

**FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
HERITAGE PARK – SPICER HOUSE  
24915 FARMINGTON RD, FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48334  
APRIL 12, 2023**

**CALLED TO ORDER BY:** CHAIR TULAS AT 6:32 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** KLEMMER, TRAFELET, OLSON, THOMSON, TULAS, PAULSON

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** NONE

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kris Canty – Staff Liaison

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Trafelet, support by Paulson.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**POINTS OF INTEREST:**

1. Spicer House Roof Discussion and Samples.
  - Went outside to test single and cap colors on the roof
  - Motion to utilize Brava synthetic shake shingles in the color of “Aspen” and ridge caps to be a mix of “Aged Mission” and “Autumn”.

Motion by Klemmer, supported by Trafelet.  
Motion carried unanimously.

2. Cemetery Project Update
  - John Trafalet and Steve Olson met with representatives who were responsible for applying epoxy fixes to cemetery headstones. They had done work at Quaker Cemetery in Farmington on Gill Road. Steve discussed the pros and cons of using epoxy versus stainless steel “C-Channel” rails. Ken suggested potentially employing a mix of both approaches. The HDC does not have a budget, at the moment to address this matter. The consultants charge \$90 per hour. John is going to check with DPW to see if there are any current funds to do some cemetery restoration work before June.

Motion by Olson, support by Trafelet.  
Motion carried unanimously.

- Steve reported that he has asked local Scout troops for assistance in cemetery clean up. He is still awaiting word back from the troops.

- Steve and John talked with the city and secured better maps of the cemetery plots.
- Survey 123 application from Matt Malone (Farmington Hills city employee) could be possibly used to document cemetery records. Steve distributed possible data points to capture in survey of cemetery. Discussed utilizing Alec Thomson's HIST 152 class as a service-learning project to document West Cemetery.
- Motion made to encourage Alec to work with Schoolcraft College to utilize HIST 152 (19th Century American History) students to document West Cemetery plots in Fall 2023 term. Seconded from Jim Paulson. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by Olson, supported by Paulson.  
Motion carried unanimously.

### 3. Mid-Century Modern Properties Designation Project

- There were 4 positive responses seeking more details about having their property listed in HDC. Jim has been in contact with all the owners who expressed an interest. The subcommittee will follow-up with the property owners. The committee should request any drawings or other documentation from the owner. The committee would take pictures at visit to document architectural features. Committee should inform to the owners their responsibility with being designated. Jim is going to make calls to the owners.
- Marleen reported looking for information about a model home that was on display at Northland Mall and moved to Holly Hill Farms. Going to do more research on its current status.

### 4. Farmington Hills 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

- Marleen Tulas reported that she is meeting with Vickie Winn next week to find out how the HDC might participate in the celebration. July 6th is celebration date.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. CAMP, Commissioner Assistance Mentoring Program is hosting a ZOOM conference on both April 13 and April 20, 2023.

### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

- Marleen's presentation at the City Council was well-received. Council had many positive comments to share regarding the HDC.
- Steve Olson mentioned he heard a rumor that Spicer House was to be painted and stained tomorrow (4.13.23) in advance of Earth Day.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 8, 2023**

- Correct the spelling of Albert Kahn.
- Need date added to Kris Canty's submission.

Motion made to accept minutes with below mentioned corrections.

Motion by Klemmer, supported by Olson.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Unanimous proclamation at 8:05 pm

Submitted by Kris Canty (4/13/2023)