

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
City of Farmington Hills
February 24, 2020
7:30 p.m.

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1. Chairman Hulett called the electronically held (Zoom) meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: James Hulett, Farmington Hills, MI

Lee Cox, Farmington Hills, MI

John Willyard, Farmington Hills, MI

Earl Baxtresser, Farmington Hills, MI

Mike Mathis, Farmington Hills, MI

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pam Correll, John Scott

LIAISON TO HERITAGE & HISTORY MUSEUM; Brian Golden, Farmington, MI was present.

LIAISON FROM CITY: Angeline Lawrence, Inkster, MI was present.

OTHERS PRESENT: None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Baxtresser, support by Cox, to approve the agenda as published.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Baxtresser, Mathis, Willyard, Cox, Hulett.

Nays: None

Abstentions: none

Motion carried 5-0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 13, 2021:

MOTION by Cox, support by Willyard, to accept the minutes of January 13, 2021 as amended.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Cox, Willyard, Mathis, Hulett, Baxtresser

Nays: None

Abstentions: none

Motion carried 5-0.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews: Golden discussed 3 boxes of Farmington

Hills related History that he had received from the daughters of the late Al Moehlman.

MOTION by Baxtresser, support by Hulett, to accept these items into the Heritage and History Center Collection.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Cox, Willyard, Mathis, Hulett, Baxtresser

Nays: None

Abstentions: none

Motion carried 5-0.

B. Museum Improvement-

- a. Interior – Angeline Lawrence forwarded to the commissioners, the Structural Engineering study of the Heritage and History Center, the first phase for the improvements to the Heritage and History Center project, started last year. Issues were discussed.

MOTION by Cox, support by Hulett, for Liaison Lawrence to inquire of Chris Fcansi, Facilities Supervisor, Farmington Hills as to the current status and forward-looking schedule for the continuing “Design Phase” for the Heritage and History Center.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Cox, Willyard, Mathis, Hulett, Baxtresser

Nays: None

Abstentions: none

Motion carried 5-0.

- b. Exterior- See above.

C. Brick Walk Brick Sales- Angeline Lawrence forwarded the name of Ed and Sharon Pugh who were interested in memorializing Al Moehlman. The order form will be forwarded.

D. Historical Markers-

1. Worker’s Camp -Still in for repairs at Sewah Studios.
2. Palmer Sherman House- On Covid-19 hold.
3. Boys Republic- Lawrence mentioned that this site has a pending application for development wherein installation possibilities might change.
4. Power’s Station: Nothing new.

E. Publications –Mary Isham Garfield research on Covid-19 hold.

F. FHHC Filing Cabinet Contents Review: On Covid-19 hold.

G. 200th Anniversary Planning- On hold pending Covid-19 restrictions.

- 6. NEW BUSINESS:** There was a discussion about the installation of “QR” codes on some of the existing Historical Markers in Farmington Hills. Golden explained some of the process and some of the costs which were not excessive. He went on to explain that this would be similar to the “QR” code installation project ongoing in the City of Farmington. Golden said he would provide the Commission’s Staff Liaison with a plan for moving forward with this project.

MOTION by Baxtreser support by Willyard to have the Liaison to the Historical Commission, Angeline Lawrence, discuss the feasibility of this project with other commissions and departments before proceeding with the implementation.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Cox, Willyard, Mathis, Hulett, Baxtreser

Nays: None

Abstentions: none

Motion carried 5-0.

- 7. POINTS OF INTEREST:** Cox shared some information of his family’s genealogy dating back to the 16th century. Willyard shared anecdotal information he had received on the current staggeringly high costs of wood shake shingle roofing installations.
- 8. CORRESPONDENCE:** Received Structural Engineering Report for the H&HC.
- 9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Golden mentioned the upcoming “Virtual” Michigan History Conference, and urged commissioner participation.
- 10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** The election of officers for the Farmington Hills Historical Commission commenced with Baxtreser nominating Hulett for Chairman, Willyard nominating Cox for Vice Chairman and Willyard nominating Baxtreser for Secretary.

MOTION by Willyard, support by Mathis, to accept the slate of candidates as nominated.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Baxtreser, Mathis, Willyard, Cox, Hulett.

Nays: None

Abstentions: none

Motion carried 5-0.

11. LIAISON ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Investigating the feasibility of “QR” code installation on Farmington Hills Historic Markers with other commissions and Departments.
- B. Inquire of Chris Feansi of the Design Phase status for the Heritage and History Center.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Baxtresser, support by Mathis, to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Baxtresser, Mathis, Willyard, Cox, Hulett.

Nays: None

Abstentions: none

Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: March 24, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. to be held Electronically (Zoom)

Respectfully Submitted,
Earl Baxtresser,
Recording and Corresponding Secretary