

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
City of Farmington Hills
March 13, 2019
7:30 p.m.

Fountain Room, City Hall
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1. **CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Chairman Hulett at 7:38 p.m.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lee Cox, Earl Baxtresser, James Hulett, John Scott, John Willyard.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pam Correll

LIAISON TO HERITAGE & HISTORY MUSEUM; Brian Golden was absent.

LIAISON FROM CITY: Absent

OTHERS PRESENT: Rochelle Danquah from the Michigan Freedom Trail Commission

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES- February 13, 2019:**

MOTION by Cox, support by Hulett, to accept the minutes of February 13, 2019 as written. Motion carried 5-0.

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews-No items to review.

- B. Museum Improvement-
Interior-

1.
 - a. Baxtresser reported that he had a been in touch with Bryan Farmer of The Special Services Department since last month's motion to fund the design services for the improvements to the Heritage and History Center. Mr. Farmer explained that Bill Wright will be getting together with the purchasing department as the first step in the writing of the RFP. He will keep the FH-HC informed as to the progress.

2.
 - b. Baxtresser gave a brief rundown of the meeting, at the H&HC, with Elizabeth Knibbe, an architect from Quinn Evans, and Angeline Lawrence. The meeting was a preliminary investigation into the possibility of applying for the Evans Graham Preservation Award. Ms. Knibbe provided much helpful information on the application process and suggested that the FH-HC would be in a better position to apply for this award next year, when this project was further along.

Exterior- Nothing new.

C. Brick Walk Brick Sales- Nothing new.

D. Historical Markers-

1. Stuart Little: Baxtresser indicated that the installation of the “Brigid Stolberg” plaque was weather dependent. There was a brief discussion about a dedication ceremony following an upcoming FH-HC meeting.
2. Pasadena Park- On hold.
3. Palmer Sherman House- Awaiting further research information.
4. The Pernambuco Hollow- Sign has yet to be reinstalled. Cox will inquire again as to status.
5. Boys Republic-Scott informed the commission that the current owners at the Boys Republic site are not responding to his calls. If there is no response, before the next meeting it was determined it would be necessary to move forward so this project would fall into the funding parameters for the current fiscal year.
6. Power’s Station: Research is ongoing as additional information is obtained.

E. Publications –Mary Isham Garfield research ongoing.

F. Heritage Tourism- No discussion.

G. Filing Cabinet Review: As time permits.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Scott asked about the last month’s motion to obtain an accounting for the FH-HC’s “Book Fund”. Baxtresser mentioned that Angeline Lawrence had provide the commission with a current, up to date, statement.
2. In accordance with a motion from last month’s meeting, Angeline Lawrence was provided with a “Written Guideline”, from the FH-HC, for the spending of monies from the aforementioned “Book Fund”.

7. POINTS OF INTEREST: No discussion.

8. CORRESPONDENCE: None presented.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Our guest, Rochelle Danquah, had an opportunity to talk about her involvement with the Michigan Freedom Trail Commission. In addition to being a Farmington Hills resident, she is a Professor of History at Schoolcraft College as well as a second year Doctoral Student at Wayne State University. She provided the Commission with a fascinating, overview of her research into Farmington and Michigan sites on the Underground Railroad and an insight into various abolitionist movements of the mid nineteenth century. She mentioned that there was a definite overlap of interests between

her research and that of the FH-HC, giving as an example, the Palmer Sherman House. She mentioned that there could possibly be research help she could provide the FH-HC within her area of expertise.

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: There was a brief discussion from Chairman Hulett about current commissioner's term status.

11. LIAISON ACTION ITEMS:

Until a liaison attends our meetings, Mr. Cox will continue to pass along information and correspondence for the FHHC

12. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: April 10, 2019, 7:30 pm, Heritage and History Center

Respectfully Submitted,
Earl Baxtresser,
Recording and Corresponding Secretary