

MEETING MINUTES  
FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
City of Farmington Hills  
The Community Room, City Hall  
February 25, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.  
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**1. Chairman Hullet called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

LIAISON TO HERITAGE & HISTORY MUSEUM: Brian Golden was present.

LIAISON FROM CITY: Absent

OTHERS PRESENT: Patrick Chisholm

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION by Scott, supported by Willyard, to approve the agenda as published.**

**Motion carried 5-0.**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION by Willyard, supported by Derek, to accept the minutes of January 28, 2026, as amended.**

**Motion carried 5-0.**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A.** Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews: Liaison Mellem left a copy of the book: "A Farmington Childhood: Watercolors of Lilian Drake Avery" by Jean Fox for the FHHC.

**MOTION by Baxtresser, supported by Scott, to accept this item into the collection.**

**Motion carried 5-0.**

- B.** Museum Improvement- Spicer House Move:

1. This issue is on hold pending agreements between Oakland County Parks and the City of Farmington Hills

- C.** Historical Markers-

1. Palmer Sherman: Installation is weather permitting.

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

**D. Publications –**

- a. Universalist Unitarian Church monograph, ongoing.

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A.** Baxtresser informed the commissioners that, due to some complications with the Underground Railroad displays, Brian Golden has offered to fund a single Farmington-focused display. The commissioners thanked Golden for his offer.
- B.** Willyard stated that his ongoing research on the Garfield Family is nearing the point where he can provide an updated version of the monograph he co-authored with Jayne Pawlisa in 2009.

**7. POINTS OF INTEREST:** Golden informed the commission about the recent sale at the Governor Warner Mansion and discussed Farmington's upcoming plans for the property.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE: None**

**9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Patrick Chisholm addressed the commission, stating that he is a welder, and that his expertise is particularly relevant to specific aspects of preservation issues.

**10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** The Michigan in Perspective Local History Conference will be held at Oakland University on March 27 and 28, 2026.

**11. LIAISON ACTION ITEMS:** Golden requested that the commission inquire about events scheduled in Farmington Hills for the 250th Anniversary Celebrations.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:26

**NEXT MEETING:** March 25, 2026, at **7:00** pm in the Community Room of City Hall,  
3155 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48336

Respectfully Submitted,  
Earl Baxtresser,  
Recording and Corresponding Secretary