

**MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
March 9, 2022 -7:30 p.m.
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM
31555 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS, MI**

CALLED MEETING TO ORDER: CHAIRMAN JIM PAULSON 7:32 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Klemmer,
Lisa Martin
John Trafelet
Steve Olson
Alec Thomson
Marleen Tulas
Jim Paulson

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

OTHERS PRESENT: Erik Perdonik (City Staff Planner)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as published, with draft copies of 2/9/2022 minutes received by all.

MOTION BY: Olson
SUPPORTED BY: Thomson

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration of Revision to Bluebook – Sarah Fisher House – HD Site No. 507

Martin presented a DRAFT revision. Commissioner comments are reflected on the attached REVISED draft (attached). Perdonik will look to Daughters of Charity and Fisher Foundation for additional confirmed information. REVISED draft to be posted to website by Perdonik. Olson suggested consideration of plaque revisions.

Tulas, with her EMU connections, to work with Perdonik concerning engaging an intern to address this and other potential Bluebook updates, corrections and additions.

Bluebook will not be fully updated until above accomplished.

Motion to accept above:

MOTION BY: Martin
SUPPORTED BY: Olson

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

POINTS OF INTEREST/UPDATES:

a. Botsford Inn Update:

Meeting with HDC subcommittee (Trafelet, Tulas and Thomson) and Beaumont Health System representatives held at Botsford Inn on 2/28/2022, including discussion and an interior and exterior tour.

A summary of history of the project and meeting results were prepared by Thomson and attached.

Olson added that when the demolition of Anhut additions were approved by the FHHDC in 2007 (at which time Olson was a Commissioner) it was, in part, conditioned upon the Botsford Inn being maintained and conversion of the facility to a respite for families of cancer patients in treatment at Beaumont. This conversion was started, but never completed and there is no evidence of ongoing maintenance. Interior and exterior are “in shambles”. It does appear to be adequately enclosed to protect overall structure of the building.

Olson drafted a letter to Beaumont (copy attached) regarding the Botsford Inn status and requesting that Beaumont representatives attend the April 13, 2022 meeting to address concerns, in particular restoration of the exterior structures such that it will qualify for a Certificate of Appropriateness and also a long term maintenance plan.

The Commission heartily approved submission of the letter to the appropriate Beaumont representatives with a cc to the Farmington Hills city attorney and signature of Jim Paulson, Chairperson, FHHDC.

Motion to approve submission of letter to Beaumont with above noted modifications

MOTION BY: Thomson
SUPPORTED BY: Trafelet

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

b. Welcome Package/Promotion

Letter to be re-reviewed at April meeting with references to website and an invitation to peruse, particularly as it relates to 1940;s/1950's air footage. Determination of enclosures regarding historic homeowner responsibilities to be considered. Mailing list to be determined.

c. Cemetery Project

Trafelet reported that a car damaged new fence at West Cemetery. This is to be repaired with Kevin McCarthy coordinating and seeking insurance restitution from driver.

Olson provided a Cemetery Preservation Plan with preservation beginning April 23 and participation by FHHDC Commissioners, volunteers, Scout Troops 179 and 45 and Fenton Monument.

\$5,000 per year to maintain and repair cemeteries will be included in FHHDC Annual Budget in perpetuity.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Klemmer reported that 2021 Annual Report was presented to Planning and Council, and was well received and approved. Perdonik reported that Annual Report has been submitted to SHPO and receipt acknowledged

APPROVAL OF 2/9/2022 MINUTES:

Motion to approve 2/2/2022 minutes, with immaterial spelling related revisions.

**MOTION BY: Trafelet
SUPPORT BY: Klemmer**

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:05 p.m.

**MOTION BY: Klemmer
SUPPORT BY: Unanimous**

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0