

## **MEETING MINUTES**

FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

City of Farmington Hills

**September 9, 2015**

7:30 p.m.

### **Farmington Hills City Hall**

Fountain View Room

31555 Eleven Mile Rd.

Farmington Hills, MI [www.fhgov.com](http://www.fhgov.com)

248-871-2540

1. CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chairman Willyard at 7:32 p.m.
2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Pam Correll, Lee Cox, John Scott, Sherrie Stewart, John Willyard  
MEMBERS ABSENT: Al Moehlman  
LIAISON TO HERITAGE & HISTORY MUSEUM: Brian Golden: Present  
OTHERS PRESENT: No guests
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Scott made a motion to accept as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cox; approved 5-0
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
**July 28, 2015-** Correll asked that the date be changed from July 27<sup>th</sup> to July 28<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Scott to accept the minutes of July 28, 2015 as corrected; second by Correll, motion carried 5-0.  
**June 10, 2015-** Motion to approve as written by Cox, second by Scott, motion carried unanimously.
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
  - A. Museum Accession/De-accession Reviews
    1. Golden met with Farmington resident Sharon Bernath who had made a large purchase of historic items at a sale held by Judy Cook. She has now donated these to the museum. Included are eight tubs of ledgers from the Cook General Store with dated resident's signatures and the items they purchased. It's noteworthy that these survived the fire of 1872.
    2. Golden stated that we need to be prudent with what we accept because we need to be able to provide safe storage.
  - B. Museum Improvement
    1. Deferred discussion on architectural plans for the museum.
    2. Golden reported that with the help of Mr. Cox, the two-seater outhouse has been re-constructed outside the east wall of the museum. Golden described points of interest, including that the interior had been wallpapered and it now sits on two old posts from the

Governor Warner Mansion sign.

C. Historic Hayride

1. Golden passed out a copy of his press release. Golden will do four half-hour historic hayrides tailored to each audience. Golden will display family photographs inside the Spicer home. Willyard re-stated that he would like to see the photographs of the grounds placed where they were originally taken.
2. All park buildings will be open, including the archery range.
3. If this is deemed successful, we'll repeat it every year.
4. Members need to arrive at five to assist with the tours. Don Millington will help at the barn.

The date was changed to September 18th.

D. Nine Acre Farm on Halsted

The deal apparently fell through. The property is back on the market.

E. Membership

1. We have not had any feedback from Stec regarding the letter to historic homeowners.
2. Stewart displayed an article entitled "History, American Democracy, and the AP Test Controversy" by Wilfred M McClay, from the July/August 2015 *Imprimus*. She felt it denotes a change in attitudes toward history, which she felt may be reflected in our community and need of volunteers.

F. Brick Walk Sales

1. Golden distributed examples of order brochures which he has had printed.
2. These will be offered the night of the hayride when the buildings are opened.
3. Golden will be presenting them at the first historical society meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup>.
4. Golden and his wife will write a press-release for the event on the 18<sup>th</sup> and announce opportunities to order commemorative bricks.
5. The first 200 cost \$300. Cox made a **motion** to reimburse Golden the expense of \$300; second by Correll, motion carried unanimously.
6. Correll made a **motion** that the commission purchase two 9" X 9" bricks for the museum walkway, one for Jean Fox and one for Kay Briggs, for all their years of service to the commission; second by Cox, motion carried unanimously.

G. Stolberg Memorial

1. Stewart reported prices she was given for a bronze plaque from Contemporary Awards.
2. She also priced wooden benches; one clusters around the base of a tree.

3. Cox made a **motion** that Stewart be given the authority to render decisions about the memorial expenses, not to exceed the amount in the fund, which is \$1305; second by Willyard, vote was 5-0.
4. Stewart is to contact Farmer or Schnackel when she has the information she needs.

#### H. Historical Markers

##### i. Pasadena Park

On hold

##### ii. Palmer Sherman House

1. Golden must confirm information by visiting the Oakland Co. Courthouse
2. Stewart asked Stec for a Sewah Studios Marker Prices sheet which he gave to her.

#### I. Publications

Nothing new

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS

#### 7. Points of Interest/Updates

#### 8. Correspondence

- HDC Minutes; August 12, 2015
- HDC Agenda: September 9, 2015
- FHHC Budget as of 9.9.15
- emails from Mark Stec regarding upcoming State History Conference in Saginaw, 9.25-27

#### 9. Public Comments

#### 10. Commissioner's Comments

- a. Stewart reported that the marker top of the Stuart Little Pond sign is missing. The post is still there.
- b. Golden confirmed that a 100 lb. fire hydrant had been taken from the front of the museum.

#### 11. Liaison Action Items

- a. Museum Steps Railing progress
- b. Find out if/what we owe the HDC for the post used to re-install Buckhorn Corners marker
- c. Once Brian Golden completes the Brick Sales flyer, facilitate charge process with city
- d. **Determine if the DPW had reason to remove the Stuart Little Marker**

#### 12. Adjournment

Chairman called the meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Next meeting: October 14, 2015

Sherrie Stewart, Recording Secretary

Location: TBD