

## **MEETING MINUTES**

FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

City of Farmington Hills

**April 13, 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 7:35 p.m.
2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Earl Baxtresser, Lee Cox, John Scott, Sherrie Stewart, John Willyard  
MEMBERS ABSENT: Pam Correll  
LIAISON TO HERITAGE & HISTORY MUSEUM: Brian Golden was in attendance  
OTHERS PRESENT: No guests
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Cox made a **motion** to accept as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott; approved 5-0
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Willyard brought attention to F. 1. b. Corrected to “The sign had to be returned to Sewah to be repaired.” Cox made a **motion** to approve the minutes as corrected; second by Baxtresser; motion carried 5-0.
  - A. Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews
    1. Golden presented a framed watercolor which has been “loaned” to the museum after being purchased at a local garage sale.
    2. The artist is Emily Butterfield and the subject is “Blue Bonnets.” The piece was framed by J. L. Hudson in 1955.
  - B. Museum Improvement
    1. Golden reported that Schneeman has delivered the assignment to his students; however, no students have contacted him to date.
    2. Golden has decided to hire an independent architect. Willyard raised the possibility of using a member of the HDC with architectural skills.
    3. Baxtresser has a friend who can do an “as built” drawing for us. We agreed that would be a good starting point; he’ll contact him.
  - C. Membership
    1. Stewart read the letters which liaison Stec forwarded to Willyard and herself from

resident James Hulett who expressed interest in joining the commission.

2. A second email from Mr. Hulett stated he would be unable to attend the April meeting.
3. He asked if it would be possible to meet commission members prior to the May meeting but we have no events planned before that. We are looking forward to meeting him.

D. Brick Walk Brick Sales

1. Baxtresser reported that an employee of Fendt eventually found several straps of the “no longer available” 9” x 9”s at their Ann Arbor site.
2. Golden reported that he made “a last push” in the Historical Society mailing by including the Brick Sale flyer which generated some more sales.
3. Eleven 9”x 9”s and six 5” x 7”s are currently being printed at A-Craft Engraving in Northville.
4. Baxtresser passed out copies of the invoice from Fendt.

E. Stollberg Memorial

1. Baxtresser sent a link to Stewart for outdoor furniture.
2. Scott commented that he knows of an artist in New York, Peter Koenig, who may be able to reproduce an image of Stuart Little. He’ll contact him with the sketch Stewart did and photograph of Ellie Spicer and Stuart.
3. Stewart commented that she’d still like to try a relief study in copper of her sketch.
4. Discussed various options to commemorate Ann. Willyard stated that when we finally resolve this memorial, we will “get that dog back into the park,” which was Ann’s desire.

F. Historical Markers

1. Stuart Little Sign- being repaired
2. Pasadena Park- on hold
3. Palmer Sherman House-
  - a. Golden has been to the county three times and still hasn’t been able to find the deed. Members reviewed much of our known history of the house, Lumen Goodenough, Marcus Burrowes, etc.

G. Publications

No report

H. Heritage Tourism

No report

6. New Business

7. Points of Interest/Updates

- A. Stewart passed out copies of Golden Harvest Flyers she had found in the basement of the Ludwig home following the passing of Bernie.
- B. Golden Harvest Inc. was set up to function much as a “reverse mortgage” for farmers and their land.

8. Correspondence

- A. FHHDC Expenditure Detail Report for 4/13/2016
- B. FHHDC Agenda for 04/13/2016

9. Public Comments

10. Commissioner’s Comments

11. **Liaison ACTION ITEMS**

Confirm with park personnel that the commission would like substantial large rocks as a buffer around the Stuart Little sign.

Next Meeting: May 11, 2016 Location: HHC

Meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherrie Stewart,  
Recording and Corresponding Secretary