

**MINUTES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
CITY HALL- COMMUNITY ROOM  
MARCH 12, 2025**

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

Members Present	Ken Klemmer, Steve Olson, Jim Paulson, John Traftlet, Marlene Tulas
Members Absent	Emily Howard, Alec Thomson
Others Present	Erik Perdonik, Staff Liaison (acting) Valerie Knol (City Council)
Guests	Brett Mahaffrey

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Requested that Spicer House C of A be added to New Business.  
Moved by Traftlet, Seconded by Olson  
Motion Carried: 5-0

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Lemuel Botsford House - IID #3 Certificate of Appropriateness 25-1**

Brett Mahaffrey presented proposal for replacement of failing window. Azek to be used in framing. Following discussion motion to approve the CofA as submitted by Traftlet, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paulson. Motion carried: 5-0. Supported by Sec of Interior Standards: #2 & 5.

**Spicer House**

Plan for extensive preservation submitted; CofA covers initial phase based on budget limitations. HDC suggested rescheduling it to April meeting when staff will be available to discuss.

**Election of Officers**

Slate of nominees proposed: Chair Ken Klemmer, Vice Chair Marlene Tulas, Secretary Alec Thompson.  
Motion Carried: 5-0

**Utley Cemetery Marker Restoration**

Subcommittee Olson & Traftlet provided quotes (5) from Carter's Cemetery Preservation; Perdonik reported on available budget. Following discussion HDC determined to approved spending for estimates #1 & #3.  
Workday with Boy Scout troops scheduled for May 10.

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

**POINTS OF INTEREST**

**Event Planning**

Reviewed plan and draft invitation for the Spicer House event. Settled on 1/20 date. Perdonik to reach out to confirm availability of the house. Olson to follow up to determine status of Museum planning by Historical Commission (and ability to participate). Council Liaison Knol volunteered to propose/ organize refreshments.  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event at Edward Beals House HD #511 to be Saturday August 2, likely 10-12 noon.

**Nehemiah Hoyt House**

With ongoing concern, issue to be added to April agenda.

**Sarah Fisher Property**

Reported that PUD has been 'finalized' and approved by City Council (noted that expected that Robertson Bros is expected to resubmit increasing to 76 units (from 75).

**Correspondence**

None

**Public Comments**

None

**Commissioner Comments**

None

**Approval of Minutes: January 8, 2025**

Following review, the Points of Interest Nehemiah Hoyt House HD #207 report found to be incomplete; discussion included review of estimates provided to the City for roof repairs, etc. with the work on-hold at the City Manager's office.  
Minutes to be revised and resubmitted.

**Adjournment**

With business concluded, meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 7:59 pm

Submitted by Steve Olson (3/27/2025)