Final

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
City of Farmington Hills
Heritage and History Center
September 23, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
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1. Chairman Hulett called the meeting to order at 8:45 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joe Derek

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

LIAISON FROM CITY: Absent

OTHERS PRESENT: Ted Davis, Director of The Special Services Department

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Baxtresser, supported by Scott, to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried 5-0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Scott, supported by Willyard, to accept the minutes of June 24, 2026. Motion carried 5-0.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews: None

B. Museum Improvement – The Commission held an in-depth discussion with Director Davis about options for relocating the Heritage and History Center. Given the Special Services Department's current financial constraints, he candidly assessed both moving to the Spicer House and updating the existing H&HC facility. The Commissioners will consider the information he provided. The commissioners encouraged Davis to consider implementing an incremental budget targeting needed repairs to the H&HC building.

C. Historical Markers-
1. Palmer Sherman: Item is closed.
2. Boys Republic- ongoing.
3. Power's Station: Closing issue.

4. "QR" Codes: Scott brought up the issue of reinvigorating the commission's efforts on this project. Discussion produced various ideas moving forward.

D. Publications –None

E. **America 250MI Event**: The July 8, 2026, event at Quaker Cemetery drew a strong turnout. Hulett and Golden each delivered a portion of the Declaration of Independence.

5. NEW BUSINESS: Willyard shared copies of the final draft of his monograph, "The Garfield Family Comes to Michigan," developed with Jayne Pawlisa. There was a discussion of a future printing of this monograph.

7. POINTS OF INTEREST: None.

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8. CORRESPONDENCE: Emails with Liaison about scheduling conflicts that will preclude the FHHC from staffing a table at the Farmington Hills Open House this year.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ted Davis's discussion with the Commissioners.

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: The extermination efforts at the H&HC were reported as successful.

11. LIAISON ACTION ITEMS: Contact the liaison to discuss IT solutions for the QR code project.

12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:44

NEXT MEETING: October 28, 2026, at **7:00** pm at the Heritage and History Center, Heritage Park, Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Michigan 48336

Respectfully Submitted,
Earl Baxtresser,
Recording and Corresponding Secretary