

MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
ELECTRONIC MEETING
(As authorized under the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.261, ET SEQ, AS AMENDED)
ZOOM 82046059598
MARCH 10, 2021

CALLED MEETING TO ORDER: CHAIRMAN KEN KLEMMER 7:37 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Klemmer, Farmington Hills, Michigan
Lisa Martin, Farmington Hills, Michigan
John Trafelet, Farmington Hills, Michigan
Steve Olson, Farmington Hills, Michigan
Jim Paulson, Farmington Hills, Michigan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bryan Brincat

OTHERS PRESENT: Angeline Lawrence, City of Farmington Hills, Staff HDC Liaison
Farmington Hills, Michigan
Valerie Knol, City of Farmington Hills, Council Liaison, Farmington Hills,
Michigan
John Willyard, Farmington Hills, Historic Homeowner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as published.

Motion to approve agenda for March 10, 2021

MOTION BY: TRAFELET
SUPPORT BY: OLSON

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Klemmer, Martin, Trafelet, Olson, Paulson,
Nays: None
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Cemetery Preservation Update

Commissioner Olson reports that the West cemetery looks good. He contacted four or five scout troops with 2 troops responding for a new date to clean up the cemetery. A very positive meeting was held with Kevin McCarthy, Farmington Hills DPW regarding maintenance procedures proceeding starting with West cemetery. FHHDC will cover the cost for up to \$5,000 in re-leveling and re-setting monuments. The DPW has money in their budget for lawn and mowing costs.

Motion to approve letting of bids to re-set and re-level monuments 5-foot tall or less based on the scope of work and cost estimate information provided at 2/10/2021 meeting, for a total cost not to exceed \$5,000.

MOTION BY: OLSON
SUPPORT BY: TRAFELET

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Klemmer, Martin, Trafelet, Olson and Paulson
Nays: None
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

i. Temporary Signage

Staff Liaison Lawrence to update pending receipt of additional information from HDC regarding the sign ordinance requirements. Signage is intended to be temporary to bring public attention to project. Update tabled until next scheduled HDC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

a. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS 21-1

HD District #2 John Garfield House, 35810 Thirteen Mile Road
Parcel ID 23-12-378-005

Proposal: Replace existing cedar shake roofs on main house, carriage house and DELCO house with asphalt architectural grade multi-layered roofing.

The Willyard family was advised by the City of Farmington Hills that roof replacement or repair was necessary as a result of rot and missing shingles.

Owner John Willyard presented photos of his home and described the work to be completed. A sample the material samples have been submitted to Staff Liaison Lawrence and passed on to appropriate Farmington Hills authorities for review. Extensive research has been undertaken by the Willyard family. As a result of this research, Kearns Bros. has been identified as the primary

candidate. Roof replacement on the DELCO aspect of the property will be a DIY project. A contract has already been signed with Kearns with anticipated inception within 4-8 weeks.

Computerized photo samples submitted to the HDC are not indicative of the “true” color, which is charcoal, and not as lavender as it appears in the computerized samples. ACTUAL samples are available through Staff Liaison Lawrence.

Commissioner Klemmer noted that the replacement appeared to have the old, weathered cedar roof appearance. Commissioner Klemmer did, however, note dismay over another cedar roof lost.

Council Liaison Knol noted her appreciation of the Willyard’s financial investment in this historic home and support of the Farmington Hills Historic districts.

Motion to approve application for replacement of roof at #2 John Garfield House, 35810 Thirteen Mile Road, based on materials submitted, pursuant to Secretary of Interior Standard #6 and #9.

MOTION BY: OLSON
SUPPORT BY: TRAFELET

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Klemmer, Martin, Trafelet, Olson, Paulson,
Nays: None
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

POINTS OF INTEREST:

a. Vacancy:

Staff Liaison Lawrence reported that there is no update. Both applicants have been contacted

CORRESPONDENCE:

The \$700 payment for replacement of the windstorm damaged marker located at the Charles Wixom House, 38285 West Twelve Mile has been received from property owner, Michael Marlett. The filing of an insurance claim was not pursued by the property owner. The \$700 payment is a required investment by property owners towards the \$2,415 cost of the marker. The HDC approved the authorization to pay the remaining balance for the replacement of the marker.

Motion to approve payment by HDC of \$1,715 towards the total cost of \$2,415 to replace historic marker damaged by a windstorm, at Charles Wixom House, 38285 W. Twelve Mile Road.

**MOTION BY: TRAFELET
SUPPORT BY: MARTIN**

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Klemmer, Martin, Trafelet, Olson, Paulson,
Nays: None
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Council Liaison Knol reported that trees had been removed by DPW at Spicer House as promised. However, she also noted that she had conversations with city departments about adding some ornamental flowering trees that would be paid for through the City Tree Fund. She received a positive response.

Commissioner Trafelet agreed with Council Liaison Knol's observation and requested some additional clean up as well as, perhaps, some installation of fieldstones.

It was suggested that a reception at Spicer House be held for Historic District homeowners.

Sarah Fisher - Planning Commission is still awaiting submission of requested site plan from potential purchasers. Staff Liaison Lawrence will keep us advised.

APPROVAL OF 2/10/2021 MINUTES:

Commissioner Klemmer noted that on page 3 of the minutes submitted that "plaques" should be referred to as "markers" in several instances. He also noted a few grammatical corrections on page 3.

Motion to approve 2/10/2021 minutes, as submitted and as corrected per above

MOTION BY: Olson
SUPPORT BY: Trafelet

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Klemmer, Martin, Trafelet, Paulson, Olson
Nays: None
Abstentions: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:33 p.m.

MOTION BY: Trafelet
SUPPORT BY: Paulson

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Klemmer, Martin, Trafelet, Paulson, Olson
Nays: None
Abstentions: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0