

**MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM  
NOVEMBER 10, 2021**

**CALLED MEETING TO ORDER:** CHAIRMAN KEN KLEMMER 7:30 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ken Klemmer, Jim Paulson, John Trafelet, Alec Thomson, Steve Olson, Marleen Tulas

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Lisa Martin

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Erik Perdonik (City Staff Planner), Valerie Knol (City Council Liaison),

Raj Patel, Optalis Management Solutions, Tim Loughran, Robertson Brothers Homes  
Scott Eliot, Signature.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion to approve agenda for Noember 10, 2021**

**MOTION BY: JOHN TRAFELET**  
**SUPPORT BY: KEN KLEMMER**

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS 21-3 – HISTORIC DISTRICT #514 JAMES F. CAIN HOUSE  
LOCATION : 26135 Holly Hill Drive  
PARCIL ID: 22-23-15-476-036  
APPLICANT: Alec Thompson and Colleen Pilgrim  
OWNER: Alec Thompson and Colleen Pilgrim  
PROPOSAL: Replacement of eight (8) windows on the 1060's family room addition with new double hung window's with grills. Current windows are in poor condition and in some cases inoperable. New wood windows are from Pella Architect Series (spec's provided).

Motion to approve per documentation presented. Supported by secretary of Interior Standards #2 and #5.

**MOTION BY : STEVE OLSON**  
**SUPPORTED BY: JOHN TRAFELET**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A. *Sarah Fisher Update*

Mr. Patel presented an update on the status of the proposed Sarah Fisher development. The latest proposal was rejected by City Counsel due to the site density of the residential development at the north end of the site. To reduce density, Mr. Patel proposed removing one of the cottages and the administration building. Both of these structures were to remain per prior agreement with the HDC. This would leave only the chapel as the remaining historic structure. The proposed skilled nursing facility plan would be altered to incorporate the chapel into the plan.

Mr Loughran presented revised plans and elevations of various condominium units and their placement at the north end of the site. The revised plan incorporates additional space on the site made available if the cottage and administration buildings were removed.

The proposed removal of the cottage and administration buildings will be discussed and voted on at the December 8 HDC Meeting.

**POINTS OF INTEREST/UPDATES:**

Cemetery Project

Commissioners Olsen and Trafelet presented a draft timeline for leveling of remaining headstones. Utley cemetery will be scheduled for sometime next year.

Spicer House

No update at this time.

Oral History Project

No report

Botsford Inn

A subcommittee was formed to review the condition of the building and make recommendations to the owner for repairs of deteriorating elements. Committee members are: Alec Thomson, John Trafelet, Marleen Tulas.

New Commissioner

Welcome Marleen Tulas!

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Evelyn Calchary had contacted Jeri LaBelle regarding damaged headstones at West Farmington Cemetery. She is the granddaughter of Thomas Davis a Civil War veteran and had expressed concern that the mother/father headstones next to Thomas Davis had been damaged during fence replacement. HDC to investigate.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Paul Blizman, a resident of Farmington Hills, had suggested that the Sarah Fisher property be removed from the historic district due to the level of development and number of historic structures that are being removed.

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

**APPROVAL OF 10/13/2021 MINUTES**

Correction of Commissioner Paulson's name (Jim)

**Motion to approve 10/13/2021 minutes with above corrections.**

**MOTION BY: Steve Olson**

**SUPPORT BY: Ken Klemmer**

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM by Chairman Klemmer