

**MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM
JUNE 12, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.**

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

Members Present: Klemmer, Tulas, Thomson, Trafelet, Olson, Paulson

Members Absent: Howard

Others Present: Kris Canty (Planning & Community Development Department)
Carl Censoni (Owner of the Drake House)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Klemmer, support by Paulson.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

NEW BUSINESS

2024 – 2025 Budget Discussion

Chair Tulas reported that we expected to have the budget formally approved at the June City Council meeting.

Trafelet inquired about the status of the \$4200 dollars from this budget year that was allocated for cemetery headstone restoration but was not going to be spent due to the contractor pulling back from their bids. Can this money be used through DPW to restore the sheds at the cemetery?

OLD BUSINESS

2024 – 2025 Budget Discussion

Motion to allow DPW to utilize the \$4200 in our budget that was earmarked for Utley headstone restoration for restoration of the shed at the Farmington West Cemetery.

Support by Trafelet.

MOTION CARRIED 6 – 0.

POINTS OF INTEREST/UPDATES

Spicer House Update

Ken reported that the roofing on the Spicer House was progressing nicely and shared photos. It was reported that the work was expected to be completed shortly. He also suggested it was a good time to paint the stucco chimneys.

Steve Olson suggested that now would be a good time to report back to the city council thanking them for their support of the work at the Spicer house and working with us to help restore it. Chair Tulas is going to undertake this role and present it to the council.

Cemetery Work Update and Work Dates

Trafelet reported that he met with the city regarding a video that they were trying to produce covering the work that has been done to date on cemetery restoration work. He also reported that they helped a family locate a relative in the West cemetery.

All the wrought iron fencing that was stored in the sheds at the cemeteries is now set to be sold at a public auction.

Olson reported that Loving Legacy was unable to complete the cemetery restoration work because they did not meet all the vendor requirements of the city. We now have a complete list of requirements and will use them to check against future vendors and bids.

Chair Tulas reported that Howard has put together a first draft of a West Cemetery Tour scheduled for the Fall of 2024 (Oct 27th 4:30 p.m.). She will share a copy of this with the Commission for review and further discussion at a future meeting. Olson suggested looking at whether a standard liability release would be sufficient for the event or if a specific document for the event is required.

Sarah Fisher Site Update

Kris Canty reported that the current developer is pulling out of the plan and a new developer will be coming to the HDC for approval of a new proposal.

CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carl Censoni reported that his daughter attended a wedding at the Longacre House and thought it was quite nice. He also suggested that the HDC could volunteer to assist with any interior updates at the Spicer House.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

TULAS: Chair Tulas reported on news story from May 22nd that the National League of Cities Centennial Road show came to Farmington Hills.

KLEMMER: None.

THOMSON: None.

PAULSON: Paulson inquired about the status of the Longacre House lighting project. Kris Canty is going to investigate the matter.

TRAFELET: Trafelet sought clarification on the HDC home inspection spreadsheet that commissioners are updating. Steve described the project as an “early warning system” for the group to identify issues or potential problems that might be developing.

OLSON: None.

HOWARD: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – (MAY 8, 2024)

Motion to approve minutes made by Ken Klemmer, supported by Jim Paulson.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Ken Klemmer, supported by John Trafelet, with corrected spelling of Kim Sivakumar’s last name.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

7:37 PM

Submitted by Alec Thomson (June 12, 2024)