

**MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
JULY 12, 2017**

**CALLED MEETING TO ORDER: CHAIRMAN KLEMMER 7:28 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ken Klemmer, Joan Barber, Michael Hegarty, Bryan Brincat, Gania Kandalaft, Paul Sewick

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Steve Olson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Angeline Lawrence, HDC Liaison

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION BY: HEGARTY  
SUPPORT BY: BRINCAT**

TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF JULY 12, 2017, AS SUBMITTED.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Certificates of Appropriateness: 17-3 HD #9 Universalist Unitarian Church.**

Mr. Bob Tweetie, a member, provided background on the church and the project to repave the parking lot. He stated that the gravel posed a safety hazard for the women members with high heel shoes. The cost to replace gravel is \$2,000 - \$3,000 a year.

The church submitted the plans to the Planning Commission and the Engineering Department for review and approval. They are working to redesign the retention ponds on the property for proper drainage. The cost is over \$100,000. The proposed paving will be within the existing boundaries of the parking lot.

Commissioners inquired about the boundaries of the parking lot, if the property was surveyed and whether new curbs would be included. The lot has existing parking bumpers.

**Motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness to repave a portion of parking lot with asphalt in accordance to Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation #1 and #2.**

**MOTION BY: BRINCAT  
SUPPORT BY: BARBER**

TO APPROVE THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS AS SUBMITTED.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

**POINTS OF INTEREST/UPDATES:**

**UPDATE FOR HISTORIC MARKER STUDY COMMITTEE:**

Committee members set dates for a site visit to the HD#314 William Gates House. First date given was Monday, July 24 at 5 pm and a second date of Tuesday, July 25 at 5 pm if first not available. Staff will follow-up with owner to schedule site visit.

**UPDATE FOR WOODEN WINDOW WORKSHOP:**

Staff Liaison Lawrence provided information regarding the event. The event is set for September 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am – 2 pm. The event sold out the first day of promotion with 5 people on the waitlist. The first 12 registrants were free and the remaining 4 spots paid a fee of \$25.00. Workshop capacity was 16 people.

The flier was included in the City's newsletter, website and email list. Staff also mailed out fliers to the FH HC, HDC and homeowners in Historic Districts. Staff will conduct a site visit and walk through of the site with Michigan Historic Preservation Network following the meeting.

**UPDATE FOR EXISTING HISTORIC MARKERS:**

Staff Liaison Lawrence provided information about a broken sign. DPW staff discovered Worker's Camp historic marker along 12 mile just west of Corporate Drive, broken in half vertically. Staff contacted Sewah studios and sent a photo. Sewah stated they are unable to repair it. HDC must purchase a new sign. Staff recommended considering the cost for next fiscal year to replace it.

**UPDATE REGARDING HD#311 JOHN GLICK HOME AND POTTERY PLAQUE:**

Commission discussed the John Glick house. The Commissioners wanted to add an auxiliary plaque to the existing historic marker with the recent passing of John Glick.

Staff contacted the current homeowner about adding the plaque. Mr. Blackman, the owner, stated he was interested in adding the plaque. It was stated that Commissioner Olson would draft the language for the plaque. Once completed, HDC will select a plaque from Sewah Studios.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Correspondence provided and distributed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comments.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Brincat visited HD#510 Frank Steele House. Mr. Bohme, the owner, contacted staff for a referral to inspect damage to a wall due to deteriorated garage roof for Administrative C of A 2-17. Commissioner Brincat inspected garage and observed the poor condition of the roof structure including

trusses and beams. The structure had a lot of water damage. He will help the homeowner put out bids for the work at reasonable costs and continue to monitor the project.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of June 14, 2017 Commission Meeting were reviewed.

**Motion to approve the Minutes of the June 14, 2017 Historic District Commission.**

**MOTION BY: BARBER  
SUPPORTED BY: SEWICK**

To approve the minutes as submitted.

**MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairperson Klemmer declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

KEN KLEMMER – CHAIR

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