

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
City of Farmington Hills
October 10, 2018
7:30 p.m.

Heritage & History Center
Heritage Park
24915 Farmington Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48336
www.fhgov.com
248-871-2540

1. **CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Chairman Hulett at 7:37 p.m.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lee Cox, Earl Baxtresser, James Hulett, John Scott, Pam Correll, John Willyard.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dylan Gomula

LIAISON TO HERITAGE & HISTORY MUSEUM; Brian Golden was present.

LIAISON FROM CITY: Absent

OTHERS PRESENT: None

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION by Correll, support by Willyard, to approve the agenda as published.
Motion carried 6-0.**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES- September 12, 2018:**

**MOTION by Scott, support by Correll, to accept the minutes of September 12, 2018
as written. Motion carried 6-0.**

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews- Golden brought in numerous photos and newspaper clippings. Willyard also brought in a few historical items from his archives.
Motion by Baxtresser, support by Scott to accept these items into the H&HC Collection noting that Brian Golden would exercise his discretion on what items are kept. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. Museum Improvement-
Interior-
 1. a. Baxtresser gave his overview of the meeting Held October 3 with the Special Services Department about improvements to the Heritage and History Center Building. (meeting attended by Hulett, Cox Baxtresser and Golden) He said that the reception from Special Services was enthusiastic and that as the FHHC proceeds with planning, Special Services and the FHHC should have bi-monthly meetings for progress updates. Special Services staff recognized some immediate needs for the building such as a new furnace, exterior gutter cleaning and tweaking as well as

exterior grading.

b. There was a discussion about the FHHC’s Book Fund Account as a funding source for the improvements and a desire to not “spend down” that account, in its entirety, for the H&HC improvement. Cooperation with the Special Services Department would be essential for a successful project completion.

c. Baxtresser suggested searching out an architect to aid in the design for the improvements enabling all parties to formulate budgets based on the drawings. He said he knew of one possibility and Scott said he might have two more possibilities.

Motion by Baxtresser, support by Willyard to obtain the services of an architect for the Improvements to the Heritage and History Center at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00. Motion carried 6-0.

Exterior-

2. Nothing new.

C. Brick Walk Brick Sales- Nothing new.

D. Historical Markers-

1. Stuart Little- Baxtresser said he would reach out to Special Services to see if it would be possible to place one of their benches near the Stuart Little Plaque. **Motion by Cox support by Willyard to install the appropriate plaque on this bench. Motion carried 6-0.**
2. Pasadena Park- On hold.
3. Workers Camp Sign- Sign has been turned. Hulett suggested item be closed.
4. Palmer Sherman House- Deed information is needed. On Hold.
5. The Pernambuco Hollow- Sign has yet to be reinstalled with the new poles purchased by the Historical Commission. Cox said he would contact Steve Dixon about this.
6. Minnow Pond- Cox mentioned that the vegetation around the sign is beginning to block viewing of the sign. He mentioned he could explore some proactive options with the DPW for a remedy.
7. Boys Republic-Scott has been in contact with people at the Boys Republic. This research is ongoing.
8. McCabe Funeral Home-A Rust color has appeared on the sign from a well water irrigation system. Corrective action may be needed here.
9. Baxtresser mentioned a possible Historic Marker at 8 Mile Road and Halsted for a sign titled “Power’s Station” that he had been researching.

E. Publications –Mary Isham Garfield data ongoing.

F. Heritage Tourism- No discussion.

G. Filing Cabinet Review: As time permits.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Baxtresser mentioned that he would like information from the HDC as to topics of

discussion for next month's joint meeting.

2. Concerning the Baptist Cemetery: Willyard detailed the storyline of the fencing surrounding the cemetery and the need for possible remediation or replacement as the current fencing is not appropriate for this historic location. Cox said he would look into inquiring on that subject with the appropriate parties.

7. POINTS OF INTEREST:

- A. Willyard showed the Commissioners a finished copy of his book: **“U.S. Model 1855 Series of Small Arms”**.
- B. Brian Golden mentioned a Cemetery Tour he would be having at the Quaker Cemetery on October 27, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.
- C. Baxtresser told of the recent plaster workshop he had attended at the Spicer House.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Preliminary notes for the Meeting on October 3, 2018 with the FHHC and Special Services.
- B. Summary of the meeting with the FHHC and Special Services.

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 9:31 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: November 14, 2018, 7:30 pm, Fountain Room, City Hall

Respectfully Submitted,
Earl Baxtresser,
Recording and Corresponding Secretary