

MEETING MINUTES

FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

City of Farmington Hills

April 8, 2015

7:30 p.m.

Heritage and History Center

Heritage Park, Farmington Rd.

Farmington Hills, MI www.fhgov.com

248-871-2540

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 & HISTORY MUSEUM: Brian Golden: Present
OTHERS PRESENT: No guests
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Cox made a motion to accept as written, 2nd by Scott; approved unanimously
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to “accept the minutes of **03.11.15** as written” by Cox; 2nd by Scott; motion carried 4-0

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Museum Accession/De-accession Reviews-

Golden reported that he had been given one item. A member of the Ecsh family was exploring what was possibly her great-great-grandmother’s jewelry box and discovered a false bottom. Beneath it was a Psalm Book presented to an Ida Nelson from Pastor Warren of the Farmington Methodist Church dated 1877; included was a Sunday school calendar for 1876. Members accepted the donation unanimously.

B. Museum Improvement

Golden stated that he’s met with Ellen Schnackel, Director of Special Services

1. She will follow up on step railings for the Palmer Sherman House/Museum
2. She will visit the museum to look at possibilities for the extension
3. The commission has financial resources to help with repurposing the museum space

C. Brick Walk Brick Sales-

1. Golden asked Willyard to re-photograph the brick walkway; John will post them online when done; they will be available to Golden or anyone.

3. Processing of Master Cards and Visa currently occurs at the Costick Center; we can use their services for orders received.
4. Golden will rework the flyer and take the final proof to the city for approval. Following discussion, we will order 250-300; 2-sided color on glossy paper, through Kinkos/Fed Ex.
5. Stewart made a motion to have the flyers printed at a cost of not more than \$300, Lee Cox seconded; the vote passed 4-0.

E. Stollberg Memorial-

1. Stewart stated she will pursue possible plaque and engraving options (when she can drive).
2. Suggestions were Contemporary Awards and Wytecka Memorials on 10 Mile/Beech Daly.

F. Historical Markers-

1. Pasadena Park-
 - a. Golden restated that the reference to DUR is incorrect; it should read Detroit United Railway (not urban).
 - b. Need to check cost of having a new sign ordered to make a decision about it.
2. Palmer Sherman House-
 - a. Willyard offered to work on sign verbiage. Golden will give him what he has.
 - b. Stewart said she will visit with Liz Goodenough and Eleanor Spicer Strong to do interviews about their memories of the house (when she can drive).
3. Buckhorn Corners-
 - a. The sign has been re-erected.
 - b. The DPW apparently used one of the HDC's posts (in reserve) to install it.
 - c. We need to clarify the cost of the sign refurbishment and whether we owe HDC for the post.

G. Publications

Nothing new to report.

II. New Business

A. Points of Interest/Updates

1. Brian reported receiving a call from a real estate broker regarding the property across from Baxtresser's, east side of Halsted, north of Eight Mile. They hope to develop behind it and are considering ways to save the existing buildings, which include a barn.
2. Stewart remarked that Botsford Hospital's latest newsletter is requesting input from the community regarding future use of the Botsford Inn building; the exterior has been restored.

The survey site is www.botsfordinnsurvey.com

3. Willyard shared a flyer to the Civil War Collector's Show, Mansfield, Ohio, May 2-3, 2015

He said it's a wonderful place to find guns, period clothing, etc.

B. Correspondence

- Historic District Commission Agenda, April 8, 2015
- Historic District Commission Minutes, March 11, 2015
- Historical Commission Budget Expenditure Report, 4.8.2015; Historical Commission Stolberg Memorial Fund Report, 4.8.2015; Historical Commission Savings Account 4.8.2015
- Emails between Chairman Willyard and Liaison Mark Stec prior to meeting

C. Public Comments

No visitors

D. Commissioner's Comments

1. Discussed measures for increasing membership.
2. Meeting our quorum is still an issue
3. Discussion of probable fall historic celebration at Heritage Park tabled until next meeting

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.
8. Adjournment- 8:50 p.m.

Next Meeting- 13, 2015 at the **Heritage and History Center**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherrie Stewart

Recording and Corresponding Secretary