

MEETING MINUTES  
FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
City of Farmington Hills  
April 28, 2021  
7:30 p.m.

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**1. Chairman Hulett called the electronically held (Zoom) meeting to order at 7:47 p.m.**

**2. MEMBERS PRESENT:** James Hulett, Farmington Hills, MI

Lee Cox, Farmington Hills, MI

John Willyard, Farmington Hills, MI

Earl Baxtresser, Farmington Hills, MI

John Scott, Farmington Hills, MI

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pam Correll, Mike Mathis

LIAISON TO HERITAGE & HISTORY MUSEUM; Brian Golden, Farmington, MI was present.

LIAISON FROM CITY: Angeline Lawrence, Inkster, MI was present.

OTHERS PRESENT: None

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION by Willyard, support by Cox, to approve the agenda as published.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yeas: Baxtresser, Scott, Willyard, Cox, Hulett.**

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: none**

**Motion carried 5-0.**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 24, 2021:**

**MOTION by Cox, support by Willyard, to accept the minutes of March 24, 2021.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yeas: Cox, Willyard, Scott, Hulett, Baxtresser**

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: none**

**Motion carried 5-0.**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews: Golden described 2 boxes of FHHC related documents and Publications donated to the Heritage and History Center by, former FHHC Commissioner, Rob Sklar.

**MOTION by Baxtresser, support by Hulett, to accept these items into the collection of the Heritage and History Center.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yeas: Cox, Willyard, Scott, Hulett, Baxtresser**

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: none**

**Motion carried 5-0**

- B. Museum Improvement-

- a. No new information, Baxtresser will reach out to Angeline Lawrence to set up a meeting between the H&HC Improvements Subcommittee, formed last month and Chris Fcansi of the Special Services Department.

- b. Exterior- None.

- C. Brick Walk Brick Sales-Golden mentioned that he had one order and Cox and Scott mentioned they were interested in placing an order. Baxtresser mentioned that for ease of installation, ordering more than one brick at a time has its advantages.

- D. Historical Markers-

1. Worker's Camp -Cox reported that the sign has been reoriented properly and that this item can be removed from task list.
2. Palmer Sherman House- On Covid-19 hold.
3. Boys Republic- Baxtresser and Scott along with Hulett will make an on-site visit to the Wellsprings Community Services on 9 Mile Road to further explain the Historic Marker installation.
4. Power's Station: On Covid-19 hold.
5. "QR" Codes: Golden has forwarded a preliminary "Concept Plan of Action" for what will result in a "QR" codes being installed on selected Farmington Hills Historic Markers.

**Phase One:** A "Windshield Survey" of all the Historic Markers Farmington Hills.

This survey will establish the Base Line of our Current Markers, location, and current condition. This survey will be done by members of the Commission with Golden providing commissioners with site maps and their respective areas of survey.

**Phase 2:** Will be the more complex phase, with the end goal being "QR" code installation on Farmington Hills Markers, that will direct anyone with a mobile device to scan the "QR" (Quick Response) on a Farmington Hills Historic Marker and immediately be re-directed to a web page that will provide additional information, historic photos, and context related to that specific Historic Marker.

Golden explained that he has helped implement a version of this for the City of Farmington and further explained that the Web Hosting Service provider for this service would be the same for Farmington Hills as both Communities utilize the

services of the same provider. Angeline Lawrence has received this preliminary information from Golden and will be proceeding with the sharing of this plan with other departments and commissions.

This will be a long-range project with details to follow as they are processed.

**E.** Publications –Mary Isham Garfield research on Covid-19 hold.

**F.** FHHC Filing Cabinet Contents Review: On Covid-19 hold.

**G.** 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning- On hold pending Covid-19 restrictions.

**6. NEW BUSINESS: None**

**7. POINTS OF INTEREST:** Willyard mention that he had noticed the demolition of the 1830's Greek Revival "Melba Zubiak House" on 14 Mile Road. Cox confirmed demolition had happened a couple of months earlier.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE: None**

**9. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**

**10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None.**

**11. LIAISON ACTION ITEMS:**

A. Investigating the feasibility of "QR" code installation on Farmington Hills Historic Markers with other commissions and Departments.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION by Baxtresser, support by Willyard, to adjourn the meeting.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yeas: Baxtresser, Scott, Willyard, Cox, Hulett.**

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: none**

**Motion carried 5-0.**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** May 26, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. to be held Electronically (Zoom)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Earl Baxtresser,  
Recording and Corresponding Secretary