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## MEETING MINUTES

### FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Fountain Room  
City Hall  
City of Farmington Hills  
31555 Eleven Mile Road  
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January 11, 2017  
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1. CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chairman Willyard at 7:31 p.m.
2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Earl Baxtresser, Lee Cox, James Hulett, John Willyard, John Scott  
MEMBERS ABSENT: Pam Correll  
LIAISON TO HERITAGE & HISTORY MUSEUM; Brian Golden was absent.  
LIAISON FROM CITY: Absent  
OTHERS PRESENT: No guests
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Scott made a motion to accept as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cox; approved 5-0
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 9, 2016. Cox made a motion to accept as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott; approved 5-0.
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
  - A. Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews: Golden, via email, had indicated that there items that he wishes to share with the Commission. He will do so next month.
  - B. Museum Improvement-
    1. Interior- Baxtresser mentioned that he would be interested in field measuring the FHHC building to possibly help define a scope of work for future interior improvements.
    2. Exterior- Discussion for the exterior landscaping at the Heritage & History Center continued this month with the following action plan:
      - a. Scott mentioned that the selected contractor might not honor his price as significant period of time has elapsed. It was suggested that Tony Dibs of Lakeview Landscaping be given a call for a quotation re-visit.
      - b. Pertaining to the installation of an exterior hose bib, Cox mentioned that **Special**

**Services** might have time to do this project during the off season. He said he would look into this.

- c. There was discussion about last month's motion to enter into a "Cost Share" with **Special Services**. As Brian Golden was not present, progress and feedback on that information will be forthcoming next month.
- d. For reference, Commissioner Scott's motion of November 9, 2016 is repeated here:  
**Commissioner Scott made a motion to proceed with the Landscaping Project at the Heritage and History Center utilizing a cost sharing plan with Special Services (Parks & Recreation). This project would utilize the aforementioned services of Lakeview Landscaping for the landscaping in the front of the Heritage & History Center Building. It would involve minor plumbing to accommodate an exterior hose bib. It would be contingent upon the cost sharing and be on a not to exceed cost of \$ 6,500.00 basis. Motion was seconded by Baxtresser. Approved 5-0.**

C. Brick Walk Brick Sales- No new sales indicated.

1. Baxtresser and Hulett discussed the possibility of advancing the brick sales on the HHC Facebook page.
2. Baxtresser mentioned the possibility of advertising in the Farmington Hills Patch and / or other publications.

D. Historical Markers-

1. Stuart Little Laser Etched Stone-
  - a. Willyard said he was working with his brother on the commingling of the two drawings for the granite slab etching.
  - b. Baxtresser mentioned that payment had been made for the Ann Stolberg bench and the bench had been anchored onto the east side of the porch at the HHC.
2. Pasadena Park- On hold.
3. Palmer Sherman House- Deed information is needed. On Hold.

E. Publications-Willyard discussed a future monograph of the Lone Ranger House.

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F. Heritage Tourism- No discussion.

6. NEW BUSINESS-

Preservation Farmington sent a notice in regards to a presentation to be given by Jena Stacy, co-founder, of the aforementioned organization. The Historic Commission members joined the Historic District Commission meeting to hear her presentation concerning the “**Potential Collaboration between the Farmington Hills Historic District Commission and Preservation Farmington**”.

This was later followed up by a discussion of the FHHC members indicating possible synergies with Preservation Farmington with the reviving / collaborations of the Home Tours or Brian Goldin’s Magical History Tours, and reinvigorating the Farmington History Writing Contest, among other ideas. (Hulett suggesting a possible PTA connection in the later item.)

7. POINTS OF INTEREST-

Willyard mentioned that there were 2 file cabinets that were property of the FHHC in storage at Spicer House. Baxtresser suggested that the **March FHHC meeting** could be held at the Spicer House so that the commissioners could have a chance to go through this and make a determination as to the disposition of these items.

8. Correspondence: None

9. Public Comments: None

10. Commissioner’s Comments: There was a discussion about the possibility of an Ice Cream Social at the HHC Museum this upcoming summer.

11. Liaison Action Items-

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

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Next Meeting: February 8, 2017, 7:30 pm, Location: Fountain Room, Farmington Hills City Hall  
Meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Earl Baxtresser,

Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Pro Tem