

HISTORICAL COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

February 27, 2025

1. Meeting was called to order at 7pm
2. Roll call: Laura Myers, Jill Keller, Robert Senn, Kevin Perkins, Kevin Russom
3. Approval of agenda: Laura motioned to approve and all ayes
4. Public Comment: none
5. Approval of minutes from 9/26/2024: Laura motioned to approve and all ayes
6. Financial report: commission was sent at the end of December and there have been no changes since
7. Warner Mansion activities:
 - a. Mansion improvement work –
 - i. No date is set for re-opening as of yet
 - ii. Painting is next
 - iii. They are going to look at fixing up the carriage house with the left over funds from the grant
8. New Business:
 - a. Founders Festival 2025
 - i. City council has requested the historic commission to lead a kick-off event prior to founders festival on July 16th
 - ii. The idea is to have a porch party with wine and beer and possibly ice cream or popsicles for the kids to make it more family friendly.
 - iii. July 16th from 7-9pm is the set day and time
 - iv. Estimating 50-100 people will attend
 - v. We could reach out to Heights, FBC and Sante to see if they would be interested in participating. Any money made goes to these establishments as we are not looking to make any money off the event.
 - Kevin & Kevin are going to go and talk to the owners to find out any interest in participating.
 - vi. Would like the Warnerette's to participate
 - Laura has some contacts and will find out
 - vii. It would be great to see if the mayor would be willing to give a brief speech
 - Jill will ask Joe about giving a kick-off speech at the event
 - viii. Offer a tour of the mansion – we will need volunteers to be in each room to keep an eye on things
 - ix. Funding – we will need to approach city council for funding the event

- x. We could have the kids dress up like they did for the bicentennial events (wax museum)
 - Jill will ask Pam
- xi. Having it have a theme would be fun – (e.g. Hawaiian shirts)
- xii. Look at asking businesses to donate finger food items like we did with the mural unveiling
- xiii. Busch's – see if they would be willing to donate popsicles and ice cream sandwiches
 - Robert will take on this task
- xiv. Find out if fridge/freezer in the mansion is in working condition
 - Laura will find out
- xv. We will need to bring some extra coolers to have as backups
- xvi. Laura will communicate to Julie Laws our plans to see if she will include the event in her publications of founders festival
- xvii. Laura will look at the rental agreement for using the mansion for an event to see what requirements we need to fulfil
- xviii. Music – some speakers and soft music playing in the background
 - Kevin P. is going to handle this
- xix. Farmington Hills has a tent, tables and chairs that we could ask to use for the event

9. Old Business:

- a. Historic District Survey: Status: need to organize all the information and photo's. We are going to reach out to Farmington Hills to see how they put theirs together to see if we can replicate their process.
- b. In regards to the Annual Report to City Council discussed in the September meeting:
 - i. We were asked to review the By-laws and make sure they are current with the new direction of the mansion usage after all repairs are complete (should be used more as an event location and not just a museum). We agreed that we need to take some time to look at the by-laws as a group and decide what changes, if any, we should make. We will look at these at next months meeting. Laura is going to look at how Farmington Hills uses the Longacre house for events as a focus for their historic commission to get some ideas on how to change our by-laws.

10. Correspondence and communications: none

11. Commission Comments: none

12. Adjournment at 8:15pm by Laura