

MEETING MINUTES

FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

City of Farmington Hills

November 9, 2016

7:30 p.m.

Heritage and History Center

Heritage Park, Farmington Rd.

Farmington Hills, MI 48336

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248-871-2540

1. CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chairman Willyard at 7:39 p.m.
2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Earl Baxtresser, Lee Cox, James Hulett, John Willyard, John Scott
MEMBERS ABSENT: Pam Correll
LIAISON TO HERITAGE & HISTORY MUSEUM: Brian Golden.
LIAISON FROM CITY: Absent
OTHERS PRESENT: No guests
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Baxtresser made a motion to accept as written, 2nd by Cox; approved 5-0
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2016: Cox made a motion to accept as written, 2nd by Hulett; approved 5-0.
6. Unfinished Business:
 - A. Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews: Brian Golden showed the framed picture of the teaching certificates of the Farmington resident, Pearl Blanchard / Gibson. The framing of these artifacts was gifted by the Quakertown Questers.
 - B. Museum Improvement-
 1. Interior- Brian Golden mentioned that he has had the building interior measured up by a colleague of his and is awaiting a drawing.
 2. Exterior-Work- Discussion for the exterior landscaping at the Heritage & History Center revolved around the following key points:
 - a. Of the three proposals presented to the Commission by John Scott at the September 14, 2016 meeting, the proposal submitted by the contractor Tony Dibs of Lakeview Landscaping was preferred for its simplicity, long term ease of maintenance and competitive pricing. Landscaping of the H&HC Building was deemed essential to

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improve the exterior appearance of the structure in an effort to increase public awareness and attendance.

- b. An essential part of this landscaping project would involve the installation of an exterior hose bib to facilitate routine irrigation of any new plantings until the plantings were established.
- c. Brian Golden has had preliminary discussions with Bill Wright about the scope of this project and will pursue further discussion with others.
- d. There was a discussion on cost sharing possibilities to bring the project within the FHHC budgetary limits.
- e. Commissioner Scott made a motion to proceed with the Landscaping Project at the Heritage and History Center utilizing a cost sharing plan with **Special Services (Parks & Recreation)**. This project would utilize the aforementioned services of Lakeview Landscaping for the landscaping in the front of the Heritage & History Center Building. It would involve minor plumbing to accommodate an exterior hose bib. It would be contingent upon the cost sharing and be on a not to exceed cost of \$ 6,500.00 basis. Motion was seconded by Baxtresser. Approved 5-0.

C. Membership- No discussion

D. Brick Sales-

1. No new sales. Cox mentioned that he will explore the possibilities of a Special Services Guide announcement for the Brick Paver Sales.
2. Baxtresser asked about the Facebook presence for the HHC. Golden mentioned that there is an active Facebook page.

E. Stolberg Memorial-

- a. Baxtresser & Golden will meet to set the Stolberg bench to the front porch of the HHC.
- b. Cox made a motion to reimburse Earl Baxtresser \$ 1,145.00 for the purchasing of the Ann Stolberg Memorial Bench. This reimbursement would come from the Ann Stolberg Fund. Motion seconded by Scott. Approved 5-0.

F. Historical Markers-

1. Stuart Little Sign- Sketches of the Stuart Little dog and drain pipe were presented. Willyard offered to utilize the services of his brother to configure the two sketches into one JPEG file for subsequent etching onto granite.
2. Pasadena Park- on hold

3. Palmer Sherman House- nothing new.

G. Publications- No discussion.

H. Heritage Tourism- No discussion.

7. Points of Interest/Updates-

1. Baxtreser mentioned watching the moving of the Perrinville Schoolhouse onto the Greenmead site in Livonia.

8. Correspondence- None

9. Public Comments- None

10. Commissioner's Comments- None

11. Liaison Action Items-

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

Next Meeting: January 3, 2017, 7:30 pm, Location: Fountain Room, Farmington Hills City Hall

Meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Earl Baxtreser,

Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Pro Tem