

MEETING MINUTES

FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

City of Farmington Hills

June 8, 2016

7:30 p.m.

HERITAGE & HISTORY CENTER

At Heritage Park, Farmington Road

Farmington Hills, MI

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248-871-2540

1. CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chairman Willyard at 7:37 p.m.
2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Pam Correll, John Scott, Earl Baxtresser, Lee Cox, John Willyard
MEMBERS ABSENT: Sherrie Stewart
LIAISON TO HERITAGE & HISTORY MUSEUM: Brian Golden
OTHERS PRESENT: James Hulett
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Correll made a **motion** to accept as written, 2nd by Scott; approved 5-0
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Cox made a **motion** to approve the minutes of May 11, 2016 as written. Baxtresser seconded; motion carried 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews

Golden showed a recently donated Masonic Lodge sword originally owned by Hugh Reed Webster who was a member of Farmington Lodge #151. He was born 4/28/1891 and died 12/14/1963. The sword was donated by his grandson. A **motion** was made by Cox, and seconded by Scott to accept the donation; motion carried 5-0.

B. Museum Improvement

1. External Step Railings – The railings for the front steps were installed on May 10 by Novi Fence. They are strong, attractive, and functional.
2. Plans for Re-Structuring the Interior – The drawings have been started.

C. Membership

With the recent addition of Commissioner Baxtresser and the pending addition of Guest James Hulett, the Commission feels that the membership is the right size for our needs. Cancel item.

D. Brick Walk Brick Sales

1. Baxtresser recently purchased some polymeric sand for the installation of the engraved pavers for \$21.63. Cox made a **motion** to reimburse Baxtresser for this purchase. Correll seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.
2. Engraved Paver Installation – Originally planned to be installed on May 10, this had to be postponed due to the railing installation. It is planned that they be installed next week.

E. Stolberg Memorial

1. **Motion** by Cox, second by Baxtresser to approve an additional expenditure of up to \$100 from the Commission's budget for purchase of the secure kit when the bench is procured; motion carried 5-0.
2. Baxtresser is planning to pick up the bench in person from the manufacturer, Landscapeforms.
3. Scott described his initial contact with the artist who is making a rendering suitable for laser engraving on a polished marble slab. He had some questions as to whether or not shading would be desirable. The Commission felt that shading should be used to add more eye appeal and drama to the artwork, which will depict the dog Stuart Little looking into a drain pipe prior to becoming stuck in the pipe. The Commission discussed the possible need for a mid-summer meeting to discuss possible further action on this topic.

F. Historical Markers

1. Stuart Little Sign - Shipped to Sewah Studios for repair.
2. Pasadena Park- on hold
3. Palmer Sherman House- awaiting deed information

G. Publications

No report

H. Heritage Tourism

Scott investigated having the Heritage and History Center added to the AAA listing of local area attractions. AAA felt that the museum would not meet their 12 check point list for acceptance. Golden will contact them and discuss further.

6. New Business

7. Points of Interest/Updates

Golden reported that the Founder's Festival will soon be taking place and he requested any assistance the Commissioners may be able to provide in manning the History Booth.

APPROVED 10-12-2016

8. Correspondence – Commissioner Stewart email of 6/8/2016 concerning progress on the plaque for the lawn bench for the Stolberg memorial. She also suggested that the Commission offer to pay Baxtresser for the gas he will use in picking up the bench.

9. Public Comments - None

10. Commissioner's Comments - None

11. Liaison ACTION ITEMS

None beyond the passing along of correspondence and budget materials.

Next Meeting: September 14, 2016 Location: Heritage and History Center

Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Willyard,
Acting Recording and Corresponding Secretary