

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
City of Farmington Hills
Heritage and History Center
March 27, 2024
7:30 p.m.
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1. Chairman Hulett called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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 Scott to approve the agenda as published.
Motion carried 6-0.**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**MOTION by Willyard support by Scott, to accept the minutes of February 28, 2024.
Motion carried 6-0.**

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews: None

B. Museum Improvement- Spicer House Move:

- a. Discussion of exhibit space and usage. To utilize the Conference Room as “Lockable & Protected” exhibit space, Golden inquired as to the feasibility of removing the table and chairs from that space as well as the possibility of creating a small office space that was not comingled with exhibit space. Baxtresser said he would follow up with Bryan Farmer.
- b. Golden and Baxtresser had made changes to a proposed contract for the Spicer House and sent it off to Bryan Farmer. Awaiting feedback.

C. Brick Walk Brick Sales-None.

D. Historical Markers-

1. Palmer Sherman House- Willyard presented the Commission with a draft copy of text for the Plamer Sherman House Historic Marker. After some discussion the following motion was put forth:

MOTION by Scott support by Cox to have Sewah Studios fabricate a historic Marker for the Plamer Sherman House including the requisite mounting post, utilizing funds from the FHHC budget.

Motion carried 6-0.

2. Boys Republic- On hold.
3. Power's Station: Ongoing.
4. "QR" Codes: Ongoing

E. Publications –

- a. Universalist Unitarian Church monograph, ongoing.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Baxtresser mentioned that the entire Heritage Collection at the Farmington Community Library (12 Mile) has been relocated to a separate room. What is not available for viewing online will now require an appointment.
- b. Golden mentioned that the "**Underground Railroad of Oakland County**" banners (4) will be on display at F.H. City Hall starting March 28, 2024.

7. POINTS OF INTEREST: Baxtresser and Golden discussed the Michigan Historical Society's Local History Conference at Oakland University was held the previous week.

8. CORRESPONDENCE: Email sent to Bryan Farmer concerning Spicer House contract.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None.

11. LIAISON ACTION ITEMS: Reach out to Sewah Studios about Palmer Sherman Marker.

12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:35p.m.

NEXT MEETING: April 24, 2024, at 7:30 pm at the Heritage and History Center, Heritage Park, Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Michigan 48336

Respectfully Submitted,
Earl Baxtresser,
Recording and Corresponding Secretary