

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
City of Farmington Hills
Heritage and History Center
May 27, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
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1. Chairman Hullet called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: James Hullet, Earl Baxtresser, John Scott, John Willyard, Joe Derek,
Steve Hanley.

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 Derek support by Hulett, to accept the minutes of April 22, 2026.
Motion carried 6-0.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A.** Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews: Golden purchased the book "Fred M. Warner" by Jean Fox and has donated it to the collection.

Motion by Baxtresser support by Hulett, to accept Golden's donation of the book "Fred M. Warner" into the collection.
Motion carried, 6-0.

- B.** Museum Improvement - Spicer House Move: The FHHC first contacted the Special Services Department in October 2019 to discuss potential improvements to the Heritage and History Center building. Those improvements were not pursued because of financial

constraints. As an alternative, the Special Services Department suggested moving to the Spicer House, but financial limitations currently prevent that move as well.

The commissioners discussed alternative locations for the Heritage and History Center, including The Hawk and the Costick Center, as well as placing the current collection in storage until a decision is made. At minimum, the commission also discussed interim pest control measures for the H&HC. Baxtresser said he would contact Liaison Mellum for input.

C. Historical Markers-

1. Palmer Sherman: A location was selected for the marker by the Special Services Department. Timeline for installation, unknown.
2. Boys Republic- Ongoing
3. Power's Station: none.
4. "QR" Codes: On hold.

D. Publications –None

E. America 250MI Event:

- a. Golden shared more details of the reading of the U.S. Constitution at the North Farmington Cemetery at 6:00 p.m. on July 8th. This would be at the gravesite of Levi Green, the only Revolutionary Soldier interred at a Farmington Hills Cemetery. This will be a collaborative event with the FHHC, FHDC, Farmington Historical Society, and the Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society all acting as co-participants. Baxtresser said he will submit the relevant information to the America 250MI Official Event Application website.
- b. Discussion of a possible tent set up for the FHHC at Founders Park for the Farmington Hills Fireworks presentation on June 25.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

Golden mentioned that he had done a Farmington History Presentation at the Rose Senior Center this past month.

7. POINTS OF INTEREST: None.

8. CORRESPONDENCE: Emails from Liaison Mellum concerning:

Upcoming SHPO Grants.

Request from Rose Senior Center for an FH History Presentation.

Heritage Oaks Facility Assessment

Request from the AIA for a video of a significant building in Farmington Hills.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Steve Hanley was welcomed as the newest member to be appointed to the Farmington Hills Historical Commission.

11. LIAISON ACTION ITEMS: Follow-up on potential future building location for the Heritage and History Center.

12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:23

NEXT MEETING: June 24, 2026, at **7:00** pm at the Heritage and History Center,
Heritage Park, Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Michigan 48336

Respectfully Submitted,
Earl Baxtresser,
Recording and Corresponding Secretary