

MEETING MINUTES

FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

City of Farmington Hills

October 14, 2015

7:30 p.m.

Farmington Hills City Hall

Fountain View Room

31555 Eleven Mile Rd.

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248-871-2540

1. CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chairman Willyard at 7:32 p.m.
2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Pam Correll, Lee Cox, Sherrie Stewart, John Willyard
MEMBERS ABSENT: Al Moehlman, John Scott
LIAISON TO HERITAGE & HISTORY MUSEUM: Brian Golden: Present
OTHERS PRESENT: No guests
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Correll made a **motion** to accept as written, 2nd by Cox; approved 4-0
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Cox made a **motion** to accept the minutes of September 9, 2015 as written, second by Correll; motion carried 4-0.
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
 - A. Museum Accession/De-accession Reviews
 1. Golden reported that Farmington resident and insurance agent Dave Clappisan has donated a post-World War I military photo/scrapbook.
 2. Photos are of one Norman Lee and the book includes newspaper clippings dating to 1918-1920s. The 125th Infantry is represented; Lee's friends Howard Eisenlord and Nye Humphrey are also pictured.
 3. Stewart made a **motion** to accept the book, second by Correll, passed unanimously.
 - B. Museum Improvement
 1. Cox reported that Bill Wright says he has one estimate for the porch railing at the museum for \$1400.
 2. The architect who Golden recommended to give us a preliminary layout of changes to the museum's interior, is Steve Schneeman, who teaches at Lawrence Tech. Golden will check to see if he is interested and/or able to do this.

C. Historic Hayride

1. Golden states that the event on September 18 was a huge success and well-attended; he led three tours with approximately 40-50 people.
2. Willyard reported that people were very excited to tour the Spicer House as it is never open.
3. Our PR was posted in the Farmington/Farmington Hills Fall Activities publication.
4. Discussed event; suggestions included:
 - a. Having two wagon beds in tandem to accommodate more people per tour
 - b. Schedule it later in the year to coincide with fall weather and other activities.

D. Membership

No report from Stec

E. Brick Walk Sales

1. Correll made a motion the commission purchase a 9”X 9” brick which reads:
“Farmington Historical Commission, est. 1974”, second by Cox, motion carried 4-0.
2. Correll brought in a brochure from the Indian River Brick Sale with photos of the walkway.

F. Stolberg Memorial

1. Stewart reported that the 8” x 5” bronze marker will be \$292. Discussed options for purchasing a four-section bench which would surround the tree in front of the museum.
2. She expressed concerns about the wood not holding up and will continue to research materials. Willyard suggested looking at stores locally.

G. Historical Markers

1. Stuart Little

Cox reported that the sign was again hit by a lawn mower and the top has been removed.

Willyard commented that the first time it happened, we understood they were going to place bark or something at the base to prevent that.

2. Pasadena Park

on hold

3. Palmer Sherman House

Golden restated that he needs to visit the records dept. at the county.

H. Publications

Nothing new

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. Points of Interest/Updates

A. Amphitheater at Longacre House

1. Cox informed us that the amphitheater at the Longacre House has been dismantled due to its deteriorating condition.
2. Volunteers from Chrysler Corp. did the work. There is now an attractive brick wall around the cement platform

8. Correspondence

We were not given any correspondence.

9. Public Comments

10. Commissioner's Comments

- a. Willyard commented that he is thrilled with having access to city water.
- b. Commissioners expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of involvement with our city liaison.
- c. Stewart commented on discouragement with rotting deck railings again, This is their second.

11. Liaison Action Items

- a. Museum Steps Railing progress
- b. Find out if/what we owe the HDC for the post used to re-install Buckhorn Corners marker
- c. Once Brian Golden completes the Brick Sales flyer, facilitate charge process with city.
- d. Follow through on the letter to historic home owners to encourage involvement in city historical commissions.
- e. Stuart Little sign has been damaged twice during lawn mowing. Please facilitate park administration/employees in creating a buffer around the base.
- f. When the HDC does meet, consider attending the FHHC meeting as you are our liaison.
- g. If there is no correspondence for us, leave a report with Mr. Cox to that effect; otherwise, pass along the HDC minutes, etc.

12. Adjournment: Chairman called the meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Next meeting: November 11, 2015

Location: TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie Stewart,

Recording Secretary