

**MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 12, 2014 – 7:30pm
CITY HALL – FOUNTAIN VIEW ROOM
31555 Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48336**

CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chairman Willyard at 7:48 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lee Cox, John Scott, Sherrie Stewart, John Willyard; Liaison to the Heritage and History Center Brian Golden

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pam Correll, Albert Moelman

OTHERS PRESENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion Cox, 2nd Scott – Unanimous approval

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF January 8, 2014: Motion Scott, 2nd Cox – Unanimous approval; Stewart abstained

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Orange Risdon Map Display Case:** Nothing new to report on the case.
- B. HDC Orange Risdon Map Scan/Publish Project:** Scott to contact HDC Chair Steve Olson to set up possible times to jointly take the map in to White Reproduction for copying.
- C. Museum Accession/De-accession Reviews:** Golden stated that he's made a few small purchases on e-bay:
 - 1. A mug shaped like a cowboy boot from The Family Buggy.
 - 2. A plate from Nardin Park Church
- D. Museum Improvement:**
 - 1. Golden reported that he is again open from 10-2 on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.
 - 2. He has been making an effort to keep the walkway clear by salting and shoveling.
 - 3. The Farmington Historical Society has been having their meetings there.
 - 4. He reiterated the need for a railing at the stairs. A brief discussion followed, which included timing for the commencement of the commemorative paver program.
- E. Historical Markers:**
 - 1. **Pasadena Park-** Golden commented that this sign requires a simple correction, in changing the "U" in "DUR" from "urban" to "united." We need to ascertain from Sewah the best measure to have this accomplished.
 - 2. **Palmer Sherman House-** Brian said he felt that the center of the circular walkway in front of the museum would now be an ideal location for the sign. He will write up the text for it.
 - 3. Members remarked about the beautiful book that the Farmington Hills Historic District passed out to historic home owners in 2000. Lee Cox commented that he did not receive one and would like to obtain a copy.
- F. Publications:** Nothing today.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Local History Conference-** Stewart brought in the brochure for the two day conference and remarked that she would like to attend. Other members remarked that they are also interested; Stewart stated she would follow through with the city in ascertaining current policies about

approval and reimbursement to commission members.(Editor's Note: Gail Stith forwarded our questions to Mark Stec for follow-up)

B. The conference is slated for March 27-28, 2014 in Sterling Heights.

POINTS OF INTEREST/UPDATES:

Willyard stated that his daughter Bonnie has graduated U of M with high distinction and double majors: Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering. She has accepted a position at GM as a Product Validation Engineer. She has relocated to farming property in Grand Blanc.

Golden reported that his wife, Joni Hubred-Golden, had been "laid-off" as editor of the Farmington Patch. Members agreed this was unfortunate as her skills and news-worthy articles were much valued.

There was a discussion about getting in touch with Barbara Stollberg. Stewart will attempt to contact her.

The commission's "Expenditure Detail Report" shows the line: Historical Book Fund- \$2,534.04 CR Discussion followed about what this means. At last reporting, there was over \$51thousand in our book fund. Since we have borrowed from our book fund for bricks and labor to pave the entrance to the Heritage and History Center, perhaps that was what we borrowed? Stewart said she would inquire into the matter at city hall the next day.

CORRESPONDENCE

- HDC Agenda for 2/12/14 Meeting
- HDC draft Minutes for 1/8/14 Meeting
- HC "Expenditure Detail Report" dated 2/11/14
- Stewart's letter to Mayor Brickner and council members accepting reappointment to the commission. She asked that the letter be copied and included in meeting packets.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None today

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: Nothing additional.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Recording Secretary Sherrie Stewart