

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
City of Farmington Hills
The Heritage and History Center
April 23, 2025
7:00 p.m.
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1. Chairman Hulett called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lee Cox, 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 Willyard to approve the agenda as published.
Motion carried 4-0.**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**MOTION by Willyard support by Derek, to accept the minutes of March 26, 2025.
Motion carried 4-0.**

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews: None

B. Museum Improvement- Spicer House Move:

- a. The "Spicer House Move Subcommittee" met earlier this month to discuss possible revenue streams for exhibit development. After the subcommittee meeting, Golden shared information that he had been given at an HDC meeting he had attended. Takeaways from Golden's visit with the HDC were:
 - 1. The HDC is very interested in a move by the FHHC to the Spicer House.
 - 2. The HDC is having an event at the Spicer House on May 20th and invited the FHHC to share some of the Exhibit Design ideas from Spaces to Experiences at that meeting.

3. The HDC also shared with Golden a report, generated by National Restoration Inc. That report defined an extensive scope of work, both exterior and interior restoration that are critical for the sustaining of the Spicer House. This restoration work will impact the Spicer House move.

C. Brick Walk Brick Sales-None.

D. Historical Markers-

1. Palmer Sherman House- No information was presented to the FHHC as to the Plaque location at this time.
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: None

7. POINTS OF INTEREST: None

8. CORRESPONDENCE: Report from National Restoration Inc. concerning the Spicer House

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Discussion about enlarging exhibit design ideas from Spaces to Experiences for presentation at the HDC event on May 20.

**MOTION by Willyard support by Derek, to pay for Exhibit design enlargements.
Motion carried 4-0.**

11. LIAISON ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Follow-up with Bryan Farmer on Spicer House Restoration Work and its impact on the Spicer House Move.

12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45

NEXT MEETING: May 28, 2025, at **7:00** pm at the at the Heritage and History Center,
Heritage Park, Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Michigan 48336

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Respectfully Submitted,
Earl Baxtresser,
Recording and Corresponding Secretary