

MEETING MINUTES  
FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
City of Farmington Hills  
June 12, 2019  
7:30 p.m.

Heritage & History Center  
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1. **CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Chairman Hulett at 7:40 p.m.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lee Cox, Earl Baxtresser, James Hulett, Pam Correll, John Willyard, 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 Willyard, support by Cox, to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried 6-0.**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 8, 2019:**

**MOTION by Willyard, support by Cox, to accept the minutes of May 8, 2019 as written. Motion carried 6-0.**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews: Golden presented a map and guide legend created by the late Ann Stolberg relative to possible Native American geologic artifacts in the Farmington Hills area. Golden received these items from Barb Blakewell of the Clarenceville Historical Society.

**Motion by Baxtresser, support by Correll to accept these items into the Heritage and History Center collection. Motion carried 6-0.**

**B. Museum Improvement-**

- a. Interior - Referencing an email received by the commissioners on June 6, there was a discussion focusing on the RFP that Special Services had received for design services for interior improvements to the Heritage and History Center. Angeline Lawrence, the FHHC liaison, had also provided insight into options for funding the design services obligation. Per the Motion of February 13, 2019, The Farmington Hills Historical Commission voted to approve a \$ 10,000.00 commitment to help fund the design services for the Special Services Department. To fully fund the \$ 10,000.00 commitment, the FHHC will utilize

the resources of two separate FHHC accounts, and to that end, the following motions were made:

**Motion by Baxtresser, support by Scott to use any and all remaining balance in the “FHHC Yearly Budget Allotment Account” (after all FHHC fiscal year expenses are paid) to go toward partially funding of the Design Services commitment for the Heritage and History Center. Motion carried 6-0.**

**Motion by Baxtresser, support by Scott to utilize the FHHC “Trust Fund Account” (book fund) to fully fund the remainder of the \$ 10,000.00 commitment (after the FHHC yearly budget allotment has been contributed) for the Designs Services for the H&HC. Motion carried 6-0.** (Guidelines for this expenditure are provided in a motion made in February 13, 2019)

- b. Exterior- A receipt was presented for \$ 48.98 for plant materials from Randazzo’s Nursery that was used for the landscaping work at the H&HC. **Motion by Correll, support by Scott to reimburse Earl Baxtresser for this expenditure. Motion carried 6/0.**

C. Brick Walk Brick Sales- Nothing new.

D. Historical Markers-

1. Stuart Little: Special Services has installed the Ann Stolberg plaque on the bench in front of the Stuart Little Historical Marker. In addition to that installation, Special Services replaced the wood bench boards with all new. Timing precluded a formal dedication for the bench so that will now be held at 6:30 p.m. September 11, 2019 just prior to the next FHHC meeting. A FHHC commissioner will reach out to Sherrie Stewart for help in generating a press release.
2. Pasadena Park- On hold.
3. Palmer Sherman House- Hulett and Golden, both mentioned that they had had conversations with Rochelle Danquah since the last meeting.
4. The Pernambuco Hollow- Sign has yet to be reinstalled using new poles. Cox will inquire again as to status.
5. Boys Republic-There was a discussion about the text for the “Boys Republic” Historic Marker presented to the commission by John Scott.  
**Motion by Hulett, support by Willyard to approve the text for the “Boys Republic” Historic Marker and fund the fabrication of the aforementioned plaque from the “FHHC Yearly Budget Allotment Account”. Motion carried 6-0.**
6. Power’s Station: Research is ongoing.

E. Publications –Mary Isham Garfield research ongoing.

F. Heritage Tourism- No discussion.

G. Filing Cabinet Review: As time permits.

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. There was a discussion about the upcoming celebration for the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary planning meeting that were taking place. Hulett suggested that the FHHC current agenda include a new line item to accommodate this event.

**7. POINTS OF INTEREST:** Willyard shared a write up in a publication referencing him as he was doing a book Signing (U.S. Model 1855 Series of Small Arms) in Fairfield Ohio, recently.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE:** Email from Baxtresser to all commissioners about Special Services RFP and various funding options.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** It was mentioned that there might be the possibility of setting up an interim meeting to tie up some loose ends for Commission business prior to the September meeting.

**11. LIAISON ACTION ITEMS:**

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

**12. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:05p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** September 11, 2019, 7:30 pm, Heritage and History Center with an “Ann Stolberg Dedication” at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Earl Baxtresser,  
Recording and Corresponding Secretary