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MEETING MINUTES

FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

City of Farmington Hills

September 14, 2016

7:30 p.m.

Heritage and History Center

Heritage Park, Farmington Rd.

Farmington Hills, MI 48336

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248-871-2540

1. CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chairman Willyard at 7:42 p.m.
2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Earl Baxtresser, Lee Cox, James Hulett, John Scott, Sherrie Stewart, John Willyard
MEMBERS ABSENT: Pam Correll
LIAISON TO HERITAGE & HISTORY MUSEUM: Brian Golden was in attendance
LIAISON FROM CITY: Absent
OTHERS PRESENT: No guests
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Cox made a **motion** to accept as written, 2nd by Scott; approved 5-0
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 8: Approval was tabled until next meeting.
5. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 17: Cox made a **motion** to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Scott; approved 6-0 (Baxtresser arrived prior to this vote)
James Hulett was welcomed as an official new member.
6. Unfinished Business
 - A. Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews
 1. Golden submitted a wooden cask/barrel which was donated by Lee Cox from his parent's home.
 2. He also exhibited a commercial grade/hardware store type scale from the Howard farm at 12 Mile Rd. and Halsted.
 3. Stewart made a **motion** to accept both items, Scott seconded, motion approved 6-0.
 - B. Museum Improvement-
 1. Interior- Nothing to report

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2. Exterior- Scott presented the bid he'd obtained for the front of the museum. He has since obtained two additional bids between \$4000-6500. Plans were passed around.
3. Discussion commenced about the city now requiring three estimates for "any job over a couple of hundred dollars."
4. Plantings would ideally be done this October or until ground freezes and will require "daily watering."
5. Discussed hooking up outside faucets.
6. Golden will contact Ellen Schnackel regarding moving forward on this.

C. Membership

1. Willyard acknowledged receipt of Stewart's resignation letter and stated she would be missed.
2. He also pronounced a need for a recording secretary. This was discussed; Earl Baxtresser offered to fill in as Secretary Pro Tem.

D. Brick Sales- Nothing new to report

E. Stollberg Memorial

1. Baxtresser reported about the ordering of the memorial bench. Due to the confusion with Landscaping Forms, Inc., he paid for the order through his personal company and will need to be re-imbursed by the city.
2. Stewart asked about the artist's rendering. Scott stated he is waiting for delivery. Baxtresser restated that he has a source to create the laser etching.
3. Stewart commented on the delay in finalizing the memorial project and said she would like the commission to plan a publicized dedication ceremony of which she would like to take part.

F. Historical Markers

1. Stuart Little Sign- status unknown
2. Pasadena Park- on hold
3. Palmer Sherman House- nothing new

G. Publications

1. Golden commented on his wife's book (Joni Hubred-Golden). It is self-published and based on the stories of ten outstanding Farmington women.
2. Stewart said she would forward her resources on the Earl Graser House to anyone who

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would like to take on the story of the Lone Ranger monograph. Willyard stated he would.

H. Heritage Tourism- (Golden said to remove from our agenda.)

1. Golden described Heritage Day to be held at the park this coming Friday night 5:30-7:30. He was in need of several more volunteers; Willyard, Cox, and Stewart agreed to take the Spicer House, the Hay Ride Tour, and the History Museum.
2. Carol Fink has cleaned the barn displays and recruited a luthier and blacksmith. She also has vintage clothing for people to try on for photographs.
3. Members reviewed the history of the Gray, Spicer, Goodenough families and Marcus Burrowe's impact on this community. Lumen Goodenough was legal counsel for the Ferry Seed Co. and Palmer Sherman (whose house is now the museum), sold seeds to the Ferry Seed Co.

7. Points of Interest/Updates

8. Correspondence

- A. FHHDC Expenditure Detail Report for 9/14/2016
- B. FHHDC Agenda for 9/14/2016
- C. FHHDC Minutes of 8/11/16

9. Public Comments

10. Commissioner's Comments

11. **Liaison ACTION ITEMS**

1. Communicate status of Stuart Little sign to commission.
2. Has the commission been assigned a new liaison?
3. Will they be attending our meetings?
4. Until a liaison attends our meetings, let Mr. Cox know when there is no correspondence for the commission and/or pass along any correspondence along with the HDC minutes and agenda.

Next Meeting: October 12, 2016 Location: TBD

Meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sherrie Stewart,
Recording and Corresponding Secretary