

HISTORICAL COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

October 22, 2025

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm
2. Roll call: Laura Myers, Kevin Russom, Brandon Porterfield, Robert Senn, Kevin Parkins and Jill Keller; Guest: Dave Murphy
3. Approval of agenda: Robert Senn approved, Kevin Parkins seconded; all ayes
4. Public Comment: none
5. Approval of minutes from 7/23/2025: Robert Senn approved, Laura Myers seconded, all ayes
6. Financial report: none
7. Warner Mansion activities:
 - a. City Council approved the budget for OHM who is doing a design for the back of the house based on a rendering from Steve Schneemann
 - b. Dave Murphy is still working on getting items finalized for an auction
8. Home owner requests: none
9. Approval of Historical Plaque applications: 3 outstanding applications. Dave Murphy is going to check with Melissa Dale Andrade on where those are at waiting for approval.
10. New Business:
 - a. Future event ideas
 - i. Getting involved with the farmers market with a booth once a month
 - ii. Giving away bicentennial items at the booths (glasses, post cards, shirts, etc..)
 - iii. Identify buildings in the city and put a plaque up that states the history. We may be able to get the business owners to purchase the plaque or pay half.
 - iv. Holly days booth (Dec 6), Ladies night booth (Nov 13th)
 - v. Jill will reach out to Sean on what the status is with the website for selling Farmington merchandise
 - vi. Put lights on the bicentennial tree, put a sign "brought to you by the Farmington historic commission" near it. Kevin and I will put the lights on before Thanksgiving. We will look into using solar lights this year.
 - b. Founders Festival 2026 (July 16-18)
 - i. There will be a steering committee formed to work with the new vendor. Including a couple people from this committee would be great.
 - ii. Getting involved with the farmers markets prior to the festival weekend to promote it (including the porch pre-party)

- iii. Porch pre-party location will be at Warner Mansion with secondary options of Riley park, Memorial park/Mason's corner or Drake park
- iv. Food
 - Hot dogs, brats, water, popsicles, chips, pop, ice cream sandwiches or ice cream bar, snow cones, beer
 - Someone will need to man the ice cream and popsicle cooler to keep it closed as much as possible to retain the cold.
 - Signage for the food & drinks
 - Condiments
 - Make your own ice cream bar – see if silver dairy would be interested with a cart with all the toppings
 - Coolers from everyone
- v. Pie eating contest: check with Busch's donating the pies
- vi. Hot dog eating contests: adult one and a kid one
- vii. Dunk tank (have the mayor be the dunkie)
- viii. Fire truck
- ix. Vintage items on display – Peggy (farmers mkt)
- x. Incorporate U.S.A.'s 250th
 - Constitution readings: ask Brian Golden to dress up and read some pieces from the declaration of independence
 - Big printed declaration of independence and have everyone sign it
 - Red, White and Blue color theme
 - Ask some of the historical home owners to put up patriotic bunting
- c. Next month we will discuss the Friends of the Warner Mansion board and how we can enhance/promote it

11. Old Business:

- a. Historic District survey (photos and website):
 - i. 15 more houses
 - ii. Website: need to find out how to get this into our Farmington City site

12. Correspondence and communications: none

13. Commission Comments:

- a. Jill strongly suggested we meet every month whether we have home owner requests or not. We have enough ideas on our list for 2026 that we will definitely need to meet at least once a month. Kevin Russom agreed adding that its important to keep the momentum going with successes like the porch party.
- b. We all agreed to meet for the following dates over the next 3 months:
 - i. November 19th will be our November meeting
 - ii. December 17th will be our final meeting of 2025
 - iii. January 28th will be our first meeting of 2026

14. Adjournment at 8:35pm