

FARMINGTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, August 27, 2015

Chairwoman Myers called the meeting to order at 7:35

ROLL CALL

Present: Atkinson, Bernath, Gratton, Gundlach, Myers, Stacey, Taylor, Weimar

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to amend agenda and add: New Business, Response to Development Plan regarding Historic Houses in the Business District.

Motion to approve the agenda, as amended, was made by Gundlach, all ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from July 23, 2015: motion to accept minutes by Atkinson, all ayes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Historical Commission has a budget of \$2,400 for community outreach. \$150 is allocated for membership in Michigan Historic Preservation Network

WARNER MANSION ACTIVITIES

Commissioner Bernath reported. The Tea on the Lawn was a success, sold out, with a good speech about First Lady Mrs. Wilson. Next event is Ghost Night at the Mansion. They will show a short movie outside. There will be a fire pit. The City Engineer said the foundation of the addition will be repaired.

NEW BUSINESS

Response to Downtown Development Plan.

Commissioner Stacey met with business owners and took photographs. The Commission will draft a letter offering to meet with house owners and business owners to discuss the impact the Downtown Development Plan may have on them. Commissioner Taylor will draft the letter.

Commissioner Stacey is conducting deed research on the houses in the downtown district, back to at least 1920. The City Council has informally said they are interested in the architectural contribution of these structures.

OLD BUSINESS

Recommendation for work at 23801 Farmington Road

The renovations will come before the Zoning Board of Appeals, Wednesday September 2. As some renovations including the porch addition and the height of the garage roof

will need variances. Commissioner Weimar will attend to present the Commission's recommendations if they allow public comment.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

none

GOOD AND WELFARE/ PUBLIC COMMENT

Due to Mike Harrison's resignation from the Historical Commission, there is an open position. A replacement commissioner will need to be recruited.

Commissioner Gundlach asked for nominations for the Dick Carvell Award

Meeting was adjourned by Chairwoman Myers at 9:00