin Oak Apartments
- Apple Blossom Apartments
- Willow Apartments
- Strobach Residence
- Waldo Residence
- St. Andrews Village Community for Special Adults
- Kent Residence
- Livingston Residence
- The Pond House (Net Zero)

#### **Religious**

- First Baptist Church – Hammond
- Holy Ghost Catholic Church
- Immanuel Baptist Church Multi-Purpose Facility
- Multi Purpose Addition to Luling Baptist Church
- Saint Scholastica Academy Chapel
- Additions to St. Albert Student Center – Southeastern Louisiana University
- Renovations to St. Dominic Church
- Additions and Renovations to St. Helena Catholic Church – Amite
- Manresa House of Retreats Reconciliation Building
- Manresa House of Retreats Xavier Hall Renovations

#### **HISTORIC REHABILITATION**

Michael has been involved in the rehabilitation of historic structures for over 44 years. His participation as an inaugural member of the Hammond Historic District Commission in 1979 began the process of rejuvenation of the very successful historic district as a model for downtown redevelopment that is being used as a shining example throughout the State of Louisiana.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- [Transparency in Education Can Lead to a Lifelong Passion: How a Piece of Glass Can Drive Discovery, May 11, 2022](#)
- [Immersive Learning - Living the Experience, October 7, 2020](#)
- [Southeastern Louisiana University’s latest contribution to university living, June 19, 2019](#)
- [A Story of the Revitalization of Downtown Hammond, America, April 24, 2019](#)
- [The 21st Century Library Commons - A Fresh Look, May 11, 2018](#)
- [Environments for Project Based Learning, February 28, 2018](#)