

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
City of Farmington Hills
November 14, 2018
7:30 p.m.

Fountain Room, City Hall
City of Farmington Hills
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1. **CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Chairman Hulett at 8:43 p.m.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lee Cox, Earl Baxtresser, James Hulett, John Scott, John Willyard.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pam Correll, Dylan Gomula

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

LIAISON FROM CITY: Angeline Lawrence present for joint meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT: None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**MOTION by Willyard, support by Scott, to approve the agenda as published.
Motion carried 5-0.**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- October 10, 2018:

**MOTION by Scott, support by Willyard, to accept the minutes of October 10, 2018
as written. Motion carried 5-0.**

5. Joint meeting with the FHHC & HDC (Commenced at 7:31 p.m. in the Community Room)

- A. Liaison Lawrence discussed protocols for Commission expenditures and reimbursements.
- B. Annual budgets and funding information for the HDC and FHHC were transmitted to commissioners.
- C. Joint Projects:
 1. Discussion of mutual Commission's problems with historic marker maintenance. For future marker purchases it was suggested to combine orders to save shipping expenses.
 2. Orange Risdon Map: A motion was advanced by the HDC to extend map exposure to Facebook entities.
 3. Oral History Project: **Motion by Martin support by Sewick (HDC) and Motion by Baxtresser support by Scott (FHHC) to mutually engage in an Oral History Study Group to meet at 6:30 p.m. January 9, 2019. Martin and Sewick will represent the HDC and Hulett and Golden will represent the FHHC. Motion carried 10-0.**
 4. Spring 2019 Reconnaissance Survey Map discussion was tabled pending further information.

5. Joint meeting of the HDC and FHHC concludes at this point. 8:39 p.m.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews-Willyard presented a 1960's era sign and an 1877 Farmington Atlas Map. **Motion by Baxtresser, support by Hulett to accept these items into the H&HC Collection. Motion carried 5-0.**

B. Museum Improvement-
Interior-

1. **a.** Baxtresser and Scott recently met with and architect at the H&HC to go over a scope of work for future improvements to the museum. Baxtresser had previously met with and architect at the H&HC to go over the same scope. Hulett suggested a third architect that he would be reaching out to. The objective will be to have three quotes for this design service available for analysis at the January 9, Historical Commission meeting.
- b.** There was a discussion about the FHHC's Book Fund Account. Cox said he had a conversation with Angeline Lawrence about this. Mark Stec said he is aware of this account; however, it is referred to as a "Savings Account". More information will be forthcoming.

Exterior-

2. Nothing new.

C. Brick Walk Brick Sales- Nothing new.

D. Historical Markers-

1. **Stuart Little-** Baxtresser discussed with Elsie Price, of Special Services, the possibility of locating a bench at the Stuart Little marker site. She suggested putting a Bronze plaque with the Ann Brigid Stolberg information on one of the 2 existing benches because adding a new bench was not an option. **Motion by Baxtresser support by Cox to purchase a bronze plaque with the appropriate Ann Brigid Stolberg information for \$ 158.00. Motion carried 5-0.**
2. **Pasadena Park-** On hold.
3. **Palmer Sherman House-** Willyard mentioned that he would be looking into this over the holidays, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds Office. Hulett also expressed interest in this research
4. **The Pernambuco Hollow-** Sign has yet to be reinstalled with the new poles purchased by the Historical Commission. Cox said he has reached out several times on this and will do so again.
5. **Minnow Pond-** Cox mentioned that the vegetation has seasonally died back and is not an issue at the present time.
6. **Boys Republic-** Scott said he has obtained research material on this subject and said he would be writing the dialog for a historical marker.
7. **McCabe Funeral Home-** Needs further review.
8. **Power's Station:** Golden discussed the possibility of finding a more accurate

representative photo for a typical DUR waiting room. Golden will assist Baxtresser in that endeavor.

E. Publications –Wilyard discussed new information he has acquired concerning Mary Isham Garfield.

F. Heritage Tourism- No discussion.

G. Filing Cabinet Review: As time permits.

7. NEW BUSINESS: None

8. POINTS OF INTEREST: None

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Budgets for the HDC and the FHHC were distributed.

B. Copies of 2013 Reconnaissance Tour were distributed.

C. Copies of a Detroit News article about Christina Clark’s restoration project in Farmington Hills were distributed.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

11. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

None

12. LIAISON ACTION ITEMS:

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

13. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: January 9, 2018, 7:30 pm, Fountain Room, City Hall

Respectfully Submitted,
Earl Baxtresser,
Recording and Corresponding Secretary