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April 3, 1984

TO: Madison Heights Historical Commission members

FROM: A. Michael Deller, City Librarian

RE: Inaugural Meeting

It is truly a pleasure to announce the first meeting of the new Historical Commission. The Mayor and City Council are eager to see this commission off to a good start, as I am, too.

The agenda for the meeting is attached. You will receive a folder of materials to refer to when you arrive at the meeting. So that the agenda can reflect topics you want to share with the commissioners, be sure to call me, or leave a message. You may talk to me directly before April 18. After that until Thursday, April 26 at 1 p.m., I will be on vacation. My staff will gladly take messages for me, and make sure that I get them before the meeting.

Welcome, and I look forward to meeting you on Thursday evening, April 26!



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#### AGENDA

Madison Heights Historical Commission

Inaugural meeting, April 26, 1984 7:30 p.m. Breckenridge Room-Library

I. Call to order - City Librarian Deller

II. Roll Call Present:  
Excused:  
Absent :

III. Welcome

IV. The Commission - Goals and Objectives: Suggested

A. 30th Anniversary of Madison Heights - Council Request

B. Newspaper preservation and indexing

C. Picture archives

D. Youth involvement - National and State Endowments for the Humanities

E. Heritage Book update

F. The Friends of Madison Heights History

G. Directory of information resources

V. Budget

VI. Next meeting date

VII. Adjournment

Items to add to the agenda? Please call Michael Deller before April 17. Since Michael will be on vacation, messages after that date can be left with the library staff. They are very good at relaying messages!



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May 30, 1984 7:30 p.m.  
Madison Heights Historical Commission  
City Hall Conference Room

AGENDA

Call to order at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

I. Introductions of new members of Commission

II. Review of April Meeting

III. Nominations and Election of Officers:

Chairperson

Vice-Chairperson

Secretary

IV. The People of Madison Heights

V. Goals and Guidelines Assignment

VI. Next Meeting Date?

VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Oakland County history book: Out of Small Beginnings.

\$2.00 from Wisner Historic House  
405 Oakland Ave.  
Pontiac, MI 48058

Madison Heights Historical Commission  
Minutes for meeting of May 30, 1984

Present: Davis, Johnston, Geraldts, Roller, Edwards, Hubbard,  
Michrina, Cagle, Hiller, Brachel, Deller, Berent  
(arrived late) and guest Susan Kramer, City Project  
Chairperson.  
Absent: Bowen

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Acting Chairperson Michael Deller. The newly appointed members were introduced: Ann Edwards, John Michrina, Irene Hubbard, and Darlene Berent (upon late arrival).

Deller explained briefly the discussion at the charter meeting of this Commission.

Motion to accept the following nominees was made by Edwards; seconded by Brachel. Chairperson - Michael Deller  
Vice- Chair - Margene Johnston  
Secretary - Barbara Geraldts

Motion passed.

Geraldts collected lists of key individuals who should be interviewed, or remembered, for Madison Heights history. The lists will be compiled and duplicated for review at the next meeting.

In the July issue of the Senior Citizen Center's newsletter a request for history and pictures will appear. Contact persons will be Johnston and Deller.

Commission members agreed that history will be researched as far back as possible beyond incorporation date.

Commission reviewed MH history from Oakland County Sesqui-Centennial book; Karen Mills' paper "A Brief Survey of Madison Heights"; and several scrapbooks supplied by Roller and Davis.

Johnston contacted newspapers about accessibility to back issues. Ed Baker of Madison Reporter has earliest issues at his home. Dick Hunt of Daily Tribune found limited pictures catalogued by decades. Back issues of Tribune are on micro-film at Royal Oak Public Library.

"Uptown Charlie's" restaurant has old pictures of area hanging on walls and may make them available for duplication.

Each member is to bring suggested goals and guidelines in writing to next meeting. For example: cable interviews, updating Heritage book. Also prepare an outline of important stages of history to help decide categories for sorting materials.

Johnston moved and Michrina seconded motion that publicity release be prepared for immediate publication on cable and news media. Passed.

Next meeting is Wed., June 20, 7:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm: Edwards; Cagle. Passed

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Geraldts

Madison Heights Historical Commission  
June 20, 1984 7:30 p.m.  
Breckenridge Room - MHPL

AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chair Deller

Roll Call : Present

Absent

Minutes of the May meeting

"The Madison Heights Honor Roll"

Goal Setting for the Commission

The next meeting will be held on 7/30, 1984 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Madison Heights Historical Commission  
Minutes for meeting of June 20, 1984

Present: Deller, Cagle, Davis, Hubbard, Edwards, Myers,  
Geraldts, Bowen, Michrina, Berent  
Absent: Hiller, Johnston, Roller, Brachel

Mrs. Lois Myers was welcomed as a new member of the Commission.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chair Deller. The minutes of the May meeting were approved as printed. (Michrina, Bowen)

Additions were made to list of people to be interviewed. Several items were reviewed to be put into the Archives.

Chair Deller announced that application forms were sent for to gain a National Endowment Grant for a grant in conjunction with Continuing Education class and teacher, Judy Rasbach. The project is to record history of senior residents to be used in classrooms.

The following goals were set by the Commission:

1. To designate the original Kendall school building as a historical site. (located on 11 Mile Rd., east of John R.)
2. Up-date Heritage Book by April, 1986.
3. To continuously display historical artifacts in Library showcases.
4. To sponsor Heritage Days for 30th Anniversary event in 1985, including a bus tour and booklet, fireworks, etc. in July, 1985
5. To sponsor a Heritage workshop in October, 1984, to show organizations and churches and schools how to write heritage information.
6. To encourage schools to present plays about M.H. history.
7. To present a cable TV show interviewing long-time residents.

At the next meeting each Commissioner will be asked to make a commitment to one or more of these projects.

Since this Commission is self-supporting we discussed several fund-raisers: note-paper packs with historical sketches, appeals to businesses and organizations, Commemoration Plate, etc.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 30, 1984, 7:30, at Madison Heights Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm. (Berent, Myers)

Respectfully,  
Barbara Geraldts  
Secretary



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July 30, 1984  
Breckenridge Room - Madison Heights Public Library  
Madison Heights Historical Commission Meeting

AGENDA

I: Meeting opened at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. by Chair Michael Deller.

II. Roll Call Absent:

Present:

III. Minutes of June Meeting

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Goal Setting for 1984-85

B. Member Reports

V. New Business

VI. Next Meeting Dates

August:

September:

VII. Meeting Adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Minutes for meeting of July 30, 1984

Present: Deller, Hiller, Edwards, Hubbard, Davis, Cagle, Brachel,  
Johnston, Geraldts. Diane Lieterman Diason from Madison  
School Board.  
Absent: Roller (exc.), Myers, Berent, Bowen, Michrina

Minutes of June meeting were approved as printed. (Hiller,  
Edwards)

Correspondence included: Pamphlets: "Geneology" and "Clerestory",  
newspaper articles from Madison Weekly and Daily Tribune; pictures  
from Tim Moore of Planning Dept.

Commission members indicated interest in future projects:

1. Kendall School designated as historical site-Roller,  
Hubbard, Edwards.
2. Up-dating Heritage Book-Roller, Johnston, Hubbard,  
Geraldts, Berent. Time line will be established.
3. Library Showcases-Roller, Edwards, Deller.
4. Heritage Day, July, 1985-Brachel, Johnston, Hubbard, Edwards,  
Hiller, Geraldts, Berent. Johnston and Brachel will talk  
to Pete Conners.
5. Heritage workshop in Oct., 1984-Hiller, Deller
6. Encourage schools to present historical plays-Hiller.  
Suggest using the script of 25th Anniversary Tribute.
7. Cable TV shows-Johnston, Brachel. Several tapes are  
available for archives.
8. History of District court-F. Cagle.

Johnston will talk to Titan Photo about cost of reproducing old  
photos.

City will be approached about Historical Commission setting up a  
display at August 22 Art-in-the-Park.

News release will be printed requesting any Madison District year-  
books and any Lamphere District yearbooks prior to 1956.

At next meeting Commission will review VCR tapes to select which to  
store in archives. Will also try to obtain copies of Frantic Capers tapes.

Meetings will be scheduled on 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 pm.

August 20

September 17

October 15

November 19

December - no meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Submitted by  
Barbara Geraldts  
Secretary





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Madison Heights Historical Commission  
August 20, 1984 7:30 p.m.  
Breckenridge Room - Library

AGENDA

I. The meeting began at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

II. Roll Call Present-  
Absent-

III. Correspondence

Donations: Hiller - yearbooks

Van Dyke - Hiller mementoes

Lieterman - Madison yearbook and newsletter

IV. Reports

- A. Historic Site Sub-committee
- B. Heritage Book Sub-committee
- C. Library Showcases
- D. Heritage Day '85
- E. Heritage Workshop
- F. Schools & Heritage
- G. Cable & Heritage
- H. District Court History
- I. Photo reproduction - Titan
- J. Art in the Park

V. New Business

VI. Adjournment

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Minutes of August 20, 1984 meeting

Present: Myers, Deller, Edwards, Roller, Hiller, Johnston, Geraldts,  
Berent, Hubbard  
Absent: Lieterman, exc; Cagle, exc.; Kramer, exc., Michrina, exc.;  
Bowen, Brachel, Davis

Chair Deller called meeting to order at 7:45 pm. Minutes of July 30 were approved as printed (motion: Edwards, Johnston). Correspondence was shared including Lamphere District yearbooks from Hiller, Hiller School mementores from D. Van Dyke; Madison District yearbooks and newsletter from Lieterman; miscellaneous Madison District news articles from Myers.

Suggestion made to contact Susie Gordon at Lamphere District Instructional Materials Center about designing a label to place on donated gifts indicating donor's name.

Pete Conners will insert an article in Madison Heights Recreation Dept. newsletter requesting historical materials.

Commission members are requested to investigate cost and design of permanent name tags for each member.

Commission will have a display board at Art-in-the-Park, August 22, 7-9 pm. Members will be present to explain goals of group. Volunteers include Johnston, Berent, Hiller and Deller. Others welcome.

