

**MEETING MINUTES
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
October 8, 2014 – 7:30
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM
31555 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS, MI**

#	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION SUMMARY/PERTINENT INFO	FORMAL MOTIONS:
1	CALL TO ORDER:	The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm	
2	ROLL CALL:	<p>MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Olson, David Johnston, Ken Weikal, Ken Klemmer</p> <p>MEMBERS ABSENT: Joan Barber, Don Millington, Michael Hegarty</p> <p>OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Stec, Staff Liaison</p>	
3	APPROVAL OF AGENDA:		<p>MOTION BY: WEIKAL SUPPORT BY: KLEMMER</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED: UNANIMOUS</p>
4A	<p>UNFINISHED BUSINESS:</p> <p><u>FARMINGTON HILLS CMETERY FINDINGS REPORT</u></p>	No new information submitted.	
5A	<p>NEW BUSINESS: <u>26291 PILLSBURY, HISTORIC DESIGNATION STUDY COMMITTEE PRELIMINARY FINDINGS</u></p>	<p>The Historic Designation Study Committee conducted a site visit of the property located 26291 Pillsbury. Committee members Johnston and Klemmer were present, Barber was unable to attend.</p> <p>The homeowner, Barbra Nichols, was present at the meeting. Commissioner Klemmer presented the photos he took. Both he and Johnston provided narrative on the photos. Discussion was held on the additions to the home including the garage, enclosure of a porch, new front porch addition and planters. It was stated that all windows except for those used as part of porch enclosure were original casements.</p> <p>The homeowner presented the original architectural drawings of the homes. The architect on the plans was Jack Westin Yops. It was determined that more research will be done to determine if he was a</p>	

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		<p>student of Frank Lloyd Wright. The home contains a large amount of steel structural elements. The homeowner has learned that this is because the original owner who had the home built, Carl Licht, worked in the steel industry. The home owner indicated that the rear deck was added in 1974. She was going to see if her husband had contact information of the original owners.</p> <p>The consensus among the HDC was to move forward with the designation process for the home.</p> <p>The homeowner left the architectural plans with commissioner Klemmer so he could scan them. He will scan them and provide a copy to and return the originals to the homeowner.</p>	
5B	<p>NEW BUSINESS; 29046 MILLBROOK, HISTORIC DESIGNATION STUDY COMMITTEE PRELIMINARY FINDINGS</p>	<p>At 47 years old it was determined that the home was not yet eligible for designation. The photos from the survey were presented and discussed. It was determined that the HDC would be interested in designating the home when it is 50 years old.</p> <p>A letter stating the HDC interest in the home for designation in the future signed by HDC Chairperson Steve Olson will sent to the homeowners.</p>	
6A	<p>POINTS OF INTEREST/UPDATES: Historic Markers</p>	<p>Paper samples and cost estimates were provided by Commissioner Johnston. The standard #46 paper used by White Reproduction would cost \$32 for a 40" x 24" print. It would cost \$96 for a print on a higher quality 26.5" x 41" Verona 250 HD paper. The paper samples and costs will discussed further at the November meeting.</p>	
6B	<p>POINTS OF INTEREST/UPDATES: Sarah Fisher Property</p>	<p>Liaison Stec provided summary of September 30th meeting with Ascension Health representatives Mark Yagerlener, and Nancy Yucha; and City Staff David Boyer, Ed Gardiner, and Mark Stec. It was reported that a date for a walk-thru of the property by the HDC was not established.</p> <p>Commissioner engaging students from urban planning and design programs or other academic programs to offer the site as a redevelopment class project. Lawrence Tech, U of D, and Wayne State were mentioned. It was agreed that some component of financing mechanisms would have to be a key component of such a project. It was suggested that St. John may want to consider donating the property to a non-profit agency that might be interested in putting the property to use.</p> <p>Chair Olson stated that because a walk-thru was not</p>	

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		set, it was now time for the HDC to send a letter to the City Attorney requesting that legal steps are begun to secure the walk-thru.	
6C	POINTS OF INTEREST/UPDATES: Publicity Opportunities	No videos have been produced.	
6D	POINTS OF INTEREST/UPDATES: Beautification Awards Ceremony	Chair Olson will be presenting the 2014 Ruth Moehlman Historic Preservation Award to the owners of the Edward Beals House at the October 28 Beautification Awards Ceremony. Photos of the property for the presentation ceremony powerpoint are to be provided to City Staff by Commissioner Klemmer.	
7A	CORRESPONDENCE:	Mail was distributed.	
8	PUBLIC COMMENTS:	None.	
9	COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:	Olson presented draft of Orange-Risdon map print order form.	
10A	APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 10, 2014		MOTION BY: WEIKAL SUPPORT BY: JOHNSTON SEPTEMBER 10, 2014 MINUTES APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. MOTION CARRIED: UNANIMOUS
12	ADJOURNMENT:	Meeting adjourned at 9:00	
	MINUTES PREPARED BY	Staff Liaison Mark Stec	