

**FARMINGTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS**  
**Thursday, Feb. 28, 2013**

Chairperson Myers called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Atkinson, Bernath, Grattan, Gundlach, Harrison, Munter, Myers

Absent: Weimar

Guest: J. Stacey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

(Addition of "Recognition of Christiana Lenz" and "Master Plan Map" under new business) Motion carried: all ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Harrison, supported by Atkinson, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 24, 2013 as corrected (a: Atkinson, Gundlach and Munter were excused. b: Polly Varhol is a member of the mansion planning committee, not the city commission.) Motion carried: all ayes

FINANCIAL REPORT

A financial report was not available.

WARNER MANSION ACTIVITIES

1. Ron Campbell's visit in January was cancelled due to weather. The preservation architect will be at the mansion on March 7 at 10:00 AM.
2. The mansion open house will be on Sunday, April 7. Chairperson Myers will investigate securing quilts to have on display.
3. A discussion was held about disposing of old furniture that has been stored in the carriage house. It was suggested that the items be included in the flea market held during the Founders Festival and that advance notification, with pictures, be put on Craig's List.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. City Visioning Meeting: Chairperson Myers and Commissioner Gundlach reported on the first meeting and indicated that dates for future meetings are posted on the city website.
2. Preservation Plan for the City Master Plan: It was decided that the commission's primary focus for the near future should be preparing a preservation plan to be placed in any future city master plans. "Preserving place" or "placemaking" is now a recognized and widely endorsed planning approach in many of today's communities. According to the Michigan Historic Preservation Network, "Urban planners have adopted placemaking as the latest approach to creating vibrant environments where people want to be. Governor Rick Snyder includes placemaking as an important tool in his economic redevelopment policy."  
The commission will work to keep preservation before the public by increasing awareness through newspaper articles, volunteer-led walking tours, a self guided walking tour booklet and presentations under "public comment" at regularly scheduled city council meetings.

3. Recognition for Don Munter: After 32 years as a commissioner, Don Munter has asked not to be reappointed when his term expires on March 31. After discussing possible ways to recognize the retirement, he expressed the desire that nothing be done except perhaps having some light refreshments at the commission's meeting on March 28.
4. Recognition for Christiana Lenz: After ten years of dedicated service to the mansion, Christiana Lenz has left to pursue other endeavors. It was decided that a letter of thanks and a commendation should come from the commission and that possibly a proclamation could be issued by the city.
5. Master Plan Map: Concern was expressed that, though the boundary lines for the Historic District on the map are now correct, the coloring of the parcels suggests that the easternmost plot of the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home parking lot is residential, thus giving the impression that even though the structure at 33315 Oakland is in the district, a quick glance at the map would indicate it is not. The feeling of the commission is that unless planners actually counted the plots on the map, they would assume that 33315 Oakland is one plot west of its actual location.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Myers at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
D. Munter, Secretary