

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
**City of Farmington Hills**  
**Fountain Room**  
**March 22, 2023**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
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**248-871-2540**

**1. Chairman Hulett called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m.**

**2. MEMBERS PRESENT:** James Hulett, Earl Baxtresser, John Willyard, Lee Cox, John Scott

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

LIAISON FROM CITY: Absent

OTHERS PRESENT:

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION by Baxtresser support by Scott to approve the agenda as published.**  
**Motion carried 5-0**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION by Scott support by Willyard, to accept the minutes of January 25, 2023.**  
**Motion carried 5-0.**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

**B.** Museum Improvement-

- a. Interior-On hold
- b. Exterior-On hold.

**C.** Brick Walk Brick Sales-None

**D.** Historical Markers-

- 1. Palmer Sherman House- Ongoing.
- 2. Boys Republic- Waiting on permitting requests from Wellsprings Community Services to introduce the future Historic Marker placement.
- 3. Power's Station: Baxtresser shared survey data locating what would be the location of the Powers Station waiting room as it relates to the present day.
- 4. "QR" Codes: Information gathering in process and is ongoing.
- 5. Lee Cox will investigate the status of Freedom Acres sign.

- E. Publications –Mary Isham Garfield research ongoing.
- F. FHHHC Filing Cabinet Contents Review: On hold.
- G. 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning- Golden mentioned that the anniversary is now 1 year out and zoom meetings will commence.
- H. Spicer House relocation for the Heritage and History Center:

Commissioners discussed the previous meeting, on March 13, 2023, with the Special Services Department, Bryan Farmer at the Spicer House. At this meeting, Bryan Farmer discussed the moving of the History Center to the Spicer House. This discussion resulted in the following motion:

**MOTION: The Farmington Hills Historical Commission desires to move forward with further discussions with The Special Services Department to move the Heritage and History Center from the Palmer Sherman House to the Spicer House at Heritage Park.**

**Motion carried 5-0.**

- 5. **NEW BUSINESS:** Golden discussed a project that several close by communities will be putting together highlighting the participation of these communities in the Underground Railroad. This will be a traveling display made up of illustrative panels.
- 7. **POINTS OF INTEREST:** Baxtresser mentioned that the Michigan Barn Preservation Network had recognized his family’s “Maple Woods Farm Barn” as one of the winners of the “Barn of the Year 2023” award in the “Family, Adaptive Reuse Category”.
- 8. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.
- 9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
- 10. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** None
- 11. **LIAISON ACTION ITEMS:** None
- 12. **ADJOURNMENT:**  
The meeting was adjourned at 9:01. p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** April 26, 2023, at the Heritage and History Center, Heritage Park, Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Michigan 48336

Respectfully Submitted,  
Earl Baxtresser,  
Recording and Corresponding Secretary