

MEETING MINUTES  
FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
City of Farmington Hills  
**January 14, 2015**-7:30 p.m.  
Farmington Hills City Hall-Fountain View Room  
31555 Eleven Mile Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48336  
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1. CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chairman Willyard at 7:43 p.m.
2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Lee Cox, John Scott, Sherrie Stewart, John Willyard  
MEMBERS ABSENT: Pam Correll, Al Moehlman  
LIAISON TO HERITAGE & H... MUSEUM Brian Golden: Absent  
OTHERS PRESENT: No guests
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve as written, by Cox, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott; unanimous approval
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to accept the minutes of **10.8.14** as written, by Scott; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cox; approved unanimously. (There was no meeting held in November due to the lack of a quorum.)
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
  - A. Orange Risdon Map Display Case-

Stewart presented two map descriptions, reformatted in portrait layout, for the framed piece which she had picked up earlier in the day from city hall. She stated that she felt Mr. Baessler of the *Frame Peddler* ought to mount whichever one we selected; however, it was decided that we would probably leave it in the landscape presentation and mount it at the base of the map. There was a discussion about whether Baessler had been paid since he chose to wait for a check. (Editor's Note: After the meeting, members walked to the site chosen for the map and concurred that mounting it below the map was a good option.)
  - B. HDC Orange Risdon Map Scan/Publish Project  
No report; since this is not our project, Chairman Willyard suggested we remove it from our agenda.
  - C. Museum Accession/De-accession Reviews-

No report; require our liaison to the museum.
  - D. Museum Improvement-

No report; require our liaison to the museum.

E. Brick Walk Brick Sales-

No report; Golden is working on this.

F. Stollberg Memorial-

Stewart reported that this is on hold until spring.

G. Historical Markers-

1. Pasadena Park-
2. Palmer Sherman House-
3. Buckhorn Corners-

There was a discussion about all three markers. Buckhorn should be at Sewah being restored. Pasadena Park contains a historical error and would require a new sign being ordered; the Palmer Sherman House requires that text be written before the sign can be ordered. Stewart commented that she remembered someone making a remark about the caretaker and would try to confirm that.

H. Publications-

Nothing new

6. New Business

Stewart described the barn “open house” held on Saturday, November 22 at the Spicer Barn, Heritage Park. She remarked that Don Millington of the Farmington Hills Historic District Commission, was a huge asset in talking to visitors with his working knowledge of the equipment and tools on display. She shared Brian’s vision of putting together notebooks displayed on pedestal tables with photographic identification and a written description of the items. He had solicited the historical society members for help with this. Thanks to the scout and his friends who worked on cleaning up and replacing the objects toward earning his Eagle Scout requirements.

7. Points of Interest-

Stewart brought in newspaper articles on the following:

- a. “A Touchstone” article about the Lambert Sellers Barn; *Farmington Observer*; Nov.22, 2014
- b. “Ellie Spicer’s Barn Offers Peek into Farming Era of Past” *Farmington Observer*, Dec. 4, 2014

8. Correspondence-

There was no correspondence

9. Public Comments-

None

10. Commissioner's Comments-

Members again discussed how best to recognize and memorialize members and leaders for their service, i.e. engraved bricks, benches, etc.

11. Liaison's Concerns- Mark Stec

- Instruct us to facilitate the use of the city's credit policies when the public begins ordering engraved bricks. See Brian.
- Be ready to work with members when the Orange Risdon map has been framed and needs to be mounted.
- Help us organize the museum brick pavers sales project in view of other city activities. See Brian
- **Please add all of our accounts to our expenditure report.**
- **Please only leave one of every report for our commission as only the secretary keeps them.**

8. Adjournment- 8:44p.m.

Next Meeting-February 14, 2015 at Farmington Hills City Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherrie Stewart

Recording and Corresponding Secretary