

**MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM
MARCH 13, 2024 – 6:30 PM**

The Farmington Hills Historic District Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Tulas at 6:30pm.

Commissioners Present: Tulas, Klemmer, Trafelet, Olson

Commissioners Absent: Thomson, Paulson, Howard

Others Present: Kris Canty (Planning & Community Development Liaison)
Carl Censoni (New owner of the Drake House – 28804 Drake)
Marjorie Censori (New owner of the Drake House – 28804 Drake)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Olson requested to amend the agenda to introduce a Historic District Property condition report.

Motion by Trafelet, support by Klemmer.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Historic District Condition Report Introduction

Olson introduced an inventory of all Farmington Hills Historic District properties. The HDC will divide the list add notes the status of the conditions of the houses/structures. Olson noted this inventory was brought about due to the condition of the Nehemiah Hoyt House and how the commission did not know the extent of the damage.

Klemmer suggested that Olson add the addresses to the inventory. Canty suggested that once the addresses are added, the GIS manager, Matt Malone, can see which properties are closest to each commissioner.

The commissioners were assigned the following Historic District sites:

OLSON (More to be assigned)
#1 Royal Aldrich House
#4 Philbrick Tavern
#5 Stephen Yerkes Rodgers House
#319 Bade Hired Man's House

TULAS

- #15 Botsford Inn
- #16 Mark Arnold House
- #17 Orville Botsford House
- #18 Palmer Sherman House
- #19 Alonzo Sprague House
- #201 Millers Cottage Sleepy Hollow
- #202 Boorn-Halsted House
- #203 The Parsonage
- #204 Eri Prince House
- #205 Elliott Sprague House
- #206 Drake House
- #207 Nehemiah Hoyt House

KLEMMER

- #506 Glen Oaks Country Club
- #507 Sarah Fisher Home
- #508 Spicer House
- #509 Lewis Howard House
- #511 Edward Beals House
- #512 Model House – Oakland Sub.
- #513 Henry C. Bach House
- #516 Spicer House Stables/Chauffeur Quarters
- #518 Edward Chene House
- #519 Fred Gould House
- #520 Archibald Jones House

TRAFELET (More to be assigned)

- #920 North Farmington Cemetery

Other commissioners will claim their assignments at a later date.

Motion by Tulas, support by Klemmer.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Nehemiah Hoyt House

The city has received a court order to enter the house on Friday, March 15, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Once the inspections are made, the building department and fire department will decide as to whether the building is structurally sound and able to be preserved. A report will be given to the HDC by the staff liaison in a future meeting.

Cemetery Update

Trafelet stated that the Boy Scouts will be back to help out on May 4, 2024 at Utley Cemetery. Canty said the Carter's Cemetery Preservation company sent their W-9 and a purchase order was made. An update on the purchase order will be given to the HDC by the staff liaison in a future meeting.

Processing/Utilizing the Blue Book Edits

Tulas asked how many blue book binders the city has. Canty stated there are many older versions of the blue book at city hall. Only the edited pages would be added to the books. The Planning Department would need time to get the sheets made for distribution. Canty stated that the new version can be updated online.

Spicer House Preservation Plan Update

Klemmer said a Spicer House Preservation plan was made in the past. Tulas asked if the plan is at City Hall. Canty said he would check and see if a Preservation Plan could be found at City Hall. The Commission will revisit the Spicer House scope of work proposal (preservation plan) if one is found.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence acknowledged.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

TULAS: None.

KLEMMER: None.

THOMSON: None.

PAULSON: None.

OLSON: Olson suggested the HDC talk to council liaison, Valerie Knol, for budget questions and suggestions.

TRAFELET: Trafelet reported on the signage that was created for the city cemeteries. The signs are ready to be mounted and the Mayor was to do an unveiling for the cemetery signs and preservation season.

HOWARD: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – (FEBRUARY 14, 2024)

Motion by Klemmer to approve minutes, supported by Trafelet.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Tulas to Adjourn the meeting, supported by Trafelet.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

7:36 PM

Submitted by Kris Canty (March 15, 2024)