

**MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
JANUARY 8, 2014 – 7:30pm
CITY HALL – FOUNTAIN VIEW ROOM
31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336**

CALLED TO ORDER BY: CHAIRMAN WILLYARD AT 7:30PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: WILLYARD, SCOTT, COX, GOLDEN

MEMBERS ABSENT: STEWART, MOEHLMAN, AND CORRELL

OTHERS PRESENT: JACK GAUDREAU, STEVE OLSON, AND DON MILLINGTON

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion Cox, 2nd Scott – Unanimous approval

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2013: Motion Scott, 2nd Cox – Unanimous approval

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Orange Risdon Map Display Case:** Visitor Jack Gaudreau reviewed proposed map display area and discussed security alarm options, devices and support plans offered by ADT that could be used to enhance the security of the map when it is relocated to the proposed display area. A suggestion has been made that once available, a copy of the map could be displayed in place of the original, and the original stored in a secure location. Scott felt displaying a copy was acceptable unless a security system, integrated into the City Hall system, is installed, in which case he prefers the original be displayed. Willyard agreed feeling since the public owns the map, they should have the ability to see it. Also, he feels if the map is stored in an inaccessible location, it could become lost over time. He feels that only if displaying it is harming it (excessive light exposure) then it would be appropriate to display a copy. Golden agrees that the original should be displayed only if an alarm system is installed and good lighting provided. Cox definitely feels the original should be displayed. Input from absent members is requested.
- B. HDC Orange Risdon Map Scan/Publish Project:** All members felt the map is too rare, valuable, and fragile to leave at White Reproduction during scanning. It is felt that a member, or members of the Commission should transport the map to White, observe the work, and return with the map on the same day. HDC Chairman Olson and member Millington agree and attended to express that this option will be available for the scan process.
- C. Museum Accession/De-accession Reviews:** Nothing today.
- D. Museum Improvement:**
- a. The Commission discussed with Golden its desire to assist in improving the interior of the Museum through a re-modeling project that would remove the kitchen, revise the rest room and expand usable space into the unused back room. The Commission had previously discussed funding this work through the existing Book Fund. Golden offered to seek a qualified architect who could provide preliminary sketches illustrating optional plans.
 - b. The Museum Entrance was also discussed. It is completed except for a wrought iron hand railing which is promised.
 - c. Memorial Brick Paver sales were also discussed. Golden and Scott have looked into similar projects conducted by other area facilities and a proposed sales folder was prepared based on others used in this area. It is proposed that a 4x8 gift brick could be engraved and installed with a name or memorial message for \$100, and an 8x8 sized gift brick for \$200. These would cost us \$35, and \$45 each respectively, and the proceeds would be returned to the Commission's Book Fund to help pay the cost of the paver

project. Golden noted that the ability for subscribers to pay via credit card was still under development.

E. Historical Markers: Nothing today.

F. Publications: Nothing today.

NEW BUSINESS

The sad passing of late Commission Member Stolberg's brother Dan was discussed. It was agreed an email would be sent to sister Barb Stolberg to express condolences and ask if there is anything the Commission can do to help her. Nothing today.

POINTS OF INTEREST/UPDATES: Nothing today.

CORRESPONDENCE

- HDC Agenda for 1/8/14 Meeting
- HDC draft Minutes for 12/11/13 Meeting
- HDC flyer "1826 Territory of Michigan Map Reproduction Project" undated
- HC "Expenditure Detail Report" dated 1/8/14
- City Finance Director letter transmitting 2014/15 Budget form at a budget level of \$4481.00

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Nothing today

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: Nothing today

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned 10:20PM

Acting Secretary, Historical Commission Chairperson: John Willyard Staff Liaison: Mark Stec