

**FARMINGTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2009**

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Atkinson, Baessler, Gundlach, Munter, Myers

Excused: Lindblad

Absent: Mosey, Grattan

Guest: Sharon Bernath

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Atkinson, supported by Munter to approve the agenda as presented

Motion carried: all ayes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Munter, supported by Myers, to approve the minutes of November 20, 2008 as presented. Motion carried: all ayes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was not available

WARNER MANSION ACTIVITIES

A discussion was held regarding publicity of mansion events. Fewer visitors came to the mansion to see the holiday decorations last month than in years past. Suggestions were to seek more publicity from the local news media and include with the quarterly water bills a schedule of mansion activities during Founders Festival and December.

OLD BUSINESS

- a) Afghan sales report was not available.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) DDA meeting with Donovan Rypkema: Commissioner Gundlach reported on both sessions, pointing out that the structures on the north side of Grand River are part of the National Historic District, that the meeting stressed the importance of historic preservation and restoration to business owners, and that guidelines for renovations to commercial structures should be developed.
- b) Historic District Commission Training Seminar: To be held jointly with several communities on Feb. 18 and the city will cover registrations fees of commissioners able to attend
- c) Correspondence and Communications: The Jan. 2009 Michigan Historic Preservation Network newsletter reports that for the next five years, a pool of tax credit incentives for rehabilitation and restoration from the state will be made available for income-producing projects.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Vice Chairperson Myers reported that the Farmington/Farmington Hills History and Heritage Center at Heritage Park will be holding an open house on Sun. February 1 between 1PM and 4PM. Regular hours will begin that week.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairperson Myers at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
D. Munter, Secretary