Johnston explained results of contact with Titañ Photo Co. Other possible sources for reproductions will be investigated.

Johnston displayed Grosse Pointe poster with suggestion that a Madison Heights poster be developed. Berent and Johnston will research cost.

Johnston provided Commission a list of video tapes available for copying for archives.

Berent was added to Historic Site sub-committee, which will meet soon about Kendall School.

Heritage Day '85 will be Sun. June 30, 1985. Suggested historical site tour will be drafed to present to Conners and Crawford.

Deller will bring proposed Historical Commission budget to next meeting.

Next meeting is Monday, Sept. 17 at 7:30 pm. Following meeting dates have been changed to FIRST Monday of month: Oct. 1 and Nov. 5 with no meeting scheduled for December.

Submitted by  
Barbara Geraldts  
Secretary

Addenda: Jim Bowen and his wife now have a son: Erin Richard Bowen



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Madison Heights Historical Commission  
September 17, 1984 7:30 p.m.  
City Hall Conference Room

AGENDA

I. The meeting began at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

II: Roll Call: Present -

Absent/Excused -

III. Correspondence

- A. Susan Krainer~ re Cable TV may prepare a video history, Phyllis Grana
- B. Judy Rasbach - re Booklet, "Those were the days..." Community Education.

IV. Sub-committee Reports

- A. Historic Site
- B. Heritage Book
- C. Library Showcase - First display up
- D. Heritage Day '85 - select stops on tour?
- E. Heritage Workshop
- F. Schools and Heritage
- G. Cable-Video Heritage
- H. District Court History

V. Art in the Park, 1984 - Report

VI. New Business

- A. Madison News Archives: Hazel Park Schools  
23136 Hughes Hazel Park 48030  
8 - 4:30 M-F (Lunch 11:30-12:30) 542-3910  
Mrs. Koivo (spelling?)

VII. Adjournment

Next meeting: October 1, 1984  
City Hall Basement-Meeting Room A

Madison Heights Historical Commission  
October 1, 1984 7:30 p.m.  
City Hall, meeting room A

AGENDA

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

II. Roll Call Present:

Absent:

III. Correspondence

A. Donations

B. Historical Society of Michigan; Ann Arbor, 1-769-1828 .

IV. Reports from Sub-committees

A. Historic Site

B. Heritage Book

C. Library Showcases

D. Heritage Day - Tour Route Sunday 6-30-85

E. Heritage Workshop - November 19 meeting? ✓

F. Schools and Heritage

G. Video -audio tapes Michira, Rachel Krenn,

H. District Court History

V. New Business

VI. Adjournment at 9:09 p.m.

(10) Badges -  
Trivia Tournament  
Cntry RT

Kenneth Stahl  
Egin  
Huntington Woods -

Boston Historical

## MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes of October 1, 1984 meeting

PRESENT: Bowen, Brachel, Deller, Cagle, Hiller, Johnston, Myers, Roller, Richards.

ABSENT: Berent, Davis, Edwards, Michrina, Geraldts (excused), Hubbard (excused).

The October 1984 meeting of the Madison Heights Historical Commission was held in Room "A" of the Madison Heights City Hall. Chairman Michael Deller called the meeting to order at 7:35 P. M.

### CORRESPONDENCE

The Historical Society of Michigan, Ann Arbor, will be contacted and asked to set up a program for the November meeting of our commission. Hiller suggested we come early to set up a display. Motion by Myers to try to set up a display and program for the public to attend. Seconded by Roller.

Karen Mills, daughter of Councilperson Elva Mills, did a paper on the history of this area and received some papers from Mrs. Lloyd Ferguson.

### REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

- A. Historic site. No report.
- B. Heritage book. No report.
- C. Library Showcases. Michael encouraged all members to take a look at the showcase.
- D. Heritage Day--Tour Route. Members of the commission suggested many sites and buildings that could be utilized for our bus tour to be held tentatively on June 30, 1985 in conjunction with the Recreation Department festival. Please refer to the attached sheet for list. It was suggested to include a city map with the location of the tour points on it with the next minutes. Members should think of other possible locations. Deller suggested we identify the locations on the map with pictures.
- E. Heritage workshop--November meeting. Note previous discussion in correspondence.
- F. Schools and heritage. Judy Rasbach is working with senior citizens who are writing their memoirs to compile into a book. Those seniors are visiting schools and relating their experiences to the students and it will be taped at Wilkenson Middle School. Frank Cagle and Michael Deller met with Mary Ann Bujan at ~~Library~~. Mary Ann is the interviewer for the school's cable program. The school would like us to pick two topics and do two, ½ hour long programs. Mary Ann And Barb Geraldts will talk to teacher Joe Kash and get student to assist with the show.
- G. Video and audio tapes. Johnston and Brechel will be visiting Continental Cablevision about producing local shows.
- H. District Court History. Frank Cagle is continuing his work on this.

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes of October 1, 1984 meeting--Page 2

NEW BUSINESS

Johnston suggested that all members of the commission be given name tags to wear at local events. She will investigate the cost of the tags and/or pins. Johnston also informed members of the Madison Heights Trivia Tournament to be held on Nov. 24 at the Senior Citizen Drop-In Center.

Because some members will not be able to attend the next meeting scheduled for November 19, Johnston moved we change the meeting to Monday, November 5. Seconded by Brechel.

Johnston reported on the activities of the Mad. Hgts. Community Round Table and presented a slate of officers that we voted on: Norma Ross--Chairman, John Schaibel--Vice Chairman, Susan Kraimer--Secretary, Margene Johnston, Dan Jones, Norma Carline--Members at Large.

ADJOURNMENT

Roller moved for adjournment, seconded by Hiller.  
Deller adjourned the meeting at 9:09 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margene Johnston, Acting Secretary  
Assisted by Lois Myers



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Madison Heights Historical Commission  
November 5, 1984 7:30 p.m.  
City Hall Conference Room

AGENDA

I. The meeting was called to order at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

II. Roll Call: Present -

Absent/Excused-

III. Minutes of previous meetings: September 17, 1984  
October 1, 1984

IV. Correspondence

V. Sub-committee Reports

- A. Historic Site
- B. Heritage Book
- C. Library Showcase
- D. Heritage Day '85
- E. Schools and Heritage
- F. Cable-Video Heritage
- G. District Court History

VI. New Business

VII. Next Meeting Date: January 7, 1985 7:30 p.m. ?

VIII. Adjournment

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Minutes of meeting on November 5, 1984

Chair Deller called meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Present: Bowen, Davis, Myers, Richards, Johnston, Geraldts, Edwards, Hiller, Brachel, Deller. Absent: Roller, Hubbard (excused), Berent, Michrina (excused), Cagle (excused).

Minutes of September 17 meeting were approved as printed. (Myers, Bowen). Minutes of October 1 meeting were approved as corrected. (Myers, Edwards). Copies of October meeting to be inserted in next mailing.

Johnston and Deller shared information about name tags for Historical Commission members. Motion that a member of the Commission will order name tags from Quality Metal Images and contact the City Treasurer for funding (Johnston, Myers). Suggested color: white background with green letter. Passed. Johnston will make contacts.

Steve Griffes, Program Manager of Continental Cablevision spoke to members about programming events. He made the following points:

- 1) needs 4-6 weeks lead time
- 2) interviews in studio - 1 month lead time-supply own interviewer
- 3) need volunteer crews-suggested students from school with TV programs
- 4) for programs, desires 20-30 min. time frame and "rough" script-prefers slides or artifacts to focus on.

Griffes will attend January meeting to discuss a time for teaching interested members in cable production.

Deller shared following correspondence:

1. Book from Judy Rasbach Those Were the Days and a letter of thank you for assistance in promoting book
2. letter from Bob Jenkins of Lamphere Schools regarding an article which appeared in the Daily Tribune
3. letter from Larry Decker of Madison Schools enclosing a program pamphlet to put in archives.

Historic Site sub-committee met. They need professional assistance from city to fill out form for historical site on 11 Mile rd.

Library showcase will include holiday decorations and old toys from Nov. 15-Dec. 31. The next display will be artifacts from some of city's original businesses.

Geraldts will send memo to Pete Connors indicating plans for June 30 Heritage Day.

Johnston will supply cost info to Deller so he can request funds for film and developing of pictures indicating growth and change in city.

Commission members are asked to consider proposed expenditures for a budget to be submitted to City Treasurer by Deller.

Historical Commission is an official member of MH Community Roundtable. Membership dues are paid.

Next meeting is January 7, 1985, 7:30 pm

Barbara Geraldts  
Secretary





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January 4, 1985

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

TO: Madison Heights Historical Commission

FROM: A. Michael Deller, Chair

RE: January 7, 1985 Meeting, 7:30 P.M., Conference Room at City Hall

AGENDA

I. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Margene Johnston  
at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

II. Roll Call: Present-

Absent -

Excused-

III. Minutes of the November 5, 1984 meeting:

IV. Correspondence

Memo sent to Peter Connors re Heritage Tour

Memo sent to Dorothy Lents re Membership Pins

V. Sub-committee Reports

A. Historic Site

B. Heritage Book

C. Library Showcase

D. Heritage Day '85

E. Schools and Heritage

F. Cable-Video Heritage

G. District Court History

VI. New Business

VII. Next Meeting Date: February 4, 1985, City Hall Conference Room

VIII. Meeting adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ P.M.

MINUTES OF MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

JANUARY 7, 1985

The January general meeting of the Madison Heights Historical Commission was held on Monday, January 7, 1985 in the conference room of the Madison Heights City Hall. Margene Johnston, vice-chairman called the meeting to order at 7:35, in the absence of Chairman Michael Deller. Present were members: Hubbard, Richards, Hiller, Johnston, Cagle, Davis, Brachel and Berent.

The minutes of the November general meeting were read and approved. Motion to approve by Brachel, 2nd by Cagle.

REPORTS:

Margene Johnston reported that the price for the membership name tags for \$3.50 each was approved by the city.

Mr. Cagle and Mr. Davis will contact two former residents regarding history of Kendall School.

The Heritage Book committee report was postponed until th next meeting.

