

**MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2019**

**CALLED MEETING TO ORDER:** CHAIRMAN KEN KLEMMER 7:35 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ken Klemmer, Bryan Brincat, Steve Olson, James Paulson, John Trafelet, William White

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Lisa Martin

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Angeline Lawrence, Staff Liaison, Valerie Knol, City Council Liaison

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION BY: STEVE OLSON  
SUPPORT BY: BRYAN BRINCAT**

TO APPROVE AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONER  
James Paulson was welcomed formally to the Commission.
- B. TOMBSTONE TRAIL OAKLAND COUNTY  
Liaison Lawrence distributed a document outlining the mission of the Tombstone Tour / Cemeteries of Oakland County and what is required to participate. The Commission expressed interest in exploring but noted that September 23, 2019 submission date could not be met. One component is detailed stories on individuals interred; Brian Golden to be contacted as some of the historical background may already exist.
- C. HALSTED AND TWELVE MILE CEMETERY CLEAN UP  
Initial 'clean-up' of the cemeteries may be started using 'court-ordered' staff; Councilman Knol to check with City Manager's office. Liaison Lawrence has documents on basic cleaning stone cleaning techniques, which require limited special skills.

**Motion for formation of Sub-Committee consisting of Commissioners Trafelet and Olson to visit the three (3) designated Cemeteries in advance of further consideration / planning for the 'Tombstone Tour' program.**

**MOTION BY: OLSON  
SUPPORT BY: WHITE**

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

**POINTS OF INTEREST/UPDATES:**

Oral History Sub-Committee

Commissioner White agreed to join the sub-committee. Status to be undated by Commissioner Martin at next meeting.

Historic Designation Committee

Chairman Klemmer to develop summary description of the three (3) properties selected for consideration of designation (following the spring 'windshield' tour) in advance of sending a letter to the property owners.

Sarah Fisher Home

Letter encouraging securing of the roofs was sent to EHM following Commission visit (May 14). Lacking a response and proof of securing the roof, the HDC to forward to city zoning officers for follow-up.

Simmons House

Chairman Klemmer reported that HD #7 Simmons House has been moved and rotated and is on its new foundation. Chair Klemmer further reported good communications from the property owners and was pleased with progress.

John Garfield House Roof

Following an inquiry from city enforcement officers, property owner John Willyard has cleaned his wood shingle roof; officers have further questioned the ongoing stability or condition. Commissioner Brincat will visit the site and investigate.

Workshops & Conferences

'Why Preservation? Farmington Hills Focused': Liaison Lawrence reminded regarding the preservation workshop scheduled for Tuesday September 17, 6:30 pm at the Spicer House. Tickets distributed for the Heritage Conference 'Telling Your Story' on Thursday 9/19 in Rochester.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mail distributed by Liaison Lawrence.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comments.

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

No comments.

**APPROVAL OF AUGUST 14, 2019 MEETING MINUTES:**

**Motion to approve August 14, 2019 meeting minutes with minor corrections.**

**MOTION BY: BRINCAT  
SUPPORT BY: TRAFELET**

**MOTION CARRIED: 6-0**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM by Chairman Klemmer