

**MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM
FEBRUARY 14, 2024 – 6:30 PM**

The Farmington Hills Historic District Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Tulas at 6:30pm.

Commissioners Present: Tulas, Klemmer, Trafelet, Olson, Thomson

Commissioners Absent: Paulson, Howard

Others Present: Kris Canty (Planning & Community Development Liaison)
Carl Censoni (New owner of the Drake House – 28804 Drake)
Theresa Rich (Mayor of Farmington Hills)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Klemmer, support by Trafelet.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers for 2024

John Trafelet nominated Marleen Tulas for the position of Chair.
Support by Ken Klemmer.

Marleen Tulas accepts the nomination.

John Trafelet nominated Ken Klemmer for the position of Vice-Chair.
Support by Steve Olson.

Ken Klemmer accepts the nomination.

John Trafelet nominated Alec Thomson for the position of Secretary.
Support by Ken Klemmer.

Alec Thomson accepts the nomination.

Motion by Klemmer to accept the Election of Officers, support by Olson.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Review of Blue Book Final Corrections

Motion by Klemmer to accept the proposed changes to the Blue Book, support by Trafelet.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Nehemiah Hoyt House

Kris Canty shared a written memorandum from Charmaine Kettler-Schmult (Director of Planning and Community Development). The memorandum explains that the city is looking to meet with the homeowner Mrs. Causer to seek permission to enter the property to evaluate the conditions of the house. HUD's foreclosure efforts have been withdrawn.

Steve Olson requested that Marleen or himself (both members of the Hoyt house subcommittee) be invited to the meeting with Mrs. Causer. If the commission members are to be excluded from the meeting, it is expected that the city will state as such in writing.

2023 Historic District Commission Annual Report Review

The commission reviewed the annual report to check for accuracy and messaging. The report will be shared with the City of Farmington Hills Planning Commission on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Budget Discussion

John Trafelet reported on the current spending for the cemetery restoration project. We need the work to be done and paid for before the end of the fiscal year. The Utley Cemetery requires restoration work that is comparable to the work done at West Cemetery.

The Commission will revisit the Spicer House scope of work proposal (preservation plan) to get the project up and running and a part of the budgeting process.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence acknowledged.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Theresa Rich shared with the commission regarding current real estate and program developments within the city. The commission shared its concerns with the mayor regarding the Sarah Fisher Home, Spicer House, and cemetery clean up.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

TULAS: None.

KLEMMER: None.

THOMSON: Thomson will not be attending the March 2024 Meeting.

PAULSON: None.

OLSON: Olson reported that he went to a meeting at the Southfield library where he learned of a traveling display on local history connected to the Underground Railroad. The display will be coming to the city in the future for public viewing.

TRAFELET: Trafelet reported on the signage that was created for the city cemeteries.
(Kris Canty showed new sign via PowerPoint)

HOWARD: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – (JANUARY 10, 2024)

Motion by Klemmer to approve minutes, with corrections, supported by Trafelet.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Klemmer to Adjourn the meeting, supported by Trafelet.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

8:30 PM

Submitted by Kris Canty (February 20, 2024)