

MEETING MINUTES  
FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
City of Farmington Hills  
January 8, 2020  
7:30 p.m.

Fountain Room, City Hall  
City of Farmington Hills  
31555 Eleven Mile Road  
Farmington Hills, MI 48336  
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- 1. CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Chairman Hulett at 7:40 p.m.
- 2. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Earl Baxtresser, James Hulett, Lee Cox, John Scott.  
  
MEMBERS ABSENT: John Willyard, Pam Correll.  
  
LIAISON TO HERITAGE & HISTORY MUSEUM; Brian Golden was present.  
  
LIAISON FROM CITY: Absent  
  
OTHERS PRESENT: None
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**  
**MOTION by Baxtresser, support by Hulett, to approve the agenda as published.**  
**Motion carried 4-0.**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 13, 2019:**  
**MOTION by Cox, support by Scott, to accept the minutes of November 13, 2019 as written. Motion carried 4-0.**
- 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
  - A.** Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews: Hulett presented a Detroit United Railway uniform button and a DUR ticket that he had obtained and donated to the Heritage and History Center Museum.  
**Motion by Baxtresser, support by Cox to accept these items into the museum's collection. Motion carried 4-0.**
  - B.** Museum Improvement-
    - a.** Interior – Baxtresser shared email correspondence with Bryan Farmer of the Special Services Department in which the Mr. Farmer details the selection of Straub Pettit Yaste Architects, to perform the architectural services at the Heritage and History Center and the upcoming meetings, with that firm, that will be held this week as that design process gets underway.
    - b.** Exterior- None
  - C.** Brick Walk Brick Sales- Scott and Cox both mentioned a brick donation. Golden will

provide an application form.

**D. Historical Markers-**

1. Pasadena Park- On hold.
2. Palmer Sherman House- On hold.
3. Boys Republic-Angeline Lawrence has not heard back from Wellsprings Community Services. A follow-up phone call will be made to the Executive Director, Mr. David Gehm.
4. Power's Station: Baxtresser meet with Angeline Lawrence and FH City Engineering Department about historic marker placement at the Northwest corner of Halsted and 8 Mile Road. It was determined that "Right Of Way" issues did not a present problem at this location.
5. Brian Golden mentioned that he would start a reassessment of the current markers in Farmington Hills and will provide that to the commission.

**E. Publications –**Mary Isham Garfield research ongoing.

**F. Heritage Tourism-** No discussion.

**G. Filing Cabinet Review:** As time permits.

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Greater Farmington 200<sup>th</sup>/Bicentennial: Golden provided a sketch of the anticipated logo for the 200<sup>th</sup> Bicentennial. Further planning meetings will be forthcoming.
- B. Angeline Lawrence had invited members of the Historical Commission to attend a meeting at City Hall on January 7<sup>th</sup> with Allen Higgens of the State Historic Preservation Office. (SHPO).  
Mr. Higgens was reaching out to the communities in Michigan that currently have CLG status and reviewed a variety of services that his office might be able to provide the Historical Commission for the funding of projects. Baxtresser, Cox and Golden from FHHC attended as well as Ken Klemmer of the HDC.

**7. POINTS OF INTEREST:** Baxtresser mentioned that a recent Michigan State Supreme Court ruling ruled: That as of May 1, 2020, cameras would be allowed in Michigan Court buildings. (Paraphrased) This will facilitate research work at County Clerks offices because personal cellphone cameras could now be used to photograph documents.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE:** Email from Bryan Farmer about the H&HC Architect starting the initial designs.

**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 8:50 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** February 12, 2020, 7:30 pm, Fountain Room at City Hall

Respectfully Submitted,  
Earl Baxtresser,  
Recording and Corresponding Secretary