

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
City of Farmington Hills
September 13, 2017
7:30 p.m.

Heritage and History Center
Heritage Park, Farmington Rd.
Farmington Hills, MI 48336
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1. CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chairman Willyard at 7:50 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Pam Correll, John Scott, Lee Cox, Earl Baxtresser, John Willyard

MEMBERS ABSENT: James Hulett

LIAISON TO HERITAGE & HISTORY MUSEUM: Brian Golden was absent.

LIAISON FROM CITY: Absent

OTHERS PRESENT: No guests

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Correll made a motion to accept as written, 2nd by Baxtresser; approved 5-0

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 14, 2017: Cox made a motion to accept as written, 2nd by Scott; approved 5-0

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews: No discussion

B. Museum Improvement-

1. Interior- Interior enhancement discussion was held. Funding methods for this project were brought up by Scott. Additional discussion will be held at a later date.
2. Exterior-
 - a. Scott inquired about the possibility of utilizing a stall space in the adjacent barn for an interpretive area that could house the horse drawn buggy and appurtenances that are currently stored in another barn. Inquiries will be made by various commissioners.
 - b. Exterior landscaping was discussed. Because the cost sharing proposal with Special Services was not adopted, Baxtresser mentioned the possibility of a volunteer effort to accomplish this task. Scott mentioned that Betty Poole had offered a design and that Brian Golden had that plan in his possession. Baxtresser said he would pursue this. Cox mentioned that there would be a possibility that Special Services might be enlisted to help with some of the more difficult (large) plant removals with the equipment they have close by.

C. Brick Walk Brick Sales- No new sales.

D. Historical Markers-

1. Stuart Little Laser Etched Stone- Baxtresser mentioned that the etched granite would be ready for pickup in next week. He also mentioned that he had materials to make a base. Scott, Cox and Willyard offered up their services to help with this.
2. Pasadena Park- On hold.
3. Palmer Sherman House- Deed information is needed. On Hold.
4. Pursuant to an email from Mark Stec to all commissioners concerning two historic markers in need of repair or replacement, a discussion proceeded covering the issues indicated in that email. It was mentioned that, in some cases the Historical Commission has had to bear the cost burden of repair or replacement because of specific damage caused by others and not necessarily damage that would be attributed to a normal aging process.

Correll made a motion to authorize the funds for two new posts for the Sleepy Hollow Historic Marker. Also, authorize funds for the replacement of the Worker's Camp Historic Marker. This authorization would be contingent upon these subsequent re-installations being done with a protective buffer area, at the base of the signs, utilizing landscape boulders, similar to what was done with the Stuart Little Historic Marker at Heritage Park. Also, these re-installations should be coordinated with Commissioner Cox as to specific locations and sign directions: (Worker's Camp sign to be re-aligned to be parallel to 12 Mile Road and Sleepy Hollow sign to be turned around with the better side facing Drake). Baxtresser seconded this motion. Approved 5-0.

E. Publications – No discussion

F. Heritage Tourism- No discussion.

6. NEW BUSINESS-

- A. There was a discussion concerning the status of Brian Golden, "Curator / Director of the Heritage and History Center" as a "Full Member" of the Farmington Hills Historic Commission. Cox mentioned that he had heard that this was discussed and that it would not be an option at this time.

7. POINTS OF INTEREST-

8. CORRESPONDENCE Received: Email from Mark Stec concerning the damaged signs. Email from Angeline Lawrence concerning the Window workshop. **It was indicated that one commissioner, James Hulett, would be attending.** Cox also mentioned that \$ 200.00 of the FHHC budget money had been designated to help make this workshop happen.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None

11. LIAISON ACTION ITEMS:

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

NEXT MEETING: October 11, 2017, 7:30 pm, Location: Heritage and History Center

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Earl Baxtresser,

Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Pro Tem