

**MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
February 14, 2018**

CALLED MEETING TO ORDER: CHAIRMAN KLEMMER 7:32 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Olson, Bryan Brincat, Michael Hegarty, Ken Klemmer, Paul Sewick

Valerie Knol, City Council Liaison

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gania Kandalajt (excused)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**MOTION BY: OLSON
SUPPORT BY: HEGARTY**

TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 14, 2018, AS SUBMITTED.

AMENDMENT INCLUDED – Under Old Business add a. Update on Sarah Fisher Site for Senior Housing and c. change to Approval of Narrative for HD#212 Emmett Green House Historic Marker

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Review and approval of Annual Report.

Changes recommended by the commissioners included the inconsistent font size and style and in the report, change HDC City Council Liaison from Mayor Pro-Tem Richard Lerner to Valerie Knol; add the number of attendees at the Wooden Window Workshop, which was 12 and correct typos.

**MOTION BY: OLSON
SUPPORT BY: BRINCAT**

TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT WITH THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

OLD BUSINESS:

A. UPDATE ON SARAH FISHER SITE FOR SENIOR HOUSING

Denise B. Rabidoux, CEO of EHM Senior Solutions provided an update on the project. Several buildings sustained damaged to roofs, so a contractor was hired to put sheet metal over buildings. The company is completing a second market study to determine the right housing units for the project.

Approved 2-14-2018

In addition, the historic statues and signage will be removed in the spring and put in storage. Commissioners' questions included the time line for the project, access to site for a tour and to video buildings before demolition, if an architect was selected and whether the focus of the project would remain on historic preservation. Ms. Rabidoux stated that they will come back to the City after the market study is complete. They are very interested in historic preservation and want to preserve as much of the site as possible. Ms. Rabidoux stated the architect is Fusco, Shaffer and Pappas.

B. Review of Press Release for HDC Vacancy.

Staff provided copy of press release for the vacant seat on the HDC. Commissioners agreed to change the requirement of a resident living in a historic home and open it up to all residents interested in historic preservation.

Motion to approve the press release with the recommended change of all residents interested in historic preservation.

MOTION BY: OLSON
SUPPORT BY: HEGARTY

TO APPROVE THE PRESS RELEASE WITH RECOMMENDED CHANGE.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

C. Review and approval of narrative for HD #212 Historic Marker.

Commissioner Sewick proposed to research and re-write the narrative given in the Blue Book. Once research and review is complete, Commissioner Sewick will submit to HDC for review and approval.

Motion for Commissioner Sewick to research and rewrite the existing narrative in the Blue Book for the HD #212 Emmett Green House and submit to HDC for approval.

MOTION BY: SEWICK
SUPPORT BY: BRINCAT

PAUL SEWICK WILL RESEARCH AND REWRITE NARRATIVE IN BLUE BOOK FOR HD 212 FOR THE HISTORIC MARKER.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

POINTS OF INTEREST/UPDATES:

PRESERVATION FARMINGTON WILL HOST LECTURE SERIES IN FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL. WANT TO PARTNER WITH HDC TO HOST MARCH 27 AND APRIL 27 LECTURES AT SPICER HOUSE.

The first lecture will be hosted at Ken Klemmer's house on researching the history of your historic home and will be followed by a tour of the home. Paul Sewick will speak at the second lecture in March on, "How Farmington and Farmington Hills got their shape." The last lecture is on Kit Houses.

Approved 2-14-2018

According to staff, the City charges for the rental of Longacre. Sewick mentioned the Farmington Hills Heritage Center did not accommodate the number of people interested in attending. Staff will follow-up with the Recreation department to reserve the Spicer house.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence provided and distributed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comments.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Sewick inquired about the process to get his home designated as a local historic district. Commissioners Olson and Klemmer provided the requirements and timeline for a study committee, state of Michigan Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) review and City Planning Commission and City Council approval.

Klemmer recommended he present information on his home at the next HDC meeting to be considered for designation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of December 13, 2017 Commission Meeting were reviewed.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 13, 2017 Historic District Commission with recommended changes.

**MOTION BY: OLSON
SUPPORTED BY: HEGARTY**

To approve the minutes as submitted with minor revisions (typo).

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Klemmer declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

KEN KLEMMER – CHAIR

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