

MEETING MINUTES

FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

City of Farmington Hills

March 9, 2016

7:30 p.m.

Farmington Hills City Hall-Fountain View Room

31555 Eleven Mile Rd.

Farmington Hills, MI 48336

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248-871-2540

1. CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chairman Willyard at 7:40 p.m.
2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Earl Baxstresser, Lee Cox, Sherrie Stewart, John Willyard
MEMBERS ABSENT: Pam Correll, John Scott
LIAISON TO HERITAGE & HISTORY MUSEUM: Brian Golden was absent
OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Hannah
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Stewart made a **motion** to accept as written, 2nd by Scott; approved 4-0
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Cox made a **motion** to approve the minutes of February 10, 2016, after correcting the location of the meeting to city hall. Baxstresser seconded; motion carried 4-0.

FINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews

No report

B. Museum Improvement

1. External Step Railings

- a. Liaison Stec reported that he will submit the purchase order for approval.
- b. Cox indicates that it may be two weeks before we can proceed with the railing installment.

2. Plans for re-structuring the interior still waiting on students from Lawrence Tech.

C. Membership

1. Stec provided us with a link to a press release issued by Mayor Massey calling for applicants to city boards and commissions.
2. Guest Linda Hannah attended due to seeing the article in *The Farmington Press*.

D. Brick Walk Brick Sales

1. Baxstresser reported on his conversations with Fendt regarding brick sizes.
2. He offered to purchase a strap of bricks and reduce the 12” X 12” bricks down to the 9” X 9” size we need.
3. Cox made a **motion** to purchase two straps of pavers, one of 56 pcs. of 4” X 8” and one of 18 pcs. of 12” X 12” pavers for just under \$100. Stewart seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

E. Stollberg Memorial

1. Willyard reviewed efforts to memorialize Ann and her relationship with Ellie Spicer and her dog Stuart Little.
2. Baxstresser will send Stewart links for benches.

F. Historical Markers

1. Stuart Little Sign-

- a. Stec reports that park staff is aware of the need for a buffer and plans to create one around the sign.
- b. The sign had to be returned to Sewah to repair the damage.
- c. Commission members agreed that large substantial stones would be preferred.

2. Pasadena Park- on hold

3. Palmer Sherman House-

1. Brian went to Pontiac to research the deed to the Palmer Sherman House but was unable to find it; plans to return.
2. Cox will investigate a neighbor south of the Longacre House who has said he has a “stack of papers” regarding ownership of the buildings there.

G. Publications

No report

H. Heritage Tourism

No report

6. New Business

7. Points of Interest/Updates

- A. Cox reported that plans are underway for the Sarah Fisher complex at Inkster and Twelve Mile Rds.
- B. Three to five buildings will be left and re-purposed; the property will be used for

independent and assisted senior living.

C. Cox also commented that he has a friend who serves at the Detroit Historical Museum and she has just been appointed to the Detroit Historical Commission.

8. Correspondence

A. FHHDC Expenditure Detail Report for 3/9/2016

B. FHHDC Minutes for 02/10/2016

C. FHHDC Agenda for 03/09/2016

D. Email from Mark Stec to J. Willyard and S. Stewart dated 03/01/2016

E. Email from Brian Golden to commission members dated 03/07/2016

F. Printout of Press Release from City Manager's Office: "City of Farmington Hills Seeks New Members for Boards and Commissions"

G. Notes from E. Baxstresser of conversation with Tom Cook, Fendt Builders Supply regarding strap costs for two sizes of pavers.

H. Package and letter from Lorenzo Cultural Center, Macomb Community College with pamphlets of their March 2- May 7, 2016 schedule of events: "The 1940's: Through the War and Beyond."

I. Mailing from The Michigan Historic Preservation Network for the 36th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference at Wayne State University: "Resolve, Revolve, Evolve"; May 11-14, 2016; visit www.mhpn.org

9. Public Comments

10. Commissioner's Comments

A. Members discussed exciting offerings of the above conference in Detroit.

B. Discussed Local History Conference in Sterling Heights this coming weekend.

B. As we still have significant monies in our budget, Cox made a **motion** to have members who would still like to attend that conference to contact Liaison Stec to register through the city, and that members should take advantage of the "a la carte ticketing" at the MHPN Conference in the same manner, to attend as many of the functions as the city will allow, Stewart seconded; vote carried unanimously.

11. Liaison ACTION ITEMS

A. Facilitate Steps Railing Progress

B. Clarify with Golden the process for charging and accepting cash for engraved pavers at both the museum and at the Costick Center.

FINAL

APPROVED 4-13-16

- C. Confirm with park personnel that the commission would like substantial large rocks as a buffer around the Stuart Little sign.
- D. Be prepared to give members permission to register for both spring historical conferences as they call in. Review **motions** made during the meeting.

Next Meeting: April 12, 2016 Location: TBD

Meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherrie Stewart,
Recording and Corresponding Secretary