

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
City of Farmington Hills  
Heritage and History Center  
September 27, 2023  
7:30 p.m.  
[www.fhgov.com](http://www.fhgov.com)  
248-871-2540

**1. Chairman Hulett called the meeting to order at 7:37 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: None

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION by Scott support by Willyard 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 June 28, 2023.**  
**Motion carried 5-0.**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews:**

1. Golden brought 16 boxes of documents deaccessioned from the Farmington Public Library concerning the Farmington Musicale. 1975 to 2023.
2. Also, deaccessioned from the FPL, an additional 6 boxes of Farmington Hills Family Histories as well as two boxes of cassettes audio tapes with cassette players.
3. Cox introduced a laminated copy of the all the pages of the Detroit News dated: November 7, 1918.

**MOTION by Baxtresser support by Cox, to accept these 3 sets of documents into the collection of the Heritage and History Center.**  
**Motion carried 5-0.**

**B. Museum Improvement-**

- a. Baxtresser shared correspondence with the FHHC from Bryan Farmer of the Special Services Department concerning the relocation of the Heritage and History Center to the Spicer House. Farmer is requesting a concept idea from the FHHC of a layout of display space at the Spicer House. Golden asked for a floor plan of the Spicer House to facilitate a design plan. Farmer also requested that the FHHC follow-up with the City Attorney documenting the upcoming move from the Caretakers House to the Spicer House.
  - C. Brick Walk Brick Sales-Discussion of some of what's involved in relocating the engraved bricks to the Spicer House.
  - D. Historical Markers-
    1. Palmer Sherman House- Evaluation ongoing of information garnered from the Oakland County Clerk's Office.
    2. Boys Republic- On hold.
    3. Power's Station: Ongoing.
    4. "QR" Codes: Discussion about generating a letter that can be sent out on Farmington Hills letterhead as a letter of introduction to homeowners with historic markers to garner additional information for that particular site. This is still needed.
  - E. Publications –Mary Isham Garfield: Willyard discussed the possibility of generating a more robust monograph of "The Garfield Family Comes to Michigan", with information gathered from the "Munroe Ledger" held at the Farmington Public Library.
  - F. FHHC Filing Cabinet Contents Review: On hold.
  - G. 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning- Golden mentioned that The City of Farmington is looking at doing a more "Farmington Centric" 200<sup>th</sup> Celebration and they quite possibly could be open to outside input.
- 6. NEW BUSINESS:** None.
- 7. POINTS OF INTEREST:** None
- 8. CORRESPONDENCE:** Email from Bryan Farmer. (9-20-23)
- 9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
- 10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**
- 11. LIAISON ACTION ITEMS:** Reach out to the City Attorney concerning a move from the Caretaker House to the Spicer House.
- 12. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** October 25, 2023, at the Heritage and History Center, Heritage Park, Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Michigan 48336.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Earl Baxtresser,  
Recording and Corresponding Secretary