LIBRARY SHOWCASE: Berent and Deller will make up a list of questions and ask the city to send them to all businesses for a display of memorabilia regarding businesses in the city.

HERITAGE DAY TOUR: The committee will be meeting on Jan. 21 or 23 to narrow down the choices for points of interest for the Heritage Day Tour on June 30, 1985. Members of the committee are: Brachel, Johnston, Hubbard, Edwards, Hiller, Gerald & Berent.

SCHOOLS AND HERITAGE: Lamphere High School did a tape asking Hiller questions regarding the history of Lamphere Schools to be shown on Channel 27.

CABLE-VIDEO: Nothing to report. Cable classes at Continental Cablevision will be starting soon. It was suggested that a tape be made showing the sites of the Heritage Day Tour and played several times advertising the event.

DISTRICT COURT HISTORY: Brechel will be asking Bernie and Officer MacLean about pictures of the new judge sworn in during December.

Motion to adjourn by Berent, Brachel seconded. Next meeting to be held Monday, February 4, 1985. Johnston adjourned meeting at 8:40 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Irene Hubbard, Acting Secretary

Madison Heights Historical Commission  
February 4, 1985 7:30 p.m.  
City Hall Conference Room

AGENDA

I. The meeting was called to order at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

II. Roll Call: Present-

Absent/Excused-

III. Minutes of the previous meeting: January 7, 1985

IV. Correspondence

V. Sub-Committee Reports

- A. Historic Site
- B. Heritage Book
- C. Library Showcase
- D. Heritage Day '85 - Tour
- E. Schools and Heritage
- F. Cable-Video Heritage
- G. District Court History

VI. New Business

VII. Next meeting: March 4, 1985, 7:30 p.m., City Hall Conference Room

VIII. Meeting adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

Madison Heights Historical Commission  
Minutes  
February 4, 1985

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Chair Michael Deller. Present were: Bowen, Davis, Richards, Johnston, Geraldts, Edwards, Hubbard, Cagle, Deller. Excused absences: Berent, Brachel. Absent: Myers, Roller, Michrina, Hiller.

Minutes of January 7 meeting were approved. (motion: Cagle, Edwards).

Deller shared recent donations to Commission.

Three Commission members attended Continental Cablevision class: Deller, Johnston, Richards.

Deller is to check with Alex Paschke re: forms needed for historical site application.

After lengthy discussion of Heritage Day tour the possibility of substituting the tour with a  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour video was discussed. The film could be shown in Park Shelter building during June 30th festivities. Deller will check with Connors about availability of that building. People who are part of city's history will be invited to a reception that day.

The old city Hall building (next to Gateway Crisis Center) is for sale.

Note new address and phone number for Ann Edwards: 31420 John R, Apt. 215, Madison Heights, 588-3069.

Next meeting is March 4, 1985, 7:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm (motion: Hubbard, Richards)

submitted by,  
Barbara Geraldts



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Madison Heights Historical Commission  
April 1, 1985 7:30 p.m. City Hall Conference Room

AGENDA

I. Call to order by \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

II. Roll Call: Present -

Absent -

III. Minutes of previous meeting:

IV. Sub-committee Reports:

V. Madison Heights Memorial Day Parade, May 25, 1985 (Saturday) 10:00 a.m.

A. How shall the Historical Commission participate?

VI. Festival in the Park, June 30, 1985 (Sunday), all day

A. Which members will help make the video?

VII. Adjournment at 9:15 p.m.

VIII. Next meeting, May 6, 1985, 7:30 p.m. City Hall Conference Room

Madison Heights Historical Commission  
Minutes  
April 1, 1985

The meeting was called to order by co-chair Margene Johnston at 7:40 pm. Present were Davis, Richards, Johnston, Geraldts, Hubbard, Berent, Cagle, Deller (arrived late from another meeting). Excused absence: Myers. Absent: Bowen, Roller, Edwards, Michrina, \* Excused  
Hiller, Brachel. Guests for portion of meeting: Crossley, Conners.

Minutes of Feb. 4 meeting were approved. (motion: Hubbard, Richards)

\*\* Heritage Book sub-committee will meet immediately following May 6 Historical Commission meeting. Purposes are to set time-line, prepare questionnaire, etc.

Heritage Day '85, June 30, was discussed in detail. Commission agreed to a bus tour narrated by Darlene Berent. An historical video will also be made by Deller, Johnston, Richards with assistance from Continental Cablevision staff. The Heritage Day sub-committee will meet on Wed., April 10 at 7:30 pm at Geraldts, 28162 Lorenz. Committee members are Johnston, Berent, Geraldts, Hubbard, Brachel, Edwards, Hiller, Richards. Conners believes city bus will be available but suggested request be made to City Manager and Council.

\*\* Cagle presented final report on City Court and Judge Lawrence to the Archives.

\*\*\* Motion passed to participate in Memorial Day parade on May 25 at 10 am (motion: Hubbard, Davis) Hubbard & Richards will march with banner. Johnston & Hubbard will make banner. Davis and Cagle will ride in antique car if available.

As members of Community Roundtable this commission made the following nominations for officers:

Chairperson: John Schaible

Vice-Chair: Dan Jones (alt. Michael Deller)

Sec. Treas: Sue Krammer

Members at large: Clair Synder

Kathy Deyo

Jim Doyon

Margene Johnston

Norma Carline

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm passes. (Richards, Berent)

\*\* Next meeting, May 6, 1985, 7:30 pm.

submitted by  
Barbara Geraldts



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Madison Heights Historical Commission  
May 6, 1985 7:30 p.m.  
City Hall Conference Room

AGENDA

I. Call to Order at 7:45 p.m.

II. Roll Call Present:

Absent:

III. Minutes of previous meeting ✓

IV. Madison Heights Memorial Day Parade.

V. July 4 - Independence Weekend - Anniversary Event : Festival in the Park 6-30-85

Plans:

Ask Peter Savors @ Town meeting -  
- Wed or Thursday - 5/15-16

VI. Sub-Committee Reports

VII. Future Meetings, dates

VIII. Adjournment at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

Ask Mich. Hist  
Comm for  
site forms -



Heritage Book Committee of MH Historical Commission  
meeting May 6, 1985, 8:45 pm

Present - Johnston, Hubbard, Geraldts, Richards, Deller

Items discussed:

Time line for publication: target date October, 1986 with a cut-off date for entries in December 1985.

The complete book will be a combination of Book 1 and Book 2 which will include facts from 1966 through 1985.

A questionnaire will be sent to City Department Heads and the School District Boards to be returned to Michael Deller by July 13.

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Proposed question:

1. What significant changes to serve the community has your Department done in the past 20 years?
2. What important programs has your Department developed?
3. What has your Department done that is different from other cities?
4. Make some comparisons between finances of 1966 and 1985
5. List names and dates of Department Heads and/or Supervisors in the past 20 years.





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Madison Heights Historical Commission  
June 12, 1985 Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
City Hall Conference Room

AGENDA

I. Call to order at 7:40 p.m.

II. Roll Call: Present-

Absent-

III. Minutes of the previous meeting

IV. Unfinished Business

A. History Bus Tour, 6-30-85

B. Heritage Book Project

C. Other Committee reports

*Ask Bob Johnson @ microfiling -  
Ask Businesses for their histories -*

V. New Business

A.

B.

VI. Summer Meeting Schedule 8/5, 9/4

VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

*Heritage Bk Comm - 11 a.m.  
at Library -*

9/17?

Madison Heights Historical Commission  
Minutes of June 12, 1985

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by Chair Deller. Present were: Davis, Richards, Geraldts, Edwards, Hubbard, Cagle, Hiller, Brachel, Deller. Absent were: Myers-exc., Johnston-exc., Roller, Berent-exc., Michalina-exc. Minutes were approved as written. (motion: Edwards, Hubbard)

Discussion was held concerning the Historical Commission bus tour on Sunday, June 30 before Madison Heights anniversary festivities. Berent will conduct tour on city bus. Madison Heights trivia quiz will be distributed during the picnic. Answers will be attached to Historical Commission banner in the park.

Heritage Book Committee met to draft a questionnaire which will be sent to City Department Heads and Supervisors and public school administrators. Replies are requested by mid-July to Deller. This committee will meet on July 17 at 11 am in Deller's office.

Businesses will be contacted about putting newspaper articles onto micro-fisch. A "financial angel" is needed for this project.

Deller will contact city manager about purchasing a file cabinet for this commission to be stored at Library.

Future Meeting: none in July

Mon. August 5 (excused: Richards, Geraldts)

Wed. Sept. 4 (excused: Richards, Johnston) Edwards, Berent.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

submitted by  
Barbara Geraldts

Minutes of the August 5, 1985 MH Historical Commission Meeting

PRESENT: Cagle, Davis, Deller, Edwards, Hiller, Johnston, Kammer

EXCUSED: Geraldts, Myers, Richards

ABSENT: Berent, Brachel, Hubbard, Michrina, Roller

Since the Commission did not have a quorum, no official actions could be taken.

Discussion centered on the progress made by the Commission in its first year. Items have begun to come in for the archives, a program featuring the Commission was made for the public access channel as part of the M H Community Round Table series and the History Bus Tour was well received as part of the 30th Anniversary of the City. A history of the District Court is now in the archives.

The Heritage Book Committee has begun gathering information that can be used for the update. A proposed publication date would be in 1986. The Update would include information through December 1985.

Local Newspaper preservation: Copies of the MH Reporter 1972 - 1984 exist. The former publisher is willing to donate the papers, once we can assure that the paper will be preserved and made available for study in the future. The Madison News is currently stored in a building owned by the Hazel Park Schools. The Commission will seek information on ways of preserving these papers on microform.

Interest in the history of the Kendall School building continues. Forms are needed before the sub-committee can continue.

There is interest in having a recognition reception for those persons who have contributed to the Commission in its first year and a half of operation.

The Commission may be at the point where volunteers can help us with filing, building contacts with long time residents, etc.



