

MEETING MINUTES  
FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
City of Farmington Hills  
The Community Room at City Hall  
March 26, 2025  
7:00 p.m.  
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248-871-2540

**1. Chairman Hulett called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.**

**2. MEMBERS PRESENT:** James Hulett, Earl Baxtresser, John Willyard, John Scott,

Joe Derek, Lee Cox

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 Scott support by Baxtresser to approve the agenda as published.  
Motion carried 6-0.**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION by Scott support by Derek, to accept the minutes of February 26, 2025.  
Motion carried 6-0.**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A.** Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews: None

**B.** Museum Improvement- Spicer House Move:

- a. The Commissioners discussed the information from Mindy, from Spaces to Experiences, describing the next steps in exhibit design and related Exhibit designs costs.
- b. It was noted that the FHHC could not possibly fund such a project without financial assistance from outside sources.
- c. Outside sources of funding included reaching out to City Council Members, The

Special Services Department, as well as other possibilities.

C. Brick Walk Brick Sales-None.

D. Historical Markers-

1. Palmer Sherman House- No information was presented to the FHHC as to the Plaque location at this time.
2. Boys Republic- On hold.
3. Power's Station: Ongoing.
4. "QR" Codes: On hold.

E. Publications –

- a. Universalist Unitarian Church monograph, ongoing.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:** Baxtresser mentioned the Historical Society of Michigan's upcoming 67<sup>th</sup> Annual "Michigan In Perspective, Local History Conference" to be held at Oakland University, March 28 & 29.

7. **POINTS OF INTEREST:** None

8. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. Exhibit Process Plan Outline and costing expenses from Spaces to Experiences.
- b. Email from Steve Olson of the HDC concerning the Spicer House.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

10. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

- a. Baxtresser shared an email from Steve Olson of the HDC about upcoming HDC events at the Spicer House and the HDC's interest in the development of the Spicer House Space.
- b. Hulett shared a letter he sent to Joel Marwell relating to Mr. Marwell's book project and the FHHC's involvement in said project.

**MOTION by Willyard support by Derek that the FHHC will sell Joel Marwil's book about township historical markers on consignment in the Spicer House Museum. Mr. Marwill is solely responsible for getting his book published through Arcadia Publishing and solely responsible for the book's content. Prior to accepting the book for sale on consignment, FHHC will review the book to assure that its content meets appropriate community guidelines. FHHC will not take a fee for the sale of the books. All book proceeds will be returned to Mr. Marwil.**

**Motion carried 6-0.**

**11. LIAISON ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. Reach out to Erik Perdonik about sources for additional funding for the Spicer House project.
- b. Follow-up on Palmer Sherman House Historic Marker Location

**12. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:40

**NEXT MEETING:** April 22, 2025, at **7:00** pm at the at the Heritage and History Center,  
Heritage Park, Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Michigan 48336

Respectfully Submitted,  
Earl Baxtresser,  
Recording and Corresponding Secretary