

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
City of Farmington Hills
September 11, 2019
7:30 p.m.

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1. **CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Chairman Hulett at 7:29 p.m.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lee Cox, Earl Baxtresser, James Hulett, Pam Correll, John Willyard, John Scott.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

LIAISON TO HERITAGE & HISTORY MUSEUM; Brian Golden was present.

LIAISON FROM CITY: Absent

OTHERS PRESENT: None

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION by Scott, support by Willyard, to approve the agenda as published.
Motion carried 6-0.**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 12, 2019:**

MOTION by Scott, support by Cox, to accept the minutes of June 12, 2019 as written. Motion carried 6-0.

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews: Golden presented a box of various newspaper clippings, books, photographs belonging to the late Ann Stolberg. Golden received these items from Carol Fink.

Motion by Baxtresser, support by Correll to accept these items into the Heritage and History Center collection. Motion carried 6-0.

B. Museum Improvement-

a. Interior – Baxtresser shared email correspondence with Bryan Farmer of the Special Services department concerning the status of the design work bid solicitations for the Heritage and History Center. The email referenced a meeting next week with the Parks Superintendent and the low bidder for the design services RFP. It also detailed the long-term total project schedule as well as possible budget constraints.

b. Exterior- Baxtresser offered shingles for the outdoor privy at the Heritage and History Center. Cox said he would be able to pick them up and Golden and Cox have offered to install them.

C. Brick Walk Brick Sales- Angeline Lawrence (Liaison) has reached out the Commission to have a promotional article printed in the upcoming City Newsletter concerning the Brick sales Program for the Heritage and History Center. Baxtresser shared, with the Commission, the text she had prepared.

D. Historical Markers-

1. Stuart Little: At 7:00 this evening, at the Stuart Little Pond of Heritage Park, a dedication ceremony was held for the “Ann Brigid Stolberg” Memorial Bench and the Stuart Little granite marker. Sherrie Stewart and John Willyard spoke about Ann Stolberg’s contributions to the Historical Commission and the Community.
2. Pasadena Park- On hold.
3. Palmer Sherman House- On hold.
4. The Pernambuco Hollow- Sign has yet to be reinstalled using new poles. Cox will inquire again as to status.
5. Boys Republic-A letter of introduction about the “Boys Republic Historic Marker” has been drafted and signed by Chairman Hulett and is ready for mailing to Wellsprings Community Services for their approval. Final edits on the Historic Marker text are almost complete, and both will be sent out on Farmington Hills Stationary.
6. Power’s Station: Baxtresser shared with the Commissioners a 1915 map of the southeast corner of Section 31 which depicts the Warner Cheese Factory as well as the Powers Station waiting room. Research is ongoing.

E. Publications –Mary Isham Garfield research ongoing.

F. Heritage Tourism- No discussion.

G. Filing Cabinet Review: As time permits.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. There was a discussion about the upcoming celebration for the 200th anniversary planning meeting that were taking place. Golden mentioned that he had Graphic Artists working on a design a logo for the event that was to be titled: “Greater Farmington 200th/Bicentennial 1824-2024”.

7. POINTS OF INTEREST:

1. Willyard mentioned the new fence being installed at the West Farmington Cemetery looked superb.
2. Willyard mentioned his work on the Underground Railroad Map improvements was being delayed by heavier than expected workload.
3. Golden mentioned that he will begin a project to update the Farmington Hills Historic Booklet to include all the new markers that have been installed since the

initial publication.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Email from Bryan Farmer about H&HC construction.
2. Edited text for Boys Republic Marker.
3. Correspondence from Angeline Lawrence about Brick Paver Promotional Text.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None

11. LIAISON ACTION ITEMS:

Until a liaison attends our meetings, Mr. Cox will continue to pass along information and correspondence for the FHHC.

12. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 9:04p.m.

NEXT MEETING: October 9, 2019, 7:30 pm, Heritage and History Center

Respectfully Submitted,
Earl Baxtresser,
Recording and Corresponding Secretary