

MEETING MINUTES

FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

City of Farmington Hills

June 10, 2015

7:30 p.m.

Farmington Hills City Hall

Fountain View Room

31555 Eleven Mile Rd.

Farmington Hills, MI www.fhgov.com

248-871-2540

1. CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chairman Willyard at 7:39 p.m.
2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Pam Correll, Lee Cox, John Scott, Sherrie Stewart, John Willyard
Cox joined the meeting after attending the F. H. Historic District Commission downstairs
MEMBERS ABSENT: Al Moehlman
LIAISON TO HERITAGE & HISTORY MUSEUM: Brian Golden: Absent
OTHERS PRESENT: No guests
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Scott made a motion to accept as written, 2nd by Correll; approved unanimously
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to “accept the minutes of **April 8, 2015** as written” by Scott; 2nd by Correll; motion carried 4-0
- I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
 - A. Museum Accession/De-accession Reviews
No report
 - B. Museum Improvement
No report
 - C. 9 Acre Farm on Halsted North of Eight Mile (East side)
 1. Willyard described his visit to the property. He and Golden conducted the assessment; they were to meet a realtor there who was not able to attend. He reported that the barn appears to be very sturdy, probably built in the 1920-30’s. The house seems structurally sound but the remainder of the buildings are failing and would be torn down.
 2. The grandson stopped by while they were there. He informed them that the closing was occurring that night.
 3. Willyard observed a “For Sale” sign in front of the property in the following days.

D. Membership

Stewart made a **MOTION** to have Mr. Stec write and mail out a letter to historic home owners with the intent of making them aware of this commission and creating an interest in joining in order to promote our objectives. Cox seconded; motion carried 5-0

E. Brick Walk Brick Sales

No report

1. Members again discussed apparent discrepancy in paver size and appearance in contrast to the pavers we had chosen in our three estimates before the city took over the project.
2. Willyard to contact Golden about completing the brochure.

F. Stollberg Memorial-

No report

G. Historical Markers-

1. Pasadena Park-
2. Palmer Sherman House-
 - i. Willyard distributed provisional text for the Palmer-Sherman sign.
 - ii. He stated that because the sign will be read, by foot traffic within the park, the letters do not have to be 1" in height, but can be 1/2"-3/4" and therefore allow more information to be presented.
 - iii. He will pursue the history of Pete Hullm, to determine if there are any specifics about the house in his documentation relative to the underground railroad.

H. Publications

Nothing new to report.

II. New Business

A. Points of Interest/Updates

1. Cox reported that the opening of the new archery range at Heritage Park will include a "Lunch and Shoot" for city employees. The official opening is slated for July.
2. Correll commented that she has been waiting for two years to place her orders for the memorial brick pavers.
3. Willyard shared that he attended the Civil War Collector's Show in Mansfield, Ohio, over the May 2-3 weekend.
4. Scott commented that we should have had the railing up on the museum several years ago;

that one of the estimates he obtained for the paved walk had included providing a railing. He feels it's a definite safety issue. Cox said he would contact Bill Wright to see why it hasn't been built.

5. Stewart passed around the flyer she was mailed highlighting the Upper Peninsula History Conference; in Ironwood, MI June 26-28. 2015.

B. Correspondence

- Historic District Commission Agenda, June 10, 2015
- Historic District Commission Minutes, May 13, 2015
- FHHC Expenditure Detail Report 6/10/15

C. Public Comments

No visitors

D. Commissioner's Comments

1. Willyard is beginning a new restoration project on the John Garfield House. He'll be milling and installing 13 upright bars per each of three basement windows using 1880's wood from The Sweetest Heart of Mary Church in Detroit.
2. Willyard also announced that they will be connecting to city water; he has studied the water line layout on a map from the city engineering department.
3. Cox reported that he's received permission from the HDC to use asphalt shingles to reroof the Howard House.
4. Stewart expressed frustration over our general lack of progress, herself included, and wondered if our liaison to the museum could submit line item reports or a substitute when he is unable to attend. (This was the last scheduled meeting until fall)

E. Liaison **Action Items**

1. Obtain a comprehensive **list of prices from Sewah** for the following:
 - a. A new sign and post; single-sided and two-sided.
 - b. Refurbishing (painting) an existing sign; with, without post; single, double-sided
 - c. A new post**
2. Find out if/what we owe the HDC for the post used to re-install Buckhorn Corners marker
3. Once Brian Golden completes the Brick Sales flyer, facilitate charge process with city
4. Continue to provide the Stollberg and Savings Acct. reports quarterly or following activity.
5. Pass correspondence to Mr. Cox prior to meeting, if he is attending. Otherwise, post to Stewart on Monday prior to meeting.

APPROVED 9-9-2015

8. Adjournment- 9:24 p.m.

Next Meeting- September 9, 2015 Location TBD; a special meeting may be called for during the summer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherrie Stewart

Recording and Corresponding Secretary