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September 4, 1985

Madison Heights Historical Commission  
7:30 p.m.  
LIBRARY- Breckenridge Room

AGENDA

I. Call to Order at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

II. Roll Call Present:

Absent:

III. Minutes of the previous meeting

IV. Sub Committee Reports

A. Newspaper Preservation

B. School Cooperation

1. Carole Green, Lamphere High School

V. Unfinished Business

VI. New Business

VII. Future Meetings, Proposed dates - Full Commission ?  
Sub Committees?

10-7-85, 11-4-85, Dec- no meeting, 1-6-86

VIII. Adjournment at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

PLEASE

Call the Library at 588-7763, or 588-2029 if you will not be  
able to attend the meeting. MANY THANKS!

Madison Heights Historical Commission  
minutes  
September 4, 1985

Deller called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm. Due to the lack of a quorum no official actions were taken. Present were : Davis, Geraldts, Cagle, Deller. Absent were: Myers, Richards(exc.), Johnston(exc) Roller, Hubbard, Berent, Michrina, Hiller, Brachel, Kammer(exc), Edwards (exc)

Deller investigated alternatives for newspaper preservation through Burton Library and the State of Michigan Library. The latter has as many Michigan newspapers as possible on microfilm. Three suggested alternatives are:

1. go to major microfilm companies and pay high price
2. go to local firms which are less expensive but must be monitored for good results
3. work directly with Library of Mich. which would cost less and would create a master copy for them and a copy for the City. Cost is approximately \$75 per 1000 pages.

Carole Green, Lamphere Social Studies teacher, has offered her students' cooperation on up-dating the MH Heritage book. Curriculum Director, John White, sent a letter of approval. Students will help with indexing and research.

Deller mailed letters to City Primary candidates requesting political campaign materials for the archives.

Letter will be sent to City Manager regarding excessive absences of Commission member Gloria Roller.

Future meetings:

Mon. Oct. 7  
Mon. Nov. 4  
Mon. Dec. 2  
Mon. Jan. 6

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 Pm.

submitted by,  
Barbara Geraldts

Madison Heights Historical Commission  
Minutes of the October 7, 1985 meeting

Deller called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. No official business was conducted, since there was not a quorum present.

Members present: Cagle, Deller, Edwards, Myers, Richards

Members absent: Excused - Geraldts, Hubbard, Kammer, Johnston, Davis, Brachel

No call - Berent, Michrina, Hiller

The minutes as corrected were held for the next full meeting. Deller suggested that each of the sub-committees hold meetings to advance their projects between now and January. The Ordinance which established the Commission only requires three full Commission meetings per year. The next full meeting would be scheduled for January , 1986. The next full meeting would be April 7, 1986.

The Commission needs to develop a calendar of hoped for events and project completion dates. That would serve as a guide for all of the Commission members.

The minutes of this meeting are to be sent to all Commission members with a list of the active sub-committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
A. Michael Deller

Madison Heights Historical Commission  
January 7, 1986 7:30 p.m.  
City Librarian's Office

AGENDA

- I. The meeting was called to order at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.
- II. Roll Call- Present: 5 needed for a quorum  
Excused: Hiller, Michrina, *Richards*.  
Absent:
- III. Report of the Historical Commission Chair
- IV. Sub - committee assignments and updates
  - A. Kendall School Project
  - B. Heritage Book
  - C. Oral and Video History
  - D. Newspaper Preservation
  - E. Festival in the Park, June 29, 1986
- V. New Business
- VI. Next full Commission meeting APRIL 7, 1986 7:30 p.m.  
Location: City Hall Conference Room  
unless otherwise notified
- VII. The meeting adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Minutes of January 7, 1986

Meeting was called to order by chairperson Michael Deller at 7:35 pm. Present were: Davis, Myers, Johnston, Geraldts, Hubbard, Berent, Cagle, Deller, Russell. Excused: Richards, Michrina, Hiller. Absent: Roller, Edwards, Brachel, Kammer.

Deller reported on Page Middle School students' project interviewing senior citizens.

Each member is asked to make a commitment to at least one project of this commission:

Kendall School Project-Berent will talk to Mr. Corl. Davis will talk to Les Wilkie.

Heritage Book-Hubbard is coordinator of project. Lamphere High's Social Studies teacher Carole Green will have students interview retiring administrators before June 30. Myers will contact Liston Albaugh about Wilkinson project. She will also talk to Larry Decker to get Madison Schools information. Johnston will coordinate photo collection.

Oral and Video History-Two audio tapes were completed: an interview with Harry Young, John Michrina, Darrel Davis and Ann Edwards and a dialogue between Bill Huffman and Frank Cagle.

Newspaper Preservation-Berent offered office space to store Madison Heights Reporter while being prepared to send to Lansing for microfilming. \$125 in donations have been received for this project. When ready Deller will deliver the papers to Lansing. Next step is to locate past issues of Madison News which may be stored in Hazel Park.

Festival in the Park, June 29, 1986-Berent is willing to host a two hour tour at noon or 12:30. At least one large city bus is needed.

Next full commission meeting is April 7, 1986 at 7:30 pm in City Hall Conference Room unless otherwise notified.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

submitted by

Barbara Geraldts



MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

AGENDA FOR MEETING

APRIL 7, 1986

- I. CALL TO ORDER—Acting Chairman Margene Johnston
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. SECRETARY'S REPORT—reading of minutes, approval of minutes
- IV. INTRODUCTION OF NEW LIBRARIAN WILLIAM MILES
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. Kendall School Building: Irene, Ann, Darlene
  - B. Heritage Book update: Margene, Irene, Lila, Barbara, Darlene
  - C. Oral history and video history collection: Margene, Richard
  - D. Newspaper preservation: Marilyn K., Ann
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Festival in the Park—June 29, 1986 Sunday Bus tour
  - B.
  - C.
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Election of new chairman and other officers
    - 1. Length of terms - *2 years as of February 28*
  - B. Lamphere 150th anniversary
  - C. Photo of Michael Deller
  - D. Community Round Table nominations and voting for officers
  - E. Harry Young thank you
  - F. Annual report to city
  - G. Budget proposal to city
  - H. New membership roster
  - I. Youth Assistance bowl-a-thon
  - J. Participation in Memorial Day Parade *Saturday May 24*
- VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- IX. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
- X. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting, May 19, 7:30 in Room D in the basement of City Hall.

Madison Heights Historical Commission

Minutes of April 7, 1986

Acting chairperson Margene Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Present were: Davis, Richards, Johnston, Geraldts, Hubbard, Cagle, Miles, Russell. Excused: Michrina, Hiller, Kammer. Absent: Myers, Edwards, Berent, Brachel. Guests: Judy Rasbach, Nancy Chamberlin.

Minutes of January 7, 1986 were approved as printed.  
(Motion: Miles, Russell)

Johnston introduced William Miles, newly appointed Chief Librarian for Madison Heights Public Library.

No new developments in establishing the Kendall School as an historical site.

Meeting of Heritage Book up-date committee is Thurs. May 1 at 7:30 pm in City Hall. Following committee members should attend: Johnston, Hubbard, Richards, Geraldts, Berent.

No report was available from Oral and Video History Committee.

Hubbard reported on progress of newspaper preservation. Madison Heights Reporters are almost completely organized and ready to go to Lansing for micro-filming.

June 29's Festival in the Park's historical bus tour conducted by Darlene Berent has two situations to be considered soon:

1. Should Cambridge Nursing Home residents be invited at no cost? Johnston will make contacts.
2. Has bus been reserved and insured?

All Historical Commission officers will serve two year terms ending in February of appropriate year. (Motion: Russell, Hubbard Passed. Moved that Margene Johnston be elected chairperson from present to February, 1988. (Motion: Hubbard, Cagle). Passed. Moved that William Miles be elected vice-chairperson from present to February, 1988. (Motion: Davis, Russell). Passed. Moved that Irene Hubbard be elected secretary from present to February, 1988 (Motion: Russell, Geraldts) Passed.

Lamphere School District is celebrating its 150th anniversary. Deller appointed B.Geraldts the liason person between this commission and the celebration committee. Nancy Chamberlin and Judy Rasbach attended this meeting to assist in reporting on the activitie. Monte Geraldts is chairperson of the six month long celebration. Numerous activities are planned:

Thurs. April 10	Balloon Lift-off, 1:30 pm
Thurs, May 1	Assemblies at Lamphere High, Page, and Senior Center
Thurs, May 22	Michigan Week Education Day with costumes and cake for all school children
Sat. Sept 20	Old-fashioned Family Picnic on Lamphere High School grounds

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Sat. Oct. 18 Reunion/Celebration Dance at Horace Brown Hall.

Moved that Historical Commission donate a photograph of Michael Deller to be hung in the Library, when funds are available.  
Passed. Johnston will investigate costs.

Moved that Johnston cast votes for Community Roundtable officers at her descretion. (Motion: Russell, Davis) Passed. Hubbard will be official representative from this Commission.

Geralds will send thank you notes to Harry Young and Madison Heights Democratic Club for donations financing micro-filming of newspapers.

Miles will follow-up on annual report and budget proposal to city

Hubbard will up-date this commission's membership roster.

Johnston informed of Youth Assistance's Bowl-a-thon April 26.

In the May 24 Memorial Day Parade Irene Hubbard and Bill Miles will carry the banner.

Next meeting, MAY 19, 7:30 in City Hall conference room unless otherwise notified.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

submitted by

Barbara Geraldts

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

AGENDA FOR MEETING

MAY 19, 1986

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. KENDALL SCHOOL BUILDING: IRENE, ANN, DARLENE.
  - B. HERITAGE BOOK UPDATE: MARGENE, IRENE, LILA,  
BARBARA, DARLENE
  - C. NEWSPAPER PRESERVATION: MARILYN K., ANN
- V. MEMBERSHIP REPORTS
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. FESTIVAL IN THE PARK - BUS TOUR - JUNE 29, 1986
  - B. MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
  - C. DELLER PHOTOGRAPH
  - D. ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CITY
  - E. ANNUAL BUDGET
  - F. UPDATE ON LAMPHERE 150TH CELEBRATION
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
- VIII. COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE
- IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- X. ADJOURNMENT

Madison Heights Historical Commission

Minutes of October 17, 1986

Chairperson Margene Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:38 P.M.

Present; Johnston, Richards, Geraldts, Russell, Miles, Gagle, Berent and Hubbard.

