

**MEETING MINUTES  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
October 13, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.  
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM  
31555 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS, MI**

**1. CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Chairman Ken Klemmer (7:30 p.m.)

**2. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ken Klemmer, Jim Paulson, John Trafelet and Alec Thomson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Lisa Martin and Steve Olson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Valerie Knol (City Council Liaison) and Erik Perdonik (City Staff Planner)

**3. Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion to approve agenda for October 13, 2021.**

Motion by: John Trafelet

Support by: Jim Paulson

Motion carried: 4-0

**4. New Business**

**Certificate of Appropriateness 21-2**

**Historic District:** HD#518 – Edward Chene House

**Location:** 29920 Ardmore Drive

**Parcel ID:** 22-23-03-430-022

**Applicant:** Andrea T. Rossman

**Owners:** Andrea T. Rossman

**Proposal:** Installing a four (4) foot tall black vinyl coated chain link fence within the rear and side yards.

Motion by: Alec Thomson

Support by: Jim Paulson

Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation Guidelines

#1 A property shall be used for its historic purpose or be placed in a new use that requires minimal change to the defining characteristics of the building and its site and environment.

#2 The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.

Motion Carried: 4-0

**5. Old Business**

Sarah Fisher Update – The latest development proposal for the property was rejected by the City Council, primarily due to objections of site density. Councilwoman Knol provided an update regarding the council’s and local residential concerns regarding the proposed development. The owners/developers might be coming back to the Historic District Commission to discuss the current site restrictions regarding the preservation of the Administration building and a cottage. The Commission discussed different possible preservation features to consider.

**6. Points of Interest/Update**

A. New Staff Liaison – Welcome to Erik Perdonik.

B. Prospective New Commissioner – The resume of resident Marleen Tulas was shared with the commission, but no action was taken at this time as the appointment is still awaiting action from the Mayor’s office.

C. Spicer House – Chairman Klemmer indicated that the need for repairs and maintenance was pressing. There is a need to find out who is overseeing the project and invite them to a future commission meeting. Councilwoman Knol would look into the matter and share further details. The previous proposal from Mike Kirk is still in review.

D. Longacre House – Stonewall repair along Farmington road is still needed. John Paulson will resend previously shared photos of damage.

E. Cemetery Project – Steve Olson submitted a report on the work that has been completed in the West Cemetery and proposed moving to the next items of attention - Resetting of smaller tombstones (this could be done by volunteers with some supplies from DPW) and cleaning of a few remaining markers (we have the necessary equipment to tackle it). Tentative date set for November 6<sup>th</sup> to tackle the work.

F. Oral History Project – No report.

## **7. Correspondence**

The Commission received a letter of resignation from Bryan Brincat.

## **8. Public Comment**

No public in attendance

## **9. Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Paulson indicated some serious deterioration at the Botsford Inn site. He also inquired about the missing historical marker for Buckhorn Acres. It was determined that this sign was not part of the HDC.

Erik Perdonik is following up on the new Wixom House sign that was ordered. If it has arrived, he will act to have it installed.

## **10. Approval of Minutes – July 14, 2021**

Corrected spelling of Commissioner Thomson’s name (Alec Thomson)

Motion by: John Trafelet

Support by: Alec Thomson

Motion Carried (with above noted corrections): 4-0

## **11. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m. by Chairmen Klemmer

Minutes prepared by Alec Thomson