

**FARMINGTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS**  
**Thursday, March 28, 2013**

Vice-Chairperson Atkinson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Atkinson, Gundlach, Macdonald, Munter, Weimar

Excused: Bernath, Myers

Absent: Grattan, Harrison

Guest: J. Stacey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Munter, supported by Weimar, to approve the agenda as amended.

(Addition of "Recognition of new members", "Historical Commission Ordinance" and "Declaration of Vacancy" under new business and "Preservation Plan" under old business) Motion carried: all ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Munter, supported by Gundlach, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 28, 2013 as presented. Motion carried: all ayes

FINANCIAL REPORT

A financial report was not available.

WARNER MANSION ACTIVITIES

(Commissioner Bernath forwarded a written report)

1. Ron Campbell visited the mansion and will proceed with a formal evaluation. He will return to examine the house in more detail but it could take up to a year for his final report. He suggested that it might be possible to stabilize the mansion addition without replacing the entire foundation.
2. The mansion is almost ready for the open house on Sunday, April 7. Chairperson Myers has secured quilts for the occasion and Commissioner Grattan has volunteered to help put them up for display.
3. Nancy Ebel and Brian Golden are planning to produce monthly programs about the mansion for channels 8 & 13.
4. Maria Taylor is researching the homes of past Michigan governors, including the Warner Mansion.
5. Rachele Wilnus held a Victorian hat decorating class.
6. A mansion information table was set up at the indoor Farmer's Market on March 16. Several people expressed interest in joining the Warnerettes.
7. Tickets will soon be available for the annual fashion show.
8. The Michigan Ghost Watchers visited the mansion on March 16. They believe they felt presences and will present a report at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Farmington Observer Old House Articles: Chairperson Myers' article has already appeared in the Farmington Observer and Commissioner Macdonald's article has been forwarded for publication.
2. Preservation Plan : Commissioner Gundlach presented a preservation plan for the commission's consideration. Commissioners will review the document and it will be placed on the agenda of the next meeting for discussion and possible adoption.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Addition and Renovation at 33928 Grand River: Motion by Munter, supported by Gundlach to approve the plans for the rear addition and the front porch modification

at 33928 Grand River, with the recommendation that the style of any new or replacement windows, especially those on the front exposure of the structure, be historically correct, and further, that if there are any changes to the plans presented for the front porch, the homeowner shall present those changes to the Historical Commission for its consideration. Motion carried: all ayes

2. Review of Thomas-Warner St intersection: Vice-Chairperson Atkinson presented the "Main Street" publication detailing the changes for the intersection of Thomas and Warner Streets.
3. Historical Commission Ordinance: A general discussion was held regarding the possibility of renewing the attempt to bring the city ordinance in compliance with that of the state. No action was taken.
4. Recognition of new members: On behalf of the commission, Commissioner Gundlach welcomed our two new members, Janet Macdonald and Jennifer Stacey
5. Declaration of Vacancy: Vice-Chairperson Atkinson declared that as of April 1, a vacancy will exist in the office of Secretary. The office shall be filled by a majority vote of those commissioners present at the meeting of April 25, 2013.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by Vice-Chairperson Atkinson at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
D. Munter, Secretary