

**FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM
31555 WEST ELEVEN MILE ROAD
FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48336
OCTOBER 11, 2023**

CALLED TO ORDER BY: CHAIR TULAS AT 6:31 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: TULAS, KLEMMER, TRAFELET, PAULSON, THOMSON, OLSON.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Valerie Knol (City Council Liaison)

OTHERS PRESENT: Kris Canty (Planning Department Liaison)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Trafelet, support by Klemmer.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Tulas inquired about status of Nehemiah Hoyt House. Commissioner Trafelet reported that there was a report that the house was facing foreclosure. Commissioner Tulas will be in touch with the city regarding the home's status.

POINTS OF INTEREST:

A. Mid-Century Modern Designation Update

Commissioner Tulas reported that she, along with Alec Thomson and Jim Paulson have met with Katie Kolokithas from SHPO regarding steps surrounding Holly Hill Farms as an historic neighborhood. She noted that the city rules on this effort require that such efforts would start first with a decision from the city council to create a study committee.

Commissioner Olson suggested that Chairwoman Tulas chat with Councilwoman Knol (City Council Liaison) to gauge general city council interest and support for this effort.

Commissioner Klemmer noted, based on his experience in Farmington, the difficulty in getting such a project realized.

B. Cemetery Update

Commissioner Olson and Trafelet reported that at the West cemetery there have been approximately 20 stones to be repaired. The contractor is concerned with cold temperatures impacting the ability to finish this work before the weather becomes unmanageable. The stones need to be at 60 degrees Fahrenheit. The current agreement is to fix 4 stones. There are an additional 16 markers to be fixed in the cemetery, but they are awaiting pricing details from the contractor.

Commissioner Olson and Trafelet met with Professor Thomas Henthron and a couple students from UM Flint to discuss their work in repairing broken headstones and markers. They are using Bondstone to complete the work. The work completed is pretty good. A sheet identifying markers from Utley Cemetery was shared with Professor Henthron and his students to get their feedback.

Commissioner Olson suggested creating a sign to place at the cemetery noting the preservation work of the city, HDC, Schoolcraft College, and any other groups working on the site. Commissioners Olson and Trafelet will draft language for the sign.

Restoration work slated for October 28th at 9 am for Farmington West Cemetery.

Commissioner Thomson reported on the work his class has done in documenting the headstones at Farmington West Cemetery.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from Karen L Sellenraad was received offering her services as an interior designer in the world of historic preservation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comments.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Paulson inquired as to the status of lighting upgrades at the Longacre House.

Commissioner Tulas asked about the next steps for the roofing of the Spicer House.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – (September 13, 2023)

Motion made to approve the minutes.
Motion by Klemmer, supported by Trafelet.
Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Trafelet, supported by Klemmer.
Unanimous proclamation at 7:33 PM

Submitted by Kris Canty (10/18/2023)