

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS**  
**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
**CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM**  
**AUGUST 14, 2019**

**CALLED MEETING TO ORDER:** CHAIRMAN KEN KLEMMER 7:37 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ken Klemmer, William White, Bryan Brincat, Lisa Martin, John Trafelet

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Steve Olson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Angeline Lawrence, HDC Liaison  
Valerie Knol, City Council Liaison  
Jim Paulson, Resident

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION BY: MARTIN**  
**SUPPORT BY: WHITE**

TO APPROVE AGENDA OF August 14, 2019

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS 19-5 , HISTORIC DISTRICT #308 HALSTED APPLE BARN

Theresa Przybylo, under Power of Attorney for property owner Gilliam Clark Jr. presented an application for installation of a 48-inch high split rail fence around the perimeter of the property. The fence is primarily for safety reasons due to the property's close proximity to Halsted Road. The proposed fence is similar to those on adjacent properties and will be kept in a natural wood state with potential temporary wiring mesh enclosures on open spaces to allow dog training. The stairway fronting Halsted Road will not be enclosed.

**Motion to approve Certificate of Appropriateness 19-5 for HD 308 Halsted Apple Barn split rail fence, as presented. Fence will be installed (and not attached) to northwest and southwest corners of existing structure in accordance with Secretary of Interior Standards #5, #9 and #10. Approval is contingent upon ZBA approval of setback variance.**

**MOTION BY: BRINCAT**  
**SUPPORT BY: TRAFELET**

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

**POINTS OF INTEREST/UPDATES:**

The HDC, Preservation Farmington and Historical Commission will host a Preservation 101 workshop on September 17, 2019 at the Spicer House in Heritage Park.

Commissioners expressed an interest in attending the September 19<sup>th</sup>, Heritage Conference 2019, Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm.

Full attendance of Staff Liaison Lawrence plus entire Commission expected.

**Motion to set aside funds for payment of \$40 registration fee, as needed, for up to 7 commissioners and staff.**

**MOTION BY: TRAFELET  
SUPPORT BY: MARTIN**

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

Commissioner White expressed interest in attending the Michigan History Conference, in Ludington, MI on September 27 and 29.

Two commissioners want to attend.

**Motion to set aside funds for payment of costs, as appropriate, for up to 2 Commissioners to attend.**

**MOTION BY: TRAFELET  
SUPPORT BY: WHITE**

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Staff Liaison Lawrence and Chairperson Klemmer reported that EHM Solutions informed them of the condition of the brick entrance gate. According to EHM Solutions, their contractor stated that the gate could not be repaired. Chairperson Klemmer provided masonry and two other contractors with the expertise to repair the gate. EHM Solutions will come back to the HDC at a later date with improvement plans for the brick wall.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Paulson expressed his desire to serve on the HDC. He is a longtime resident with an older home and a newly retired architect. The Commission is supportive of his appointment by the Mayor at the next City Council meeting.

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

Chairperson Klemmer reported that the August 13, 2019 ribbon cutting ceremony at the Henry C. Bach house was successful with attendance of FHHDC and council members as well as two dozen neighbors. Photos and video were taken by Brian Golden.

Commissioner Trafelet requested that any further construction requests related to the Sarah Fisher project include a condition that historic structures to be retained are protected by fencing or other means during the construction process. It was unanimously agreed that this will be a condition.

**APPROVAL OF JUNE 12, 2019 MEETING MINUTES:**

Motion to approve June 12, 2019 meeting minutes with correction to add John Trafelet as absent and correction of header date.

TO APPROVE JUNE 12, 2019 MEETING MINUTES WITH MINOR CORRECTIONS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

**MOTION BY: MARTIN**  
**SUPPORT BY: BRINCAT**

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM by Chairman Klemmer