

**FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM
31555 WEST ELEVEN MILE ROAD
FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48336
MAY 10, 2023**

CALLED TO ORDER BY: CHAIR TULAS AT 6:28 PM

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: OLSON

OTHERS PRESENT: Kris Canty – Staff Liaison; Valerie Knol – Council Member, Suzanne Clark, Theresa Przybylo

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Klemmer, support by Trafelet.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Certificate of Appropriateness 23-2

Historic District: HD #308—The Halsted Apple Barn

Location: 28321 Timberview Court

Applicant: Gilliam & Suzanne Clark

Owner: Gilliam & Suzanne Clark

Proposal: Owner(s) are proposing a 6-foot-tall chain link fence to keep dogs on the property.

Neighbor complaint about dogs resulted in court order calling for placement of 6ft fence to enclose dogs. The temporary fence installed by homeowners was issued citation by city for not having permit in place for fence.

This is not a chain link fence, but rather a kennel style fence. It is black in color. It is held in place with concrete block, but it will not be a permanent fence. The fence currently on property is what is being kept. Fence is not attached to house but abuts it. The only entrance to kennel area is through the house.

The fence enclosure will be an “L-shaped” parcel extending from the southwest corner of the house around past the southwest corner and extending north around the brick patio to the northeast corner of the home.

Approval of COA application for a fence (kennel style and not chain linked) in accordance with court instructions, revised site plan, and submitted description (see Court Order).

Motion by Paulson, support by Trafelet.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business.

POINTS OF INTEREST:

1. Upcoming SHPO CLG (Certified Local Government) Program Evaluation

Kris noted that the city has participated in this program since 1991. Every 4 years members are evaluated. This is our year for review. A site visit will be conducted during a future HDC meeting.

2. Mid-Century Modern Properties Designation Project

Commissioner Tulas provided a report from the subcommittee (Paulson, Tulas and Thomson). The group met to discuss next steps in visiting with interested homeowners. A draft copy of a letter to be sent to homeowners was shared with the full commission for feedback and approval.

3. Historic Commission QR Code Project

QR codes are being added to historical marker signs. Ken Klemmer has volunteered to help pilot the program by adding his home to the program.

4. Cemetery Project Update (Survey 123)

John Trafelet provided update on the last releveling effort at the East Cemetery. May 20th (West Cemetery) will be next outing to fix stones. Meeting on May 15th with David Carter, he repaired Quaker Cemetery in Farmington, to discuss and test out possibilities for fixing broken stones. Hope to get proposal in place for presentation to DPW for future work.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No Correspondence.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comments.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Thomson noted that work on fixing the stone wall in front of the Longacre House was underway.

Commissioner Trafelet discussed some public commentary that had taken place regarding development proposals at Sarah Fisher Center site.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – (April 12, 2023)

1. Correct spelling of Trafalet to Trafelet.
2. Change “tested” to “evaluated” on Spicer House roofing materials.
3. Rework following sentence “Steve distributed possible data points to capture in survey of cemetery.” to read as follows “Steve distributed the possible data points to capture in the survey of cemetery.
4. “Motion made to accept minutes with below mentioned corrections.” Corrected as “Motion made to accept minutes with corrections.”

ADJOURNMENT

Unanimous proclamation at 7:31 PM

Submitted by Kris Canty (May 11, 2023)