

MEETING MINUTES  
FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
City of Farmington Hills  
September 12, 2018  
7:30 p.m.

Heritage & History Center  
Heritage Park  
24915 Farmington Road  
Farmington Hills, MI 48336  
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1. **CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Chairman Hulett at 7:38 p.m.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lee Cox, Earl Baxtresser, James Hulett, John Scott, Pam Correll, John Willyard.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

LIAISON TO HERITAGE & HISTORY MUSEUM; Brian Golden was absent.

LIAISON FROM CITY: Absent

OTHERS PRESENT: None

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**  
**MOTION by Baxtresser, support by Scott, to approve the agenda as published.**  
**Motion carried 6-0.**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES- June 13, 2018:**  
**MOTION by Willyard, support by Correll, to accept the minutes of June 13, 2018 as written. Motion carried 6-0.**
5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
  - A. Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews- Cox brought in a framed photo of a roadway collapse on Halsted and Grand River. **Motion by Baxtresser, support by Scott to accept this photo into the H&HC Collection. Motion carried 6-0.**
  - B. Museum Improvement-  
Interior-
    1. **a.** Last month's motion by the Historical Commission to "Engage in a dialogue with The Special Services Department to consider improvements to the Heritage and History Center" has resulted in a meeting to be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the Stables Art Studio in Heritage Park. This meeting will be to discuss the FHHC's vision and timeline of a Heritage and History Center improvement project.
    - b.** There was a discussion about the FHHC's Book Fund Account. Baxtresser mentioned that that account is not shown on the recently transmitted "FHHC Expenditure Detail Report". Cox said he would look into this before the next meeting.

Exterior-

2. Baxtresser presented a final tally for the expenses incurred performing the landscaping work at the H&HC. The amount exceeded the previously approved \$ 200.00 by \$ 24.55. Also, Baxtresser presented the materials expenses for the Stuart Little Granite Plaque installation for \$ 70.38.

**Motion by Cox, support by Scott to reimburse Baxtresser for various expenses in the amount of \$ 294.93. Motion carried 6-0.**

C. Brick Walk Brick Sales- None

D. Historical Markers-

1. Stuart Little- There was a discussion about the Brigid Stolberg Bench at the H&HC. **Motion by Correll, support by Baxtresser to further investigate options as to the relocation of the wooden bench or having the Special Services Department locate a “Parks and Recreation Style Bench” at the Stuart Little Pond for which the Historical Commission would furnish an appropriate plaque.**
2. Pasadena Park- On hold.
3. Workers Camp Sign- Willyard mentioned that without a series of boulders surrounding the base of the sign, the sign was still vulnerable to damage by maintenance crews. Willyard also talked about the Historical Commission’s willingness to repair Historic Markers, damaged by others, should be reconsidered.
4. Palmer Sherman House- Deed information is needed. On Hold.
5. The Pernambuco Hollow- Sign has yet to be reinstalled with the new poles purchased by the Historical Commission. Cox said he would contact Steve Dixon about this.
6. Minnow Pond- Cox mentioned that the vegetation around the sign is beginning to block viewing of the sign. He mentioned he could explore some proactive options with the DPW for a remedy.
7. Boys Republic- Scott inquired to the possibility of a Historic Marker at this site.
8. Willyard talked about the importance of continued research for new possibilities for Historic Signage in Farmington Hills. As segments of the population age and younger populations grow into the community, the historic significances are always evolving.

E. Publications –Mary Isham Garfield data ongoing.

F. Heritage Tourism- No discussion.

G. Filing Cabinet Review: As time permits.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Baxtresser mentioned that he would be attending the Plastering Repair Workshop at the Spicer House on September 13, 2018 from 10:00 to 12:30.
2. Brian Golden had contacted Willyard and Baxtresser that “Heritage Days” would be this Friday, September 14. Willyard and Baxtresser have both agreed to be at the H&HC between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

3. This past June, it came to the attention of the FHHDC Commissioner's, that there has been a 7<sup>th</sup> member on the Commission since late 2017. This member has not attended a single FHHDC Commission meeting. Pursuant to the FHHDC bylaws, Section 4: Three absences in the course of a calendar year may subject a member to removal from office. **Motion by Baxtresser, support by Willyard to have Chairman Hulett discuss the removal of this member with the Liaison to the FHHDC. (Mark Stec or Angeline Lawrence.) Motion carried 6-0.**

**7. POINTS OF INTEREST:**

**8. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- A. Agenda and meeting minutes for the FHHDC as well as the Expenditure Detail Report for the FHHDC were received by the Recording Secretary.
- B. A copy of the email from Bryan Farmer, inviting the Commissioners from the FHHDC to attend a planning and strategy meeting on October 3, 2018, 1:00 p.m. at the Stables Art Studio, was distributed to all commissioners.
- C. Notice from Mark Stec informing the Commissioners that starting in October, Angeline Lawrence would be the new liaison to the FHHDC.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

None

**11. LIAISON ACTION ITEMS:**

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

**12. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** October 10, 2018, 7:30 pm, Heritage and History Center

Respectfully Submitted,

Earl Baxtresser,

Recording and Corresponding Secretary