

HISTORICAL COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
September 23, 2021

1. Call to order 6:59pm
2. Roll call – Laura Myers, Robert Senn, Janie Gundlach, Rudy Wengorovius, Chris Schroer, Jill Keller;
Guests: Claire Perko, Brian Golden (friends of the mansion)
3. Approval of Minutes – Janie motioned to approve, Chris second, all ayes
4. Public Request – Claire Perko’s residence at 33309 Shiawassee. She would like to make renovations to the front porch. The alternations will not impact the historic structure. She would like to use Fendt tumbled block for the sides and blue stone for the surfaces. She wants to shorten the steps to make it safer. There is no guard rail needed with the new design with one step further off-set from the other 3 steps. This is to code. The color of the stone will look much better than the current brown/tan stone with the current color of the house and front door. Laura motioned for approval, Rudy second, all ayes.
5. Jill will send Laura June minutes again along with September’s
6. Remaining 2021 Meetings
 - a. October Meeting is on 10/28
 - b. November/December meeting is on 12/2
7. Cemetery walk at Quaker cemetery 3-6pm on Sunday 9/26
8. Warner Mansion –
 - a. Events for the rest of the year at the mansion have been suspended
 - b. New Business – OHM is doing a study of the mansion. There is concern that the communication to the public is a little lacking. Having more residents filling out the survey on their thoughts regarding the mansion is important.
 - c. Brian discussed the history of the mansion ownership and who maintains it. His idea is to include the mansion property in the park budget. He also recommended the city hire and appoint a person to oversee all the parks in Farmington. This would help brand the mansion and all the parks and bring more attention to them. The mansion can bring state level attention since Warner was a state governor. One idea Brian has is turning it into a gallery where you remove the furniture and add historical points on the city, the mansion, anything Farmington. You can have presentations which adds learning. Parking would need to be addressed and it is possible within the property, but the city would need to invest in it. It would also need to become ADA compliant. Brian will put the ideas he brought to us in writing in a comprehensive plan in an outline style including details he spoke of in the meeting.
9. Adjournment – 8:27pm