Minutes of the May 19, 1986 meeting were approved by Russell and seconded by Richards.

Miles will send a letter to Reverend Corl asking permission to make the Kendall School an historical building. When permission is given a building inspector will go there with the necessary form that has to be filled out.

Six oral history tapes will be donated by Page Middle School. Mrs. Malone's 6th grade class interviewed senior citizens at the drop in center.

Where is our \$150 for microfilming the Madison Reporter?

Miles and Johnston will be video taping the north end where homes are being torn down because of the North End Development Project.

A letter was received from Gwen Krupp (Cambridge Nursing Home) thanking us for taking patients on the historical bus tour. New ideas were suggested for next year. Picnic lunch at Rosie's Park? Two winning ticket holders receiving a free dinner at Masters (per Miles)?

The library staff objected to hanging the picture of Michael Deller unless pictures of the two former librarians are included also. Johnston and Berent will check with Mary Holmes and Marge St. Amour.

Annual budget request (January 31st)---ask the council for some operating funds so we will be able to do some projects (per Russell).

Miles said it would take two people 15 to 20 hours a week for two months to catalogue and classify the archival material we've received. A student from Wayne State taking library science? Miles knows of a qualified woman who would do it if we have funds to pay her.

Geraldts suggested we could raise money by selling M&Ms. Motion made by Hubbard and seconded by Russell---that each member buy a case of M&Ms for \$13.50 and sell it for \$30.00 and give the profits to the Historical Commission. Motion passed.

A certificate of appreciation will be sent to Judy Rasbach.

It was decided that our sesquicentennial project will be to make Kendall School an historical site.

We have two vacancies on our membership list. Cagle will try and find replacements.

Next general meeting will be on Monday, January 19, 1987.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Submitted by

Irene Hubbard

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

AGENDA FOR MEETING

MONDAY JANUARY 19, 1987

BRECKENRIDGE ROOM

6:00 PM

- I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 21, 1986 MEETING
- III. COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP -
  - A. Introduce new commissioner - Connie Schmelzle
  - B. Resignation of Richard Brachel
- IV. AWARDS PRESENTATION -
  - A. City Council to Historical Commission.
  - B. Commission to Judith Rasbach
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS -
  - A. Kendall School project
  - B. Heritage Book Update
  - C. North End Video History
  - D. Arrangement and cataloging of materials.
- VI. OLD BUSINESS -
  - A. Financial Report
  - B. Bus Tour
- VII. NEW BUSINESS -
  - A. Annual Report to City Administrator
  - B. Time Capsule
- VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS -
- IX. NEXT MEETING -
- X. ADJOURNMENT 7:30PM.

Madison Heights Historical Commission

Minutes of February 11, 1987

Chairperson Johnston called the meeting to order at 6:45 P.M.

Present; Johnson, Richards, Miles, Kammer, Davis, Edwards, Cagle, Geraldts and Hubbard. Guest; Judy Rasbach.

Agenda was approved by Edwards and seconded by Kammer.

Minutes of the October 17, 1986 meeting were approved as corrected by Edwards and seconded by Cagle.

Judy Rasbach was present and received her certificate of appreciation from our commission.

Stewart Dibley, a member of the United Methodist Church, was present and said the congregation is concerned that if the Kendal School is designated an historical site no changes can be made. Miles had called the Bureau of History. He received a letter from Charles C. Cotman which said, "the owner can alter, sell or even demolish the building".

Heritage Book update---those who have assignments should have them done by our next meeting. Kammer will look into the cost of publishing it.

A Continental Cable crew went out and video taped the north end where homes are being torn down because of the North End Development Project. Miles will call Continental Cable when ever we feel some area should be video taped.

Nolan Skousen, a student at Wayne State, is catalogging the archival material we have received.

Miles sent an annual budget request to City Council---\$175 for supplies necessary to do the above work.

We have found our \$150---it is in the Historical Commission's escrow account. We made \$172.50 profit from selling M&Ms.

Should we put something in the Time Capsule?

Richard Brachel has resigned. But we have two new members; Connie Schmelzle and Owen Rudolph.

Our certificate from the City Council was discussed.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, April 6th at 6:30 P.M. We will meet at the Kendal School next to the United Methodist Church on 11 Mile between John R and Dequindre.

Submitted by

Irene Hubbard

MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION

APRIL 6, 1987  
6:30PM  
KENDALL SCHOOL

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introductions and Roll Call
  - A. Present:
  - B. Absent:
- III. Approval of Minutes - February 11, 1987 MEETING
- IV. Madison Heights Memorial Day Parade-- May 30, 1987
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS -
  - A. Kendall School Project
  - B. Heritage Book
  - C. North End Video History
  - D. Arrangement and Catalogging
  - E. Microfilm Project
- VI. OLD BUSINESS -
  - A. Financial Report
  - B. Bus Tour
- VII. NEW BUSINESS -
- VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS -
- IX. NEXT MEETING -
- X. Adjournment - 7:30 P.M.



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- Minutes of April 6, 1987

Kendal School

Chairperson Johnston called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

Present; Johnston, Cagle, Edwards, Meyers, Davis, Richards, Kammer, Geraldts, Schmelzle (new member), Price (new member) and Hubbard.

Guests; Nola Skousen and Stewart Dibley.

Minutes of the February 11, 1987 meeting were approved.

Memorial Day Parade; Price and Hubbard will carry our banner.

Ken Garr, a Madison Heights building inspector, will inspect Kendal School and fill out the form needed to designate it an historical building. Johnston will contact Dorothy Lents about it.

Johnston passed out lists of the topic assignments for the Heritage Book bringing us up to date as to which ones were completed and which ones were not. Meyers will send questionnaires to all the organizations which are not members of the Community Round Table. The information received will be included in the Heritage Book.

Nola Skousen, who is catalogging the archival material we have received, gave us a summary of how the job is done.

We decided not to have a historic bus tour before the Festival in the Park on June 28, 1987. We may have one sometime in the future.

We did decide to sell M & M's on that day.

Our next general meeting will be held on Monday, June 29, 1987 at 7 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 8 o'clock.

Submitted by  
Irene Hubbard

MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION

JUNE 29, 1987

7:00 P.M.

BRECKENRIDGE ROOM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introductions and Roll Call
  - A. Present:
  - B. Absent:
- III. Approval of Minutes - April 6, 1987 MEETING
- IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS -
  - A. Kendall School Project
  - B. Heritage Book
  - C. Arrangement and Cataloging
  - D. Microfilm Project
- V. OLD BUSINESS -
- VI. NEW BUSINESS -
  - A. Photographic History of New Developments
  - B. Fund Raiser
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS -
- VIII. NEXT MEETING -
- IX. Adjournment

Madison Heights Historical Commission

Minutes of June 29, 1987

Chairperson Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:04 P. M.

Present: Geraldts, Richards, Miles, Kammer, Edwards, Meyers, Davis, Schmelzle, Berent and Hubbard.

Excused: Cagle and Price.

Guest: Mary Apel.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 1987 meeting was made by Meyers and seconded by Edwards.

Kendal School Project: Ken Garr, a Madison Heights building inspector, sent a letter to Darrell Davis stating that he had inspected Kendal School and he described how the original structure was and the condition it is in now. A Building Structure Inventory Form, which will have to be filled out, was included with the letter.

The Chamber of Commerce will have 5,000 maps of Madison Heights available for distribution sometime in the future. The maps will be green and white and will include pictures and information about the city---plus advertisements. Our guest, Mary Apel, works for the publishing company in charge of the advertisements and she showed us a map that was similar to the one we'll have and gave us information about the project.

Nola Skousen is no longer arranging and cataloging our materials. Tracie Antonuk, a Community Services Librarian, is now doing the job.

Microfilm Project: Miles will find out from the Stste Librarian how much it will cost to microfilm our copies of the Madison Reporter. He already has this information from Image Prints, Inc.---per David Oistad.

Geraldts and Price sold M and M's at the Festival in the Park yesterday. Our profit---\$49. 41. Richards, Schmelzle, Johnston, Meyers, Miles and Hubbard will sell them at the July 19th Festival in the Park. Miles will pick them up.

Our next general meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 1987 at 7 P.M.

Motion to adjourn made by Berent and seconded by Miles at 8:35.

Submitted by

Irene Hubbard

MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION

AGENDA

OCTOBER 28, 1987

7:00 P.M.

BRECKENRIDGE ROOM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introductions and Roll Call
  - A. Present:
  - B. Absent:
- III. Approval of Minutes - June 29, 1987 Meeting
- IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. Kendall School Project
  - B. Heritage Book
  - C. Arrangement and Cataloging
  - D. Microfilm Project
- V. OLD BUSINESS
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Photographic History of New Development
  - B. Fund Raiser
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- VIII. NEXT MEETING -
- IX. Adjournment

Madison Heights Historical Commission

Minutes of October 28, 1987

Chairperson Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

Present; Price, Geraldts, Russell, Kammer, Richards, Cagle, Davis, Johnston, Miles and Hubbard.

Guests; Elva Mills and Tracie Antonuk

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 29, 1987 meeting was made by Kammer and seconded by Richards.

Kendal School Project; We must have historical information about the school ---date it was built, etc.---before it can be designated a historical building. All information must be officially verifiable. Miles will visit the County Clerks office and check Madison Board minutes.

The Heritage Book sub-committee will have a meeting on November 19, 1987 at 3:30 P. M. at the library.

Tracie Antonuk gave a report on how she is coming along with arranging and cataloging our historial material. She needs supplies---sleeves and boxes specifically made to protect old pictures and papers---which will cost \$169.85. We have \$175 in our historical supplies account. Motion made by Geraldts and seconded by Richards to give Tracie \$100 toward supplies. Substitute motion madeby Davis and seconded by Kammer to give her the full amount needed. The motion passed.

Miles received letter from Library of Michigan stating our copies of the Madison Reporter can be microfilmed for \$217. The work will be done by Image Prints in Lansing. We have \$202 for this project. Motion made by Russell and seconded by Richards to take the \$15 needed from our M and M account. All members agreed.

