

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
City of Farmington Hills
Heritage and History Center
December 4, 2024
7:00 p.m.
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1. Chairman Hulett called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: James Hulett, Lee Cox, Earl Baxtresser, John Willyard, Joe Derek.

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Scott

LIAISON TO HERITAGE & HISTORY MUSEUM: Brian Golden was present.

LIAISON FROM CITY: Absent

OTHERS PRESENT: None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**MOTION by Baxtresser support by Cox to approve the agenda as published.
Motion carried 5-0.**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**MOTION by Willyard support by Hulett, to accept the minutes of October 23, 2024.
Motion carried 5-0.**

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A.** Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews: Cox presented to the Commission several woodworking /farm tools and Golden presented two books, (Farmington Connecticut, and Farmington, Washington) as well as several cancelled checks drawn on Farmington Banks circa 1920's.

**MOTION by Baxtresser support by Hulett, to accept these items into the collection.
Motion carried 5-0.**

- B.** Museum Improvement- Spicer House Move:
a. Baxtresser shared the minutes of the Spicer House Subcommittee Meeting held

- on November 11, 2024, as well as a subsequent letter to Bryan Farmer raising issues brought up in the meeting as well as Bryan Farmers response letter.
- b. Discussion focused on the future of the Spicer House as a multi-purpose facility and how that would comport with the FHHC collection and displays. Willyard discussed the overview of the Heritage and History Center and how moving to the Spicer House, adaptations would be inevitable.
 - c. Discussion proceeded with the possibility of hiring an outside vendor to help the FHHC facilitate the development of a new exhibit plan at the Spicer House with the multi-purpose usage as a component of the new design.
 - d. It was mentioned that it would be necessary for the Commissioners to generate a list of thoughts and ideas for a meeting with an Exhibit Vendor and Baxtresser would gather these for presentation to the exhibit contractor. As an example, Willyard offered up the idea of having small Farmington History-related brochures that might generate interest in the more age diverse audience that might now be visiting the Spicer House. Baxtresser said he will reach out to an outside vendor and set up a meeting time for next month.

MOTION by Cox support by Hulett, to pursue the hiring of an Exhibit Space Design Contractor for the development of exhibit spaces at the Spicer House. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Brick Walk Brick Sales-None.

D. Historical Markers-

1. Palmer Sherman House- Awaiting information from Sewah Studios
2. Boys Republic- On hold.
3. Power's Station: Ongoing.
4. "QR" Codes: On hold.

E. Publications –

- a. Universalist Unitarian Church monograph, ongoing.

6. NEW BUSINESS: Cox shared a report on the Legacy of the Howard Family event held last month at West Farmington Cemetery.

7. POINTS OF INTEREST: None

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Email to and from Bryan Farmer, (Special Services Department) concerning the Spicer House.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Baxtresser shared a financial report from Kristopher Kanty with the commission detailing the funds in the “Book Account”.

11. LIAISON ACTION ITEMS: Ask Kris Kanty about status of Plamer Sherman Historic Marker.

12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:32p.m.

NEXT MEETING: January 22, 2025, at **7:00** pm at the Fountain Room of City Hall, 3155 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills Michigan 48336

Respectfully Submitted,
Earl Baxtresser,
Recording and Corresponding Secretary