

MEETING MINUTES  
FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
City of Farmington Hills  
January 13, 2020  
7:30 p.m.

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**1. Chairman Hulett called the electronically held (Zoom) meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.**

**2. MEMBERS PRESENT:** James Hulett, Farmington Hills, MI

Lee Cox, Farmington Hills, MI

John Scott, Farmington Hills, MI

John Willyard, Farmington Hills, MI

Earl Baxtresser, Farmington Hills, MI

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pam Correll

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

LIAISON FROM CITY: Angeline Lawrence, Farmington Hills, MI was present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Mathis, Farmington Hills, MI

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION by Baxtresser, support by Scott, to approve the agenda as published.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yeas: Baxtresser, Scott, Willyard, Cox, Hulett.**

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: none**

**Motion carried 5-0.**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 11, 2020:**

**MOTION by Cox, support by Hulett, to accept the minutes of November 11, 2020 as amended.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yeas: Cox, Willyard, Scott, Hulett, Baxtresser**

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: none**

**Motion carried 5-0.**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews: None**

- B. Museum Improvement-**
  - a. Interior** –Baxtresser shared information from Angeline Lawrence about staffing changes at The Special Services Department and is expecting updated information on this project soon.
  - b. Exterior-** None
- C. Brick Walk Brick Sales-** Discussion initiated by Scott about advertising. Baxtresser said he would explore the placing of another advertisement in The Special Services Department seasonal brochure.
- D. Historical Markers-**
  - 1. Pasadena Park- The issue with this Historic Marker has been remedied.
  - 2. Worker’s Camp -Baxtresser mentioned that the Worker’s Camp marker had been picked up by Sewah Studios.
  - 3. Palmer Sherman House- On Covid-19 hold.
  - 4. Boys Republic- Cox mentioned that he has checked adjacent alternate Marker locations and informed the members that all prospective locations are owned by Wellsprings Community Services. Additional calls to Wellsprings will be made.
  - 5. Power’s Station: Nothing new.
- E. Publications** –Mary Isham Garfield research ongoing.
- F. FHHC Filing Cabinet Contents Review:** As time permits
- G. 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning-** On hold pending Covid-19 restrictions.
- 6. NEW BUSINESS:** Brian Golden shared with the Commission an ongoing project he had developed in the City of Farmington attempting to comingle interest in Historic Markers and local history with that of an ongoing Pandemic related desire for exercise. This has resulted in a Walking and or Bike Tour of the community complete with QR codes, affixed, to Historic Markers for additional historic facts. All Commissioners, as well as Mike Mathis, expressed interest in the possibility of developing that for the City of Farmington Hills and will be reaching out to Brian Golden for moving forward.
- 7. POINTS OF INTEREST:** It is to be noted that Mike Mathis, of Farmington Hills, MI has expressed interest in becoming a Commissioner on the Farmington Hills Historical Commission. There was a misunderstanding as to his actual appointment date to the FHHC and consequently his status will be as a “Member of the Public” attending FHHC meetings until his appointment to the FHHC is codified by City Council.
- 8. CORRESPONDENCE:** None
- 9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** Willyard mentioned that on the Bureau of Land Management Website, copies of the “Patent Deeds” or original “transfer of title” from the Federal Government to the first purchasers of land in the Michigan Territory were available for viewing and possible purchase.

**11. LIAISON ACTION ITEMS:** Liaison Lawrence brought up the issue of conflicting Commission Meeting times and asked that the FHHC entertain an alternate Electronically held (Zoom) meeting time of the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30.

**Motion by Baxtresser, support by Scott to hold the Farmington Hills Historical Commission Meeting, Electronically (Zoom) on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yeas: Baxtresser, Scott, Willyard, Cox, Hulett.**

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: None**

**Motion carried 5-0.**

**12. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** February 24, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. to be held Electronically (Zoom)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Earl Baxtresser,  
Recording and Corresponding Secretary