Miles and Johnston have been out taking pictures of 13 Mile under construction, Galaxy Drive-In before it was demolished, Wave Pool and John R-Whitcomb area.

We gave an award to the 6th graders at John Page Middle School for completing their oral history project and donating the material gathered to the Madison Heights archives.

Our M and M's are on sale in City Hall and the Library. We will be asking city council for funds for 1988.

Our next general meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21, 1988 at 7 P.M.

Motion to adjourn made by Price and seconded by Hubbard at 8:47.

Submitted by

Irene Hubbard

MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION

AGENDA

JANUARY 21, 1988

7:00 P.M.

BRECKENRIDGE ROOM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introductions and Roll Call
  - A. Present:
  - B. Absent:
- III. Approval of Minutes - October 28, 1987
- IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. Kendall School Project
  - B. Heritage Book
  - C. Arrangement and Cataloging
  - D. Microfilm Project
- V. OLD BUSINESS
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- VIII. NEXT MEETING -
- IX. Adjournment



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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

AGENDA

APRIL 27, 1988

7:00 P.M.

BRECKENRIDGE ROOM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introductions and Roll Call
  - A. Present:
  - B. Absent:
- III. Approval of Minutes - January 21, 1988
- IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. Kendall School Project
  - B. Heritage Book
  - C. Arrangement and Catalogging
  - D. Microfilm Project
- V. Election of Officers
- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- VII. NEXT MEETING
- VIII. Adjournment

Madison Heights Historical Commission

Minutes of April 27, 1988

Chairperson Margene Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

Present: Johnston, Miles, Geraldts, Price, Meyers, Davis, Cagle, Schmelzle, Kammer, Richards and Hubbard.

New Member: Blanche Austin.

Kendall School Project: Representatives of the United Methodist Church haven't signed the letter of approval to make Kendall School an historical building so the project is at a standstill. Lois Meyers will "shake them up".

Heritage Book: All the collected material for the Heritage Book was given to Marilyn Kammer, who will start working on it.

Jean Sterritt is now arranging and catologging the archival material we have received.

Microfilm Project: Ed Baker, the publisher of the Madison Reporter, has signed the form giving permission to have copies of the paper made and the micro-filming has begun.

Election Of Officers: Sue Price made the motion that we re-elect the same officers we have now. Lois Meyers seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The Community Round Table is having an Awards Luncheon on May 18th. Members of the Round Table may choose someone from their group to receive an award if they so desire. Barb Geraldts nominated Irene Hubbard. Margene Johnston nominated Lois Meyers. Motion was made to give two awards. Motion was also made that the Historical Commission would pay for the lunches. Both motions passed.

The Chamber of Commerce is having a 50-50 Bowl. Geraldts, Price, Kammer, Richards and Hubbard decided to make up a team and enter it. Half of the money they raise from sponsters will go to the Historical Commission.

Bill Miles, L. Decker and J. Meyers will be going to the bank tomorrow and look in the locked box containing information about the Madison School district. We hope to find the deed to Kendall School.

Our next meeting will be on October 25, 1988 at 7 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Submitted by

Irene Hubbard





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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

AGENDA

JANUARY 31, 1989

7:00 P.M.

BRECKENRIDGE ROOM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introduction and Roll Call
  - A. Present:
  - B. Absent:
- III. Approval of Minutes - April 27, 1988
- IV. Committee Reports
  - A. Kendall School Project
  - B. Heritage Book
  - C. Microfilm Project
- V. Announcements
- VI. Next Meeting
- VII. Adjournment



300 W. THIRTEEN MILE RD. MADISON HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN 48071 313 - 588-1200

January 24, 1989

TO: Dorothy Lents, City Manager  
FROM: William Miles, City Librarian  
RE: Historical Commission Annual Report

As Vice-Chairman of the Historical Commission I write to inform you of the various tasks we were involved in during 1988.

First, after collecting enough in donations, and from the sale of M&M's, our entire holdings of the Madison Reporter have been transferred to microfilm. We now hold a copy of this microfilm in addition to one being held in the Historical Collection of the Michigan State Library.

Next, we have finally catalogged the bulk of materials in our historical collection. These materials are now being moved from a metal file cabinet to acid free folders and storage boxes. The collection will then be stored at the Reference area. Jean Sterritt, our Community Services Librarian, has been assigned to work on the collection.

Third, we are still pursuing information on the Kendall School. Thus far we have checked records in the Madison and Royal Oak School Districts. We are also combing through editions of the Daily Tribune. Records at the Clerk's Office were also examined.

The school, according to present findings, was originally called the White School. It was an early form of modular classroom in that it moved as demand warranted. In order to secure historic designation we will have to locate actual information on the building, construction, builder, architect, etc.

Finally, we are in the process of updating the Heritage Book. The committee members secured information necessary to update. Marilyn Kammer has agreed to take the data and work it into readable form. We will then secure costs on reprinting and binding the updated version.

The Commission would like to take this opportunity to thank the Administration for its assistance. They look forward to continuing their work on maintaining the history of Madison Heights.

*Bill Miles*  
William Miles  
City Librarian

## INTERVIEW POINTERS

1. Decide what you want to accomplish.
2. Plan relevant questions.
3. Study the background thoroughly.
4. Formulate your questions.
5. Word your questions precisely so they are easily understood.
6. Make sure the interviewee understands exactly what your purpose is and exactly what each of your questions are.
7. Listen carefully and consider the interviewee's answers in order to make certain that you understand him correctly.
8. Open the interview with something of real interest to the interviewee and let him talk.
9. Do your best to make the interviewee feel at ease.
10. Take time and care to record his answers accurately.
11. Let the interviewee tell his story then help him supplement.
12. Keep on the subject.
13. Keep the important questions in mind until adequate information is obtained on each. As soon as one question is full answered, concentrate on the next one.
14. Keep control of the interview.
15. Practice separating facts from inferences.
16. Be on the alert for errors.
17. Get all the facts.
18. Be alert for new information, new angles.
19. Be very careful about confidential information. Avoid listening to confidential items.
20. Express your appreciation.



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MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION

AGENDA

APRIL 13, 1989

7:00 p.m.

BRECKENRIDGE ROOM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introduction and Roll Call
  - A. Present:
  - B. Absent:
- III. Approval of Minutes - January 31, 1989
- IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. Kendall School Project
  - B. Heritage Book
  - C. Arrangement and Cataloging
- V. Election of Officers
- VI. Other Business
- VII. Next Meeting
- VIII. Adjournment

Madison Heights Historical Commission

Minutes of April 13, 1989

Chairperson Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

Present: Johnston, Miles, Gagle, Kammer, Edwards, Richards, Schmelzle, Russell and Hubbard.

Excused: Meyers, Geraldts and Price.

Motion to approve the minutes of January 31, 1989 was made by Richards and seconded by Edwards.

Kendall School Project: Miles and Schmelzle have been looking at the micro-filmed copies of the Tribune. They are up to the year 1915 but haven't found any information on the construction of the building as yet.

Heritage Book; Kammer has made a first draft of the material she has received. She made a list of items we need more information on---Lamphere and Madison school districts, churches and organizations. She also listed some items we might want to include; road improvements, new construction, local, county and state government officials, etc. We each picked an item to cover.

Arranging and Cataloging: More has been done. Now working on photographs. Ten boxes have been filled.

We need a new Historical Commission Banner. Motion made by Russell---and seconded by Edwards---giving Bill permission to withdraw the necessary funds to purchase one from our account. Motion passed. The banner will be carried in the Memorial Day parade by Miles and Hubbard.

The Community Round Table awards luncheon will be held on May 17th. Motion made by Edwards---and seconded by Russell---to give an award to Tracie Antonuk for arranging and cataloging our materials. Also in the motion was permission to buy 3 frames for the awards given thus far. Motion passed.

Miles suggested we resume interviewing people who have lived in Madison Heights for many years. Schmelzle made up a list of "Interview Pointers" for us and explained each one thoroughly. We found it very helpful and thank her for all the time she spent on the project.

Bill will interview Ann Edwards at our next meeting. We will try to interview other people during further meetings.

Our next meeting will be held on September 28, 1989 at 7 P. M.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43. Motion to do so made by Edwards and seconded by Russell.

Submitted by  
Irene Hubbard



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MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION

AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 28, 1989

7:00 P.M.

BRECKENRIDGE ROOM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introduction and Roll Call
  - A. Present:
  - B. Absent:
- III. Approval of Minutes - April 13, 1989
- IV. Committee Reports
  - A. Kendall School Project
  - B. Heritage Book
- V. Interview - Ann Edwards
- VI. Other Business
- VII. Next Meeting
- VIII. Adjournment

Madison Heights Historical Commission

Minutes of September 28, 1989

Chairperson Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.

Present: Johnston, Miles, Edwards, Meyers, Geraldts, Price, Davis and Hubbard

Guest: Helen Hennessey

Approval of the minutes of April 13, 1989 was made by Edwards and seconded by Geraldts.

Kendall School Project:

Miles has been looking at more microfilmed copies of the Tribune. He is now up to the year 1919 but still hasn't found any information on the construction of the building. Davis ran into Harry Kendall. Harry said he would write a narrative about the school.

Heritage Book:

Miles talked to Kammer. She is still working on the material she has received.

Bill interviewed Ann Edwards. The interview was taped. Ann told us about all the work that had to be done to form the City of Madison Heights and about the people who were involved in it. It was very interesting.

Motion made by Davis and seconded by Edwards to interview Bill Huffman at our next meeting. Have just found out we will be interviewing our alternate choice---Helen Hennessey---instead.

We should all think of other people to interview and bring their names to our next meeting.

Our next meeting will be held on January 18, 1990 at 7 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51. Motion to do so was made by Geraldts and seconded by Edwards.

Submitted by

Irene Hubbard





300 W. THIRTEEN MILE RD. MADISON HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN 48071 313-588-1200

January 9, 1990

TO: Dorothy Lents, City Manager  
FROM: William Miles, City Librarian  
RE: Historical Commission Annual Report

As is our custom the Historical Commission has asked me to report on our progress during the past year. The Historical Commission moved ahead successfully in a number of projects.

