

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MAY 14, 2014-7:30 p.m.
CITY HALL – FOUNTAIN VIEW ROOM
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CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chairman Willyard at 8:04 p.m.

A joint meeting with the Farmington Hills Historic District Commission was held in the Community Room at 7:30 p.m. The copying, printing, and distribution of the Orange Risdon Map was discussed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pam Correll, Lee Cox, John Scott, Sherrie Stewart, John Willyard

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brian Golden, Albert Moehlman

OTHERS PRESENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion Correll, 2nd Cox- Unanimous approval.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Scott, 2nd Cox- Unanimous approval (the minutes were unofficial as there was no quorum for the April meeting)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Orange Risdon Map Display Case-

1. John Scott reported on the process of taking the map to White Reproductions for scanning and returning it to city hall. (Olson, Scott, and Millington) It took 24 hours.
2. He has established four sources for the manufacture of the case. All described the same security guard hangers; very secure anchors for mounting the case.
3. He brought in a sample shadow box to present his expectation for a steel case to enclose the framed map. The glass would be a UV protected material, possibly lexan.
4. John Willyard remarked that we want to try to protect it from damage in the case of vandalism. It would be illuminated by a motion-sensitive light.
5. Scott requested a volunteer(s) to help him take the framed map in for

measurement and estimates. It is unknown whether three estimates would be required. Cox will assist; Stewart would like to join them.

a. We plan to get estimate(s) from one to four sources for:

1. Different grades of framing material
2. Different thicknesses, quality of glass

b. We need to vote on the proposal

c. We need to present the proposal to City Manager Steve Brock.

6. Willyard stated that the plaque accompanying the map should have a frame matching the larger in appearance.

B. HDC Orange Risdon Map Scan/Publish Project

1. Discussed the color of the copy, possible number of maps to be ordered, and probable cost.
2. Established that it is a joint project between the two commissions.
3. Olson passed out a list of organizations where map can be offered for sale.

We need to think about venues also.

4. Farmington Hills Historical Commission will let the HDC know how many they want to order. We need Brian's input before we can give them a figure.
5. John will write Brian an email and copy us.

C. Museum Accession/De-accession Reviews- Brian absent-no report

D. Museum Improvement-

1. Willyard reiterated that we would still like to procure a stall area in the stable to be re-created to reflect the Spicer farming days as part of our barn exhibit. Jerry Dixon, who donated the two buggies, promised us all his tack and horse related implements when we have the appropriate place to display them.
2. Discussed present layout of rooms in museum as best we could.
3. Cox made a motion that we meet at the museum next month, seconded by Correll, unanimously approved.
4. Correll stated that the new brick walkway looked good. Scott pointed out that if and when we get the museum completed, that AAA might add it to their tour book which would achieve Golden's goal of promoting historic tourism.

5. Scott is meeting with beautification commissioner Betty Pool tomorrow morning to discuss possible plantings around the exterior of the museum.

E. Museum Spring Open House- need Brian for report.

1. Flyer for brick sales has been blocked out.
2. We are unaware of anything planned for this spring.

F. Historical Marker-

1. Pasadena Park- no report
2. Palmer Sherman House- need text from Brian.

G. Publications- no report

NEW BUSINESS

Memorials- Needs to be added as agenda item under Old Business

1. Stewart reported on her conversations with artist Bernadette Zachara-Markos. She indicated that the cost of the Ann Stollberg Stuart Little sculpture would run about \$4000. Members agreed that this was cost prohibitive with her memorial fund at \$1350. Stewart will try to get an estimate of having the sculpture done in relief, possibly to be attached to the back of a memorial bench. We still have not recognized Jean Fox who contributed so much to Farmington Hills in terms of preservation of buildings, homes, implements, stories, and written material.
2. We discussed other names to be memorialized by way of benches or engraved bricks.
3. Correll offered words/phrases like "Remembering...;" Willyard suggested a "Hall of Fame."

Correspondence-

1. HDC Minutes of April 9, 2014
2. HDC Agenda for May 14, 2014
3. FHHC Expenditure Detail Report

Liaison Concerns- Mark: Please mail correspondence to Stewart prior to the June 11 meeting.

There are no active concerns; thank you for all your endeavors on our behalf.

Public Comments- None

Commissioner's Comments- None

APPROVED 6/11/2014

Adjournment- 9:24 p.m.

Next Meeting- June 11, 2014 at the *Heritage and History Museum*

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherrie Stewart

Recording and Corresponding Secretary