

HISTORICAL COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

April 24, 2025

1. Meeting was called to order at 7pm
2. Roll call: Laura Myers, Jill Keller, Robert Senn, Rudy Wengorovius, Brandon Porterfield, Kevin Russom
3. Approval of agenda: Rudy motioned to approve and Brandon seconded
4. Public Comment: members from Friends of the Warner Manion attended - highlighted was the success of history day in the schools; discussion around barn building and their history; historic building preservation; digitizing records; encouraging the website Michigan memories; America 250 projects looking for untold stories; Clarenceville cemetery is the next cemetery tour.
5. Approval of minutes from 2/27/2025: Robert motioned to approve and Rudy seconded, all ayes
6. Financial report: committee received it and there has been no activity. Kevin Parkins asked the city manager, David Murphy for \$2500 to be used for historical committee needs (general fund) and David Murphy approved it.
7. Warner Mansion activities:
 - a. No updates are known, on-going repairs continue
8. New Business:
 - a. Update Historical Commission Bylaws – making some edits to the bylaws
 - i. Suggested changes:
 - Assist with mansion activities as needed
 - Change the meeting requirements to meeting at least once per quarter
 - Change 2.5 to state we only need to meet once a year, May, on the financials and report to the City
 - Change 4.3 to increase the expenditure to \$1000 for roll call vote
 - ii. Laura will type up the changes to the bylaws and send them out for approval then to legal
9. Old Business:
 - a. Porch party at the mansion pre-founders festival
 - i. Robert needs to get the 501c3 from the Friends of Warner Mansion for Busch's. Busch's agreed to donate popsicles and ice cream sandwiches
 - ii. Jill will reach out to the parents of the kids that dressed up as historical figures of Farmington to see if they would be interested in participating
 - iii. Jill talked to the Joe LaRussa (mayor) and he has agreed to give a speech that night

- iv. Use the front windows at the mansion to advertise the party
- v. Laura will communicate to Julie Laws about our plans
- vi. Laura will check with Farmington Hills on getting a tent, table and chairs
- vii. We need to think about what games we will have

b. Robert will reach out to Rolling Stoves to see if they would be interested in participating at any of our events

c. Historic District survey –

- i. some pictures were lost and have to be re-taken
- ii. Kevin Parkins was going to reach out to Farmington Hills on how they set up their webpage, Rudy will follow-up with Kevin on this

10. Correspondence and communications: stock statement was received

11. Commission Comments: none

12. Adjournment at 8:25pm by Laura