

**MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM
NOVEMBER 13, 2019**

CALLED MEETING TO ORDER: CHAIRMAN KEN KLEMMER 7:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bryan Brincat, Ken Klemmer, Steve Olson, James Paulson, William White

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lisa Martin, John Trafelet

OTHERS PRESENT: Angeline Lawrence, Staff Liaison
Valerie Knol, City Council Liaison
Mike Huszti, MB2B, LLC (David Simmons)
Scott Eliot, Newmark Knight Frank, agent for EHM (Sarah Fisher)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**MOTION BY: STEVE OLSON
SUPPORT BY: BRYAN BRINCAT**

TO APPROVE AGENDA OF NOVEMBER 13, 2019, AS PRESENTED.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS 19-11 - HISTORIC DISTRICT #7 DAVID SIMMONS HOUSE

Mike Huszti presented solution to use original historic front door with off-set hinge to meet code, option to use antique leaded pane door on rear and pre-presented desire to use larger window on rear face to allow for more light. Following discussion, discourage use of antique leaded glass door in heavy-usage area, greater security may be provided by a modern door.

Motion for re-installation of original historic front door with off-set hinge to meet commercial code, installation of a new door on rear entrance and windows on 2nd story rear to be same size as rear lower (six-over-six divided lights).

Approval is conditional, dependent on the HDC receiving revised drawings and specification sheets. COA supported by Secretary of Interior Standards #9 and #10.

**MOTION BY: PAULSON
SUPPORT BY: BRINCAT**

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0 (1 abstention)

POINTS OF INTEREST/UPDATES:

Sarah Fisher Home

Letter from EHM provided, with Scott Eliot, Newmark Knight Frank available to answer questions. EHM will not be proceeding with senior housing development, bids solicited for roof remediation, contract to be let 11/18, property is on the market asking \$4.1 million. Marketing focused on senior housing, active senior residential and similar; noted as the largest property available in central Oakland County. HDC expressed interest in working with potential buyers to place property back in use. Commissioner Olson noted success of Traverse Commons (19th c historic State Hospital) in Traverse City as a successful restoration with residential, retail, etc.

Historic District Site Nominations

Chairman Klemmer to review existing letters to prospective HDC nominees (following the spring windshield tour) for the Commission to final edit.

Cemetery Sub-Committee

Commissioners Olson reported education / research being conducted that included: visit with group that has been working on cemeteries in Farmington, study workbook on cemetery preservation from the State Preservation office, and view webinar on monument cleaning by National Park Service consultant. Draft 'Scope of Work' provided; well received by the Commission. Commissioners Olson and Trafelet to recommend activities requiring professional services (for review at next HDC meeting).

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mail & magazines distributed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comments.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioners Olson provided postcard mailed to residents focused on potential changes to height restrictions on commercial buildings. Changes under consideration do not include additional stories, but allow larger windows, higher interior ceiling, and better environment with more light for office workers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2019:

Approval of Minutes as presented.

MOTION BY: OLSON

SUPPORT BY: WHITE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2019:

Approval of Minutes as presented.

MOTION BY: OLSON

SUPPORT BY: PAULSON

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM by Chairman Klemmer