

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
City of Farmington Hills
February 11, 2015-7:30 p.m.
Farmington Hills City Hall-Fountain View Room
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1. CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chairman Willyard at 7:37 p.m.
2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Lee Cox, John Scott, Sherrie Stewart, John Willyard
MEMBERS ABSENT: Pam Correll, Al Moehlman
LIAISON TO HERITAGE & H... MUSEUM Brian Golden: Absent
OTHERS PRESENT: No guests
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve as written, by Scott, 2nd by Cox; unanimous approval
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to accept the minutes of **01.14.15** as written, by Scott; 2nd by Cox; approved unanimously.
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Orange Risdon Map Display Case-

As the map has not been mounted to date, Chairman Willyard read from the HDC minutes that they want to take the map back to the printing company for a color comparison before they order the copies to be printed. It was noted that Mr. Baessler has discouraged us from having the map plaque mounted at an angle below the map. (Editor's note: Members dropped in on the HDC meeting after adjournment to discuss the transportation of the map. The coloration was also discussed.)

B. Museum Accession/De-accession Reviews-

No report; require our liaison to the museum.

C. Museum Improvement-

No report; require our liaison to the museum.

D. Brick Walk Brick Sales-

No report; Golden is working on this.

E. Stollberg Memorial-

Willyard remarked that he had seen a cement sculpture of a dog on Antiques Road Show, and wondered if his was a possibility for re-producing the body of the dog, Stuart Little. Stewart remarked that animals formed in cement still require that a mold be made of an existing sculpture or form. This

“sparked” a conversation about the “Great Fire of 1991”; <http://www.farmjohnphoto.com/Farmington-MI-Area-Local-1/1991-lh> an article John wrote for the *Observer*.

F. Historical Markers-

1. Pasadena Park-
2. Palmer Sherman House-
3. Buckhorn Corners-

There has been no confirmation that the Buckhorn Corners sign has been shipped or a status report. Stewart stated that she has emailed both Eleanor Strong and Liz Goodenough regarding their memories of the tenants and use of the Palmer Sherman House. She hopes to speak with Golden about the information he has. Willyard will check Lee Peal’s book. Willyard also suggested going to the county clerk’s office to research property ownership, probably in the 1850’s? Cox recalled that during our events of the spring and fall with the Spicer and Goodenough families, that someone had given him a photo of Palmer Sherman in front of the house. It is now framed and on the wall inside the entrance to (Longacres) the Longacre House.

G. Publications-

Willyard remarked that the demand for publishing has changed significantly since the advent of widespread Internet usage and availability of free information, making it difficult to sell what has taken so much effort.

6. New Business

7. Points of Interest-

Discussed possible age of Botsford Coach house barn; Willyard commented on age markers such as saw marks and hand formed/machine formed square nails, etc.

8. Correspondence-

- Letter from Dave Gajda , City Finance Director to Chair Willyard regarding freezing our budget to the 2014/15 level of \$5606
- HDC Agenda for 2.11.15, 7:30 p.m.
- HDC Minutes of 12.10.14; Draft
- FHHC Expenditure Detail Report of General Fund as of 2.11.15

9. Public Comments-

None

10. Commissioner's Comments-

a. Scott wondered about whether the museum had a hand rail installed to the porch.

b. Stewart stated she will be having foot surgery next month; raised the question of the commission being able to meet if there is no quorum. Willyard stated he would ask Mr. Moehlman about his intentions regarding staying on the commission as he has not attended in quite some time.

11. **Liaison's Concerns-** Mark Stec

- Give us a status report on the Buckhorn Corners sign.
- Instruct us to facilitate the use of the city's credit policies when the public begins ordering engraved bricks. See Brian.
- Assist with mounting the Orange Risdon Map and plaque.
- Help us organize the museum brick pavers sales project, in view of other city activities. See Brian
- **Please add all three of our accounts to our expenditure report.**

Thank you for leaving one copy of correspondence.

8. Adjournment- 8:39 p.m.

Next Meeting- March 11, 2015 at Farmington Hills City Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherrie Stewart

Recording and Corresponding Secretary