First, work continued on the arrangement and cataloging of those materials we now have in our Historical Collection. Jean Sterritt, Community Services Librarian, has the majority of the printed materials arranged and stored in acid-free archival storage containers purchased from the Historical Commission Budget. Ms. Sterritt also developed an effective index for use at the Information Desks when questions arise. It has been decided by the Commission that these materials will be housed in the library storage area to protect them from abuse. The library staff is well versed in the use of these materials and will assist those patrons wishing to make use of the collection.

Second, the Historical Commission is still working diligently collecting information for the Heritage Book update. Each member was assigned a section to research. Marilyn Kammer agreed to take the information and edit for the update. She received the initial offerings, did a rough edit and asked the Commissioners involved for additional information. A list of problem areas was distributed by her to assist them in their work.


Third, work is still progressing on the Kendall School project. Microfilm copies of the Daily Tribune are being examined on a regular basis at the Royal Oak Public Library. We must find documented proof that the building now being used by the United Methodist Church as an activity center, was originally utilized by the Madison School District

as a one room school house. The biggest problem arises from the fact that the structure was moved three times and records documenting construction and subsequent moves have been lost or destroyed.

Finally, the Commission has embarked on an historical interview project. Connie Schmelzle, a Commission member and journalist, led a discussion on proper interview techniques. The first individual interviewed was Ann Edwards. Ms. Edwards, a member of the Historical Commission, played a significant role during the struggle for incorporation of Madison Heights.

The Commission will try to interview other citizens on a regular basis. It is felt that these tapes will provide a living history of Madison Heights and will fill in gaps left by the absence of printed material.

During 1990 the Commission will seek to continue its efforts in the above areas. One additional area they would like to consider is the provision of shelving for the materials themselves. Present shelving in the storeroom is not adequate. Archival materials (storage boxes) are cumbersome and regular shelving is not suitable. Shelving alternatives will be explored and prices secured for possible inclusion in the 90/91 Budget.

  
William Miles  
City Librarian



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MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION

AGENDA

JANUARY 18, 1990

7:00 P.M.

BRECKENRIDGE ROOM

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL
  - A. Present:
  - B. Absent:
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 28, 1989
- IV. ANNUAL REPORT
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. Kendall School Project
  - B. Heritage Book
- VI. INTERVIEW - Helen Hennessey
- VII. Other Business
- VIII. Next Meeting
- IX. Adjournment

Madison Heights Historical Commission

Minutes of March 29, 1990

Vice Chairman Bill Miles called the meeting to order at 7:16 P.M.

Present: Miles, Richards, Kammer, Evans, Cagle, Meyers, Austin, Edwards, Schmelzle and Hubbard.

Kendall School Project:

We will be interviewing Mr. Rider who has lived in the area for 65 years. He knows alot about the Kendall School.

Heritage Book:

More information has been turned in. History of the incinerator. Recycling program. The list of active organizations was brought up to date. Some of the churches have returned their completed questionnaires.

The Community Round Table awards luncheon will be held on May 16, 1990. Motion made by Miles---and seconded by Richards---to honor Marilyn Kammer for all the work she has done on the Heritage Book. Also in the motion was permission to pay for her lunch. Motion passed.

Miles and Hubbard will be carrying the Historical Commission banner in the Memorial Day parade on May 28, 1990.

Our next meeting will be held on May 9, 1990 at 7 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Submitted by

Irene Hubbard



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MADISON HEIGHTS

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

**AGENDA**

May 9, 1990

7:00 P.M.

BRECKENRIDGE ROOM

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL
  - A. Present:
  - B. Absent:
- III. APPROVAL OF MUNUTES - MARCH 29, 1990
- IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. Heritage Book
- V. OTHER BUSINESS
- VI. NEXT MEETING
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

Madison Heights Historical Commission

Minutes of May 9, 1990

Vice Chairman Bill Miles called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.

Present: Miles, Elva Mills, Cagle, Schmelzle, Kammer, Evans, Austin, Meyers, Richards and Hubbard

Motion to approve the minutes of March 29, 1990 was made by Meyers and seconded by Austin.

Heritage Book: Miles and Kammer contacted three different printers and found out what they would charge to publish the Heritage Book. Creative Printing---\$2.35 per book. Phoenix---\$2.18 per book. Lamphere Printing and Grafics---\$2.09 per book---based on an order of 2,500 copies. Meyers made the motion we select Lamphere to print 2,500 copies. Kammer seconded the motion. The motion passed. Total price would be \$5,224 plus the cost of pictures. At the next council meeting Elva Mills will ask for the necessary funds.

We then discussed what pictures we should include. Some of the suggestions included---schools, fire hall, city hall, library, Senior citizen complexes, new development, Madison Heights signs, John R, 696 opening, Memorial Day parade, Festival in the Park, incinerator, recycling center, Say No to Drugs, etc. We will have pictures of our Mayor and present council plus pictures of past Mayors. We will select pictures at our next meeting.

Hubbard suggested we have a group picture of the Historical Commission in the Heritage Book. Everyone seemed to go along with the idea and a group picture will be taken by Kammer's husband at our next meeting.

Hubbard also suggested we give Marilyn special recognition in the Heritage book because of all the work she has done on it. Everyone seemed to go along with this idea also.

Our next meeting will be held on June 14, 1990 at 7 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12. Motion to do so made by Meyers and seconded by Richards.

Submitted by

Irene Hubbard



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MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION

AGENDA

June 14, 1990

7:00 P.M.

BRECKENRIDGE ROOM

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL
  - A. Present
  - B. Absent
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MAY 9, 1990
- IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. Heritage Book
- V. OTHER BUSINESS
- VI. NEXT MEETING
- VII. ADJOURNMENT



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## MADISON HEIGHTS

### HISTORICAL COMMISSION

#### AGENDA

OCTOBER 1, 1990

7:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM

CITY HALL

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL
  - A. Present
  - B. Absent
- III. HERITAGE BOOK II ROUGH DRAFT
- IV. OTHER BUSINESS
- V. ADJOURNMENT





300 W. THIRTEEN MILE RD. MADISON HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN 48071 313-588-1200

January 24, 1991

TO: Dorothy Lents, City Manager  
FROM: William Miles, City Librarian  
RE: Historical Commission Annual Report


As is our custom the Historical Commission has asked me to report on our progress during the past year. The Historical Commission moved ahead successfully in a number of projects.

First, a rough draft of Heritage Book II was completed. At the present time it is being revised and edited to attempt to prepare a final edition suitable for printing.

Second, the remaining articles in our possession have been classified, catalogued and added to the Historical Collection. To better store the materials in this collection, new shelving has been purchased. This specially designed shelving is fabricated so that it accommodates the large historical document boxes necessary to protect these materials.

Finally, our interview project is still moving along. We have added Helen Henessey and Alfred Rider to our collection. Both are long time residents and provided a wealth of information on early Madison Heights.

During 1991, we will continue interviewing residents and increasing our audio collection. We also hope to complete the final draft of Heritage II and print the first run.

  
William Miles  
City Librarian



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**MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**AGENDA**

**FEBRUARY 7, 1991**

**7:00 P.M.**

**BRECKENRIDGE ROOM**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL
  - A. Present
  - B. Absent
- III. HERITAGE BOOK II
- IV. INTERVIEW TAPE-MR. RIDER
- V. OTHER BUSINESS
- VI. ADJOURNMENT

Madison Heights Historical Commission

Minutes of February 7, 1991

Meeting called to order at 7 P.M.

Present: Miles, Johnston, Richards, Geraldts, Price, Edwards, Austin, Myers, Davis and Hubbard.

Guest: Clare Armour

Heritage Book

Dorothy Lents and other city officials have reviewed the Heritage Book. They feel it is too cut and dry. That it would be more readable and interesting if it started out in a homey, chatty, narrative style. Consequently, we decided to ask some individuals who have been involved in city activities during the past 25 years to write down some of their impressions. Suggested names-- Lin Ross, Elva Mills, George Suarez, Estol Swem, Monte Geraldts, Dorothy Lents and Geraldine Case.

Interview Tape

Bill Miles went to the home of Alfred Anthony Rider one afternoon and interviewed him on tape, which we listened to. Mr. Rider has lived in Madison Heights all his life and was a mailman here for over 30 years.

The subdivison built on the Frank Lloyd Wright principle is being purchased by a developer. The residents are in favor of this. They want to move because they have well water, unpaved streets, etc. We would like to interview someone who lives there.

"That's all, folks!" Our next meeting will be held on April 10, 1991 at 7 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 P.M. Motion to do so made by Geraldts and seconded by Edwards.

Submitted by  
Irene Hubbard



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**MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**AGENDA**

**APRIL 10, 1991**

**7:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL
  - A. Present
  - B. Absent
- III. HERITAGE BOOK II
- IV. INTERVIEW TAPE-JOSEPH NOVAK
- V. OTHER BUSINESS
- VI. ADJOURNMENT

Madison Heights Historical Commission

Minutes of April 10, 1991

Meeting called to order at 7 P.M.

Present: Geraldts, Johnston, Richards, Miles, Cagle, Davis, Edwards, Mills and Hubbard.

Excused: Myers and Austin.

Heritage Book

Too cut and dry--per some city officials--should start out in a homey, chatty, narrative style. Consequently--at our last meeting we decided to ask some individuals who have been involved in city activities during the past 25 yrs. to write down some of their impressions. Wrote to the people whose names were suggested. We haven't had a good response, however. Dorothy Lents and Geraldine Case have gone through the council minutes of the last 25 years and picked out newsy items.

Bill Miles has taken pictures of the "Frank Lloyd Wright" subdivison. Joseph Novak has lived there ever since it was built. We decided we should try and interview him on tape.

New shelving has been installed in the library storage room--which will hold the historical material we have collected.

Miles and Hubbard will carry the Historical Commission banner in the Memorial Day parade.

No definite date was picked for our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30. Motion to do so made by Geraldts and seconded by Richards.

