

MEETING MINUTES

FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

City of Farmington Hills

June 14, 2017

7:30 p.m.

Heritage and History Center

Heritage Park, Farmington Rd.

Farmington Hills, MI 48336

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1. CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chairman Willyard at 7:31 p.m.
2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Pam Correll, Lee Cox, James Hulett, Earl Baxtresser, John Willyard
MEMBERS ABSENT: John Scott,
LIAISON TO HERITAGE & HISTORY MUSEUM; Brian Golden was absent.
LIAISON FROM CITY: Absent
OTHERS PRESENT: No guests
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Correll made a motion to accept as written, 2nd by Hulett; approved 5-0
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **May 10, 2017**; Cox made a motion to accept as written, 2nd by Baxtresser; approved 5-0
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
 - A. Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews: Chairman Willyard brought in, from his collection, 2 file size boxes containing archival materials from past FHHC meetings (dating back to the 1980's) Materials included agenda / meeting handwritten notes, reports from past commissioners and other published documents. **Baxtresser made a motion to accept these documents into the collection at the Heritage and History Center. This was seconded by Correll, approved 5-0.**
 - B. Museum Improvement-
 1. Interior- Interior enhancement discussion was tabled for a later date.
 2. Exterior- The landscaping plan that had been initiated by Commissioner Scott was discussed. Baxtresser mentioned that Brian Golden had indicated that the previous Motion of cost sharing of the landscaping with Special Services was probably not going to work

out. Recognizing that the FHHC would have to foot the bill for the entire cost of the landscaping, **Baxtresser made a motion to authorize an amount of \$ 4000.00 for that project. This money would come out of the 2017-2018 budget year. Seconded by Correll, approved 5-0.** There was subsequent discussion about revisiting the quotes previously acquired by Scott. There was a further discussion of reviewing this plan with Special Services.

C. Brick Walk Brick Sales- No new sales. Baxtresser mentioned about placing a notice in the Special Services Newsletter Publication. Ellen Schnackel was the contact person.

D. Historical Markers-

1. Stuart Little Laser Etched Stone-

- a. Baxtresser submitted 3 quotations for the Laser Etching on a 2” thick slab of polished black granite (12’ X 24”) of the drawing previously supplied. Wietechas Monument Company of Southfield: \$ 650.00. Inch Memorials of Northville: \$ 580.00. Ashcraft Engraving of Northville: \$ 320.00. Willyard asked if the engraving would be easier to interpret if the words “Stuart Little” were inscribed on the etched surface. **Cox made a motion to accept and proceed with the quote from Ashcraft Engraving (\$ 320.00) with adjustments to the to the sketch to include the wording “Stuart Little”.** Willyard would make that wording adjustment to the JPEG file and email to the commission members.

2. Pasadena Park- On hold.

3. Palmer Sherman House- Deed information is needed. On Hold.

E. Publications – No discussion

F. Heritage Tourism- No discussion.

6. NEW BUSINESS-

- A. There was a discussion concerning last meetings motion for the adding of Brian Golden, “Curator / Director of the Heritage and History Center” as a “Full Member” of the Farmington Hills Historic Commission. Willyard indicated that, as of yet, he had not received a response to

his letter to Dave Boyer concerning that issue. Lee Cox offered to pursue this further with Dave Boyer.

B. Pertaining to the recently received files from the Spicer House, Golden was to offer possible dates, for an opportunity to sort through these materials, and present those dates to the commissioners.

B. Lee Cox presented a photo of the Sleepy Hollow Plaque that was showing signs of deterioration of the posts that support the plaque.

7. POINTS OF INTEREST-

1. Chairman Willyard mentioned the possibility of an informal gathering at the HHC just before a Farmington Hills Community Chorus Concert at Heritage Park in August.

8. CORRESPONDENCE: Received: Minutes from the Historic District Commission. Discussion followed concerning using current FHHC budget year funds to enhance funding for a Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN) “Hands On Window Workshop” (tentatively scheduled for September 16, 2017 9 am to 3 pm.) **Cox made a motion to “Authorize up to \$ 1,000.00 to help facilitate this workshop. Also this was to include tuition expenses for any commission member who wanted to attend aforementioned workshop. Seconded by Baxtresser. Approved 5- 0.**

Received: Balance Sheet for the FHHC current fiscal year.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS- None

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS- None

11. LIAISON ACTION ITEMS-

1. Until a liaison attends our meetings, Mr. Cox will continue to pass along information and correspondence for the FHHC

NEXT MEETING- September 13, 2017, 7:30 pm, Location: Heritage and History Center

Meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Earl Baxtresser,

Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Pro Tem