

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
City of Farmington Hills
January 9, 2019
7:30 p.m.

Fountain Room, City Hall
City of Farmington Hills
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1. **CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Chairman Hulett at 7:41 p.m.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lee Cox, Earl Baxtresser, James Hulett, John Scott, John Willyard.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pam Correll

LIAISON TO HERITAGE & HISTORY MUSEUM; Brian Golden was present.

LIAISON FROM CITY: Absent

OTHERS PRESENT: None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**MOTION by Baxtresser, support by Lee, to approve the agenda as published.
Motion carried 5-0.**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- November 14, 2018:

**MOTION by Willyard, support by Scott, to accept the minutes of November 14,
2018 as written. Motion carried 5-0.**

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews-No items to review.

B. Museum Improvement-
Interior-

1. **a.** Baxtresser and Scott had met with 3 architects since the last FH-HC meeting, and these "Professional Services" quotations have been transmitted to the commissioners for review. All three candidates were presented with the same general scope of work parameters as well as a list of goals desired by the commission. Because the Heritage and History Center Building is not owned by the Historical Commission it was determined that further discussions of this design process would require the input from the Special Services Department to further clarify the scope of work. Baxtresser said he would set up a follow up meeting with Special Services and relay that date and time to fellow commissioners.
- b.** There was the continuing outstanding concern brought up about the Historical Commission's savings account and the whereabouts of those funds. Brian Golden presented a ledger sheet from 2016-17 showing the account. Hulett received this and

said he would pursue the issue with the City Treasurer.

c. It was also suggested that at the upcoming meeting with Special Services, Liaison: Angeline Lawrence be asked to attend so she will be able to assist the Historical Commission in avoiding future unknown complications as this project proceeds.

Exterior- Nothing new.

C. Brick Walk Brick Sales- Nothing new.

D. Historical Markers-

1. Cox delivered the bronze plaque to Baxtresser who will install it on the back of an existing bench at the Stuart Little Historic Marker.
2. Pasadena Park- On hold.
3. Palmer Sherman House- waiting further information.
4. The Pernambuco Hollow- Sign has yet to be reinstalled. Cox shared an installation technique that would not preclude subsequent replacements. (One pole set in concrete/one pole set in gravel. He said he would share this with the DPW.
5. Minnow Pond- No change.
6. Boys Republic-Scott presented a draft copy for a Historical Marker at this site. Baxtresser will send Scott website information to indicate word count quantities for this marker.
7. McCabe Funeral Home-Needs further review.
8. Power's Station: Baxtresser and Golden previously met and discussed the look of the DUR waiting room station at Halsted and 8 Mile. Further research ongoing.

E. Publications –Mary Isham Garfield research ongoing.

F. Heritage Tourism- No discussion.

G. Filing Cabinet Review: As time permits.

6. NEW BUSINESS: There was a discussion of the “Oral History Study Group” held earlier. Hulett and Golden said there will be a follow-up meeting next month to refine this process.

7. POINTS OF INTEREST: None

8. CORRESPONDENCE: None presented.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner Hulett had sent pictures of the gravesite of Orange Risdon (in Saline Michigan) to his fellow commissioners since our last meeting. Appreciations for that gesture were extended.

11. LIAISON ACTION ITEMS:

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

12. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: February 13, 2019, 7:30 pm, Fountain Room, City Hall

Respectfully Submitted,
Earl Baxtresser,
Recording and Corresponding Secretary