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Approved 10-8-2014

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
City of Farmington Hills
September 10, 2014-7:30 p.m.
Farmington Hills City Hall-Fountain View Room
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1. CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chairman Willyard at 7:37 p.m.
2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Pam Correll, Lee Cox, John Scott, Sherrie Stewart, John Willyard
MEMBERS ABSENT: Al Moehlman
LIAISON TO HERITAGE & H... MUSEUM: Brian Golden arrived mid-meeting
OTHERS PRESENT: No guests
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve agenda by Scott; 2nd by Stewart; unanimous approval
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of 6.11.14- Motion to accept as written by Correll; 2nd by Cox; draft approved unanimously

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Orange Risdon Map Display Case-

Chairman Willyard will write City Manager Steve Brock asking for his direction given the information we have obtained.

B. HDC Orange Risdon Map Scan/Publish Project

Prior to the June 11, 2014 meeting of the HDC, Willyard offered to attend their meeting, either at the beginning or near the end, to share with them Brian Golden's decision regarding his marketing of the map. He did not receive a response. For Brian to be responsible for sales of the map, he stated that he would require one copy to be firmly mounted on a backing to protect it, so that people can see what they are buying.

C. Museum Accession/De-accession Reviews-

Brian shared the few photographs he received from C. Ashatz. Neither the people photographed nor their activities are identified. Stewart made a motion for Brian to pursue identification of persons, time period, etc. prior to being considered for accession. Seconded by Cox. Unanimously approved.

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D. Museum Improvement-

Brian reported that Ian Walczak “Eagle Scout hopeful”, approached Brian about fulfilling his community project requirements linked to the museum. He and Brian have worked out a plan for Ian and other scouts to remove farming implements from the barn, clean the barn and the tools, then restore them to the barn where they will be on exhibit and identified. Brian is looking for volunteers to aid in the research and identification of the items, which will then be displayed appropriately on bookstands near the artifact, allowing a self-guided tour. Items include apple sorting equipment and farm buggies. Brian remarked that we would be asking Don Millington for assistance as he is so knowledgeable about what has been donated to or purchased for the barn. Brian has also met with Ellen Schnackel, Director of Special Services, who has been very receptive and supportive of the project.

Brian was also asked by two scouts who wanted to earn merit badges. He gave them the choices of 1) cleaning/sorting bottles from a dump site 2) researching the farming implements 3) re-assembling the double-seater outhouse acquired from the Woodard Farm, via Sharon Woodard. They chose the bottles.

Brian stated that we may be able to use the display case we obtained. John Willyard volunteered a bottle that he has signed by Thomas Edison. (it had contained battery acid)

The museum just acquired the “Past Perfect Museum Cataloging” software.

E. Brick Walk Brick Sales-

Brian reported that the city gave us permission to use their credit charging procedure for brick sales. Members suggested a few changes to the application for engraved pavers. We scheduled the initiation of the paver sales with the barn grand re-opening. (see New Business)

F. Stollberg Memorial

Stewart reported that she has not pursued an engraved memorial to date. Willyard suggested using the photograph of Ellie with Stuart Little engraved in clear lexan. He re-iterated that Ann wanted to “put that dog back in the park.” Brian will contact the company in Ann Arbor that used that process for making signs.

G. Historical Markers-

No report

I. Publications-

Willyard passed out copies of a photograph of the Wixom Inn and legend. He obtained it from the Benson Ford Research Center.

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6. NEW BUSINESS

Members have suggested we hold a Spicer Barn Grand Re-opening and initiate the Paver Project on Sunday afternoon, October 26, 2014 at 1 p.m. at Heritage Park. (*Editor's note: We need to check with the city to confirm scheduling.*)

7. POINTS OF INTEREST

Lee Cox passed out paper copies of Heckler Auction Lot #208, an empty brown glass bottle of "Mother Gardner's Tansy Bitters" (we find tansy bitters mentioned in old accounts of Michigan settlers). It was purchased for \$322.

Sherrie Stewart offered a packet obtained from attending the September 5, 2014 lecture, "Exploring Your Family History for Beginners" by Thomas Koselka, sponsored by the Historical Society of MI in Lansing.

8. Correspondence

1. HDC Minutes of August 13, 2014
2. HDC Agenda for September 10, 2014
3. FHHC Expenditure Detail Report
4. Invoice from LaFontaine and Sons Landscaping Co.; \$6796.50 bill for laying of brick pathway at museum. Members affirmed that we are using money from the publication fund to cover this expense.

9. Public Comments- None

10. Commissioner's Comments- None

11. Liaison's Concerns- be available to assist with plans for October 26 at Heritage Park.

Adjournment- 9:18 p.m.

Next Meeting- October 8, 2014 at Farmington Hills City Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherrie Stewart

Recording and Corresponding Secretary