

MEETING MINUTES

FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

City of Farmington Hills

January 13, 2016

7:30 p.m.

Heritage and History Center

Heritage Park

24725 Farmington Rd.

Farmington Hills, MI 48336

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1. CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chairman Willyard at 7:35 p.m.
2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Lee Cox, John Scott, Sherrie Stewart, John Willyard
MEMBERS ABSENT: Pam Correll, Al Moehlman
LIAISON TO HERITAGE & HISTORY MUSEUM: Brian Golden: Absent
OTHERS PRESENT: Earl Baxstresser
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Cox made a **motion** to accept as written, 2nd by Scott; approved 4-0
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There were no written copies of the 11.11.2015 minutes present at the meeting. Members agreed to table approval of these minutes until the February meeting.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews

No report

B. Museum Improvement

1. No report from museum liaison

2. External Step Railings

a. Scott presented estimates from four companies he met at the museum regarding the installation of railings. Great Lakes Fence, House of Iron, Novi Fence, & Anchor Fence

b. All were constructed of cast aluminum with a price range from \$586 to \$4300.

c. Discussed probable differences in quality, safety. Questions raised: how secure is the existing porch decking? How will posts be anchored?

d. Willyard suggested getting input from venues which experience the wear and tear of public use.

- e. Cox will pass on information to Bill Wright at the park.
- f. Scott volunteered to follow through once we receive approval.

C. Membership

- 1. Unknown if Mr. Stec has sent out letter to historic home owners yet.
- 2. Mr. Baxstresser stated he is very interested in becoming a member of the commission.
- 3. Cox said he will let Stec know.
- 4. Discussed our past difficulties meeting a quorum in order to meet.

D. Brick Walk Brick Sales

- 1. Discussed scenarios for having bricks engraved and installed.
- 2. Mr. Baxstresser reported meeting a couple who do the engraving on site, through sand-blasting through a pre-printed mask.

E. Stollberg Memorial- on hold

F. Historical Markers

- i. Stuart Little Sign- reviewed history of it's being damaged three times and repaired
- ii. Pasadena Park- on hold
- iii. Palmer Sherman House- still no deed information

G. Publications

- 1. Reviewed past publications. i.e. story behind the monograph on The Worker's Camp
- 2. Reviewed restoration of the Orange Risdon Map

H. Heritage Tourism

No report

6. New Business

Discussed various properties around the community.

7. Points of Interest/Updates

8. Correspondence

- A. FHHC Expenditure Detail Report 07/01/2015-06/30/2016
- B. FHHDC Minutes for 12/09/2015
- C. FHHDC Agenda for 01/13/2016

9. Public Comments

10. Commissioner's Comments

11. **Liaison ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Museum Steps Railing Progress
- B. Find out what we owe the HDC for Buckhorn Corners Marker Re-install post
- C. Facilitate brick sale charge process with city as needed.
- D. Letter to Historic Home Owners to increase awareness for Historical Commission Members
- E. Need buffer around Stuart Little marker in Heritage Park to prevent 3rd incident of accidental damage by mowers.
- F. Consider attending FHHC as part of your duties. (when the HDC meeting was cancelled, could you have attended our meeting as our liaison?)
- G. Let Mr. Cox know when there is no correspondence for the FHHC; when there is, please pass it along with Mr. Cox.

Next Meeting- February 10, 2016 - Fountain View Room, City Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherrie Stewart,
Recording and Corresponding Secretary