

## FARMINGTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, September 24, 2015

Chairwoman Myers called the meeting to order at 7:32

### ROLL CALL

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

Guest: Michael Legg

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to amend agenda and add: New Business: Create an award for a home in the historic district. Old Business: 3. Dick Carvell award. Motion to approve agenda as amended, made by Atkinson, seconded by Bernath, all ayes.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from August 27, 2015: motion to approve minutes, all ayes.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Commissioner Stacey reported: no changes. The Historical Museum located in Heritage Park is selling engraved commemorative bricks for \$75 to \$100 that the Historical Commission could consider purchasing.

### WARNER MANSION ACTIVITIES

Commissioner Bernath reported. Next event is Ghost Night at the Mansion on October 17. They will show a short movie outside and have a fire pit. A few volunteers are still needed. There is a Tea on 12/12/2015 at Pine Lake Country club, tickets are \$45.

### NEW BUSINESS

Create an award for a home in the historic district.

Commissioner Weimar suggested creating an award to be given to a home owner in the historic district who maintains or updates the home to enhance the historic features of the exterior. This award could highlight features of historical preservation in a positive and visual manner as a part of community outreach and education. Discussion lead to these suggestions: name the award; make the award in the spring-time so it does not conflict with Beautification Award; make a display board for City Hall; make a newspaper press release with a photograph and explanation; ask City Council to present the award; create a certificate. Nominations will be made at the October and November/December meetings and a recipient will be determined in January.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Addition at 23801 Farmington Rd. The proposed addition and garage were presented to the Farmington Planning Commission and approved, prior to that the Farmington Zoning Board of Appeals gave the necessary variances. Commissioner Myers spoke to the commission and stated that the porch addition would make the house noncontributing to the Historic District. Several Commissioners attended the Planning Commission meeting as well.

2. Building Owners on Grand River and Thomas Street. Commissioner Taylor drafted a letter to be distributed to both the building owners and business owners of the houses in the downtown district that may be demolished as part of the implementation of the DDA's master plan. The letter invites them to a meeting to discuss the DDA's plan. If the name and address are known, it will be distributed to individuals.

Commissioner Stacey will lead the meeting. Meeting will be held October 13 at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room A, City Hall. The meeting will be published on the Web Site to comply with the Open Meetings Act.

Commissioner Stacey is conducting deed research and research on historical significance of previous owners.

3. Dick Carvell Award. Commissioner Gundlach asked for nominations, the award will be presented at the City Dinner in December. Please submit to Myers examples of the nominee's commitment to preserving Farmington's history.

It will be awarded to: "A person who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the preservation of Farmington history, by service on the Historical Commission and/or at the Governor Warner Mansion or in another capacity."

## CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

none

## GOOD AND WELFARE/ PUBLIC COMMENT

Acknowledging Mike Harrison's service on the Historical Commission. He served on the Commission from 1993 - 2015. He was chairman from 1998-2000.

Commissioner Gundlach will get information on the historic house plaques.

Mansion renovation work will begin in late October.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairwoman Myers at 8:43