

MEETING MINUTES

FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

City of Farmington Hills

February 10, 2016

7:30 p.m.

Farmington Hills City Hall-Fountain View Room

31555 Eleven Mile Rd.

Farmington Hills, MI 48336

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248-871-2540

1. CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chairman Willyard at 7:40 p.m.
2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Earl Baxstresser, Lee Cox, John Scott, Sherrie Stewart, John Willyard
MEMBERS ABSENT: Pam Correll
LIAISON TO HERITAGE & HISTORY MUSEUM: Brian Golden arrived at 7:50 p.m.
OTHERS PRESENT:
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Stewart made a **motion** to accept as written, 2nd by Scott; approved 5-0
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Scott made a **motion** to approve both the November 2015 and January 2016 minutes as written. Cox seconded; motion carried unanimously.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews

Nothing to report

B. Museum Improvement

1. Golden spoke with Mr. Schneeman who promised to send over a student or two when the weather gets warmer.
2. External Step Railings
 - a. Reviewed estimates presented last meeting by Scott. Discussed advantages of the lower bid by Novi Fence.
 - b. Cox made a **motion** to accept the bid from Novi Fence at the estimate of \$586; Scott seconded; the motion passed 5-0. Cox took the bids to give to Mr. Stec.

C. Membership

Nothing New

D. Brick Walk Brick Sales

1. Baxstresser reported that the couple referenced last month, no longer engrave on-site.
2. Stewart turned in an order for a brick.
3. Golden reported that Fendt now says that the 9" x 9" bricks are not available and said we should offer 12" x 12".

E. Stollberg Memorial

On hold until spring

F. Historical Markers

- i. Stuart Little Sign- nothing new
- ii. Pasadena Park- on hold
- iii. Palmer Sherman House- Brian will follow through on deed research this month

G. Publications

No report

H. Heritage Tourism

1. Golden spoke about lack of interest at the county level in the concept of heritage tourism.
2. He has created two tours: a historical cemetery tour and one of the interurban.
3. Golden now hopes to focus efforts on historical learning and tourism of our community
4. Willyard suggested a map pointing out historic features or developing a website.

6. New Business

7. Points of Interest/Updates

(Editor's Note: Stewart meant to bring this up during the meeting): Stec posted an email regarding Michigan in Perspective: The Local History Conference; March 11-12, 2016 • Sterling Heights, Michigan. Stewart wonders if any members are planning on attending?

8. Correspondence

- A. FHHDC Expenditure Detail Report for 2/08/2016
- B. FHHDC Minutes for 01/13/2016
- C. FHHDC Agenda for 02/10/2016
- D. Letter from G2 Consulting Group regarding a proposed Verizon 127 ft. cell phone tower, to be erected the east side of Farmington Rd., between North Farmington High School property and south of the North Farmington Cemetery. (Cox said he will evaluate the site)
- E. Letter from Dave Gadja, Finance Director to Chairman Willyard asking the commission to keep to our 2015/2016 budget.
- F. Letter from Mayor Ken Massey to Chairman Willyard reappointing him to the commission

9. Public Comments

10. Commissioner's Comments

11. Liaison ACTION ITEMS

- A. Monitor Museum Steps Railing Progress
- B. Find out what we owe the HDC for Buckhorn Corners Marker Re-install post
- C. Facilitate brick sale charge process with city as needed.
- D. Letter to Historic Home Owners to increase awareness for Historical Commission Members
- E. Need buffer around Stuart Little marker in Heritage Park to prevent 3rd incident of accidental damage by mowers.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Next Meeting- March 9, 2016 - Fountain View Room, City Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherrie Stewart,

Recording and Corresponding Secretary