

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
City of Farmington Hills
Fountain Room at City Hall
February 26, 2025
7:00 p.m.
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1. Chairman Hulett called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: James Hulett, Earl Baxtresser, John Willyard, John Scott,

Joe Derek.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lee Cox

LIAISON TO HERITAGE & HISTORY MUSEUM: Brian Golden was absent

LIAISON FROM CITY: Absent

OTHERS PRESENT: Benjamin Cobb, Christopher Cobb, Joel Marwil.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Baxtresser support by Scott to approve the agenda as published.

Motion carried 5-0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Scott support by Derek, to accept the minutes of January 22, 2025.

Motion carried 5-0.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews: None

B. Museum Improvement- Spicer House Move:

a. Based on the visit to the Spicer House last month, Jerry Knapp, of Spaces to Experiences sent an overview of "Exhibit Development" at the Spicer House for the FHHC. This plan was discussed, and the following items were to be brought forth to S2E:

b. In moving forward with a staged plan, what are the next steps.

- c. What would be needed from the FHHC in moving forward.
- d. What are some of the anticipated costs of pursuing this S2E plan.
- e. What are possible durations for development.

C. Brick Walk Brick Sales-None.

D. Historical Markers-

1. Palmer Sherman House- Erik Perdonik informed the FHHC of the delivery of the Historic Marker to the DPW. He asked the FHHC for a possible location for installation. This was discussed and counterintuitively, a location behind the Palmer Sherman House (North Side) was preferred based on the additional exposure.
2. Boys Republic- On hold.
3. Power's Station: Ongoing.
4. "QR" Codes: On hold.

E. Publications –

- a. Universalist Unitarian Church monograph, ongoing.

6. NEW BUSINESS: Baxtresser mentioned the Historical Society of Michigan's upcoming 67th Annual "Michigan In Perspective, Local History Conference" to be held at Oakland University, March 28 & 29.

7. POINTS OF INTEREST: None

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Exhibit development plan from Spaces to Experiences.
2. Invoice from Spaces to Experiences.
3. Emails from Erik Perdonik about plaque delivery and location preferences.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Benjamin Cobb told the FHHC that he is a Boy Scout from Rochester Hills and was observing the FHHC meeting for a Boy Scout Citizenship Requirement.

Joel Marwil, is a resident of Farmington Hills and was wanting to explore the possibilities of engaging with Acadia Publishing to create a book of The Historic Markers of Farmington Hills.

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None

11. LIAISON ACTION ITEMS: Reach out to Erik Perdonik about having access to the Fountain Room for FHHC meetings.

12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:35

NEXT MEETING: March 26, 2025, at **7:00** pm at the Fountain Room at City Hall, 3155
Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills Michigan 48336

Respectfully Submitted,
Earl Baxtresser,
Recording and Corresponding Secretary