

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
City of Farmington Hills
November 13, 2019
7:30 p.m.

Fountain Room, City Hall
City of Farmington Hills
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- 1. CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Chairman Hulett at 7:46 p.m.
- 2. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Earl Baxtresser, James Hulett, John Willyard, John Scott.
MEMBERS ABSENT: Lee Cox, Pam Correll.
LIAISON TO HERITAGE & HISTORY MUSEUM; Brian Golden was absent.
LIAISON FROM CITY: Absent
OTHERS PRESENT: None
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
MOTION by Baxtresser, support by Willyard, to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried 4-0.
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 9, 2019:**
MOTION by Willyard, support by Scott, to accept the minutes of October 9, 2019 as written. Motion carried 4-0.
- 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - A.** Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews: Hulett told of a Detroit United Railway uniform button that he had obtained and will bring it to the next meeting.
 - B.** Museum Improvement-
 - a.** Interior – Baxtresser shared email correspondence with Bryan Farmer of the Special Services Department in which the Mr. Farmer shares the review of the bidders and the final selection the A&E firm, Straub Pettit Yaste Architects, to perform the architectural services at the Heritage and History Center. This low bidder's fee was approved by City Council and that will trigger the \$10,000.00 commitment form the Historical Commission as approved by unanimous motion on June 12, 2019.
 - b.** Exterior- None
 - C.** Brick Walk Brick Sales- None.
 - D.** Historical Markers-

1. Pasadena Park- On hold.
2. Palmer Sherman House- On hold.
3. Boys Republic-Angeline Lawrence, as of yesterday, has not heard back from the Lutheran Community Services.
4. Power's Station: Baxtresser shared some of the ongoing research with the Commission. Willyard suggested a possible 14' x 8' brick paver outline of the Power's Station waiting room, in addition to a Historic Marker.

E. Publications –Mary Isham Garfield research ongoing.

F. Heritage Tourism- No discussion.

G. Filing Cabinet Review: As time permits.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Greater Farmington 200th/Bicentennial: No new information.

7. POINTS OF INTEREST: Willyard shared a 2"x10" oak floor joist bridging element from his 1830's house. He explained how this piece demonstrated early 19th century vertical sawing kerf marks (predating circular saws) as well as the end of cut remnant wood left from this process.

8. CORRESPONDENCE: Email from Bryan Farmer about the H&HC A&E services contract being awarded.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Chairman Hulett ask Baxtresser if Margaret Baxtresser was a relation. Baxtresser said that indeed Margaret Baxtresser (1922-2005) was his mother, a former resident of Farmington Hills, (maiden name Barthel) who had played with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra when she was 13 years old and had a successful career as a concert pianist and professor at Kent State University in Ohio.

11. LIAISON ACTION ITEMS:

Until a liaison attends our meetings, Mr. Cox will continue to pass along information and correspondence for the FHHC.

12. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: January 8, 2020, 7:30 pm, Fountain Room at City Hall

Respectfully Submitted,
Earl Baxtresser,
Recording and Corresponding Secretary