Submitted by

Irene Hubbard



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**MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**AGENDA  
OCTOBER 24, 1991  
7:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL
  - A. PRESENT
  - B. ABSENT
- III. HERITAGE BOOK II
- IV. INTERVIEW TAPE-COOP SUBDIVISION
- V. OTHER BUSINESS
- VI. ADJOURNMENT

Dear Historical Commission Member:

Please note the change in the proposed meeting date. The Breckenridge Room was unavailable on the 17th.

Sincerely,

William Miles  
City Librarian

WM/mtb

Madison Heights Historical Commission

Minutes of October 24, 1991

Meeting called to order at 7:10 P.M.

Present: Richards, Miles, Schmelzle, Johnston, Hubbard and our new member Sybil Nickel.

Excused: Myers.

Approval of the minutes of April 10, 1991 was made by Richards and seconded by Johnston.

Heritage Book

Bill Miles has written an 18 page introduction to the Heritage Book. It is just a rough draft and needs to be rearranged and expanded. Johnston, Richards, Schmelzle and Hubbard volunteered to work on it.

Interview Tape

Bill Miles interviewed Joseph Novak, who has lived in the "Frank Lloyd Wright" subdivision since it was built, and we listened to the tape. Residents of the Parkside Apartments, on Warren in Detroit, pooled their money and bought the land. They surveyed it, put in the roads and then sent a layout of the property to Frank Lloyd Wright. Mr. Novak helped build the first home there.

We have decided to take a "Grand Tour" of the library storage room to see the new shelving which now holds all the historical materials which we have collected.

We also decided to invite Dolly Ferries, who is in charge of the Memorial Day parade, to our next meeting. Richards has volunteered to be the liaison between Ferries and the Historical Commission. Ferries has a couple of other events planned also. We will take pictures of all the events as our contribution.

No definite date was picked for our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30. Motion to do so made by Johnston and seconded by Richards.

Submitted by

Irene Hubbard



300 W. THIRTEEN MILE RD. MADISON HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN 48071 313-588-1200

January 15, 1992

TO: Dorothy Lents, City Manager  
FROM: William Miles, Library Director  
RE: Historical Commission Annual Report

This year's Annual Report center on the final draft of Heritage Book II. After collecting our information it was decided that the book would be improved with the insertion of a chronological introduction.

Material was collected and arranged. A rough draft was written by me. A subcommittee has agreed to work on this draft until a suitable introduction is written.

I feel very strongly about members of the commission actually completing the finished product. As long time residents of Madison Heights, they have valuable insight to lend.

In addition to the Heritage Book the Commission took part in the Memorial Day Parade. Several interviews were also completed including:

Loveda Deal - South End  
Joseph Novak - Coop Subdivision  
Tim Moore - North End Project  
Terry Haran - North End Project

During the coming year we will continue our interviews and our work on the Heritage Book.

William Miles  
Library Director





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**MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**AGENDA**

**JANUARY 30, 1992**

**7:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL**
  - A. PRESENT**
  - B. ABSENT**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - OCTOBER 24, 1991**
- IV. HERITAGE II SUBCOMMITTEE - ROUGH DRAFT**
- V. OTHER BUSINESS**
- VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Madison Heights Historical Commission

Minutes of January 30, 1992

Meeting called to order at 7:10 P.M.

Present; Austin, Myers, Price, Schmelzle, Richards, Gerald, Johnston, Miles, Edwards and Hubbard

Guest; Dolly Ferries

Heritage Book Subcommittee

The subcommittee has been revising Bill's rough draft of the introduction to the Heritage Book. It was then decided it would be better if each member took a subject (or two) and wrote the entire 25 year history for that subject instead of trying to cover all subjects in 5 year segments. The subcommittee will meet on Monday, March 2nd at 7 P.M. and go over their rough drafts.

Interview Tape

Bill has taped an interview with Elin Nanninga who has lived in the "Frank Lloyd Wright" subdivision since the early 1940's and is still living there.

Dolly Ferries told us about the Memorial Day festivities that will be taking place. There will be a children's parade at the Civic Center Park on May 16th ---a Civil War era fashion show at Wilkinson Middle School on May 20th---and the Memorial Day parade on May 25th.

Motion to approve the minutes of October 24, 1991 was made by Johnston and seconded by Richards.

No definite date was picked for our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45. Motion to do made by Johnston and seconded by Richards.

Some of us then went to the library storage room and saw the new shelving which now holds all the historical materials which has been collected.

Submitted by

Irene Hubbard



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**MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**AGENDA**

**APRIL 30, 1992**

**7:00 P.M.**

**BRECKENRIDGE ROOM**

- I.      **CALL TO ORDER**
  
- II.     **INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL**
  - A.    **PRESENT**
  - B.    **ABSENT**
  
- III.    **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JANUARY 30, 1992**
  
- IV.     **HERITAGE II SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**
  
- V.      **OTHER BUSINESS**
  
- VI.     **ADJOURNMENT**

Madison Heights Historical Commission

Minutes of April 30, 1992

Meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M.

Present: Mills, Edwards, Geraldts, Richards, Schmelzle, Nickel, Miles and Hubbard

Motion to approve the minutes of January 30, 1992 made by Geraldts and seconded by Edwards. Motion passed after correction made---Mills was at the January meeting but wasn't listed as being present.

Heritage Book Subcommittee Report

Miles, Richards and Hubbard met on March 2nd at 7 P.M. and went over the rough drafts of the introduction to the Heritage Book which have been done so far.

Interview Tape

Miles will interview Pauline Banyai who has lived in the south end of Madison Heights since 1925.

No other business so Miles then told us all about the new branch library which will be opening up in the near future. He also showed us samples of the carpeting, upholstery, etc. which was selected for the different rooms.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35. Motion to do so made by Geraldts and seconded by Mills.

No definite date was picked for our next meeting.

Submitted by

Irene Hubbard

Madison Heights Historical Commission

Minutes of October 15, 1992

Our meeting was held in the Senior Room of our new Branch Library, located at 26550 John R, in front of the Wilkinson Intermediate School.

Meeting called to order at 7:10.

Present: Schmelzle, Johnston, Geraldts, Edwards, Austin, Nickel, Miles and Hubbard.

Excused: Richards and Price.

Motion to approve the minutes of April 30, 1992 made by Geraldts and seconded by Johnston. Motion passed.

Heritage Book Subcommittee Report.

The rough drafts of the introduction to the Heritage Book are still being compiled.

Miles then told us the history of the building, which was constructed by the W.P.A. in 1938. Because the building had only been used for storage in recent years it had fallen into disrepair and had to be completely renovated. Fortunately much of the original architecture could be saved. The end result---a "new" library in an old building with historic value.

Looked at a collection of historical artifacts donated by the Ralph Merkel family. Then Miles took us on a tour of the library and showed us how to use the computer to find a particular book.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30. Motion to do so made by Edwards and seconded by Nickel.

No definite date was picked for our next meeting.

Submitted by

Irene Hubbard



300 W. THIRTEEN MILE RD. MADISON HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN 48071 313-588-1200

January 12, 1993

TO: Jon R. Austin, City Manager  
FROM: William Miles, Library Director  
RE: Historical Commission Annual Report

During 1992, the Historical Commission continued to wrestle with the final draft of Heritage Book II. A subcommittee was formed of interested members. After some time, the results still seemed unsatisfactory. One of the members, Connie Schmelzle, is attempting to complete the task.

As stated in last year's report, I feel very strongly about Commission members other than myself producing the finished product. As long time residents of Madison Heights, these members could lend authenticity to the finished product. The main problem seems to be squeezing time for this project into their already busy schedules.

In addition to the Heritage Book, the Commission took an active interest in the reconstruction of the Branch Library. Artifacts relating to the original construction, as well as documents, were collected. The Commission hopes that this building will eventually house historic materials relating to the Madison School District.

Although no taped interviews were completed during 1992, they will become a priority in 1993. My thought is that the Commission should produce a systematic list and we try to complete at least a portion of the list by next year.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William Miles", is written over a faint circular stamp.

William Miles  
Library Director



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**MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**AGENDA**

**FEBRUARY 18, 1993**

**7:00 P.M.**

**BRANCH LIBRARY**

- I.      **CALL TO ORDER**
  
- II.     **INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL**
  - A.    **PRESENT**
  - B.    **ABSENT**
  
- III.    **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - OCTOBER 15, 1992**
  
- IV.     **HERITAGE II**
  
- V.      **OTHER BUSINESS**
  
- VI.     **ADJOURNMENT**



300 W. THIRTEEN MILE RD. MADISON HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN 48071 313-588-1200

**MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**AGENDA**

**AUGUST 26, 1993**

**7:00 P.M.**

**BRANCH LIBRARY**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL**
  - A. PRESENT**
  - B. ABSENT**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - FEBRUARY 18, 1993**
- IV. HERITAGE II**
- V. OTHER BUSINESS**
- VI. ADJOURNMENT**



Madison Heights Historical Commission

Minutes of August 26, 1993

Meeting called to order at 7:05

Present: Ferries, Myers, Cagle, Davis, Nickel, Mills, Richards, Miles and Hubbard.

Excused: Price and Geraldts.

New Member: Mary Ann Wyatt.

Addition to the minutes of February 18, 1993. When the Heritage Book is completed Ferries will give it to Miles. After it has been proof read Miles and Mills will give it to our Assitant City Manager, Ben Myers. If approved by him it will then go to the printer.

Motion made to approve the minutes of February 18, 1993---with the above addition---made by Miles and seconded by Richards. Motion passed.

Heritage Book

Ferries has finished making all the necessary changes and additions. She brought in the completed copy. The book will be 76 to 80 pages long---including pictures. The first copy---made by Marilyn Kammer---had two columns per page. Ferries' computer and Kammer's computer are not compatible. Corrections wouldn't fit in the required space---so the final copy is in book form.

Proof reading will be done by Mills's daughter-in-law and Mrs. Doxen, who works in the library. Ann Edwards will also be asked to help out. When the proof reading has been completed Miles and Mills will take the book to our Assistant City Manager, Ben Myers. If approved by him it will then go to the printer---as already stated above.

Since our last meeting Miles intervied Lois Myers. We listened to the first side of the tape. Myers moved into the area when most of it was farm land and has seen all the changes that have made Madison Heights what it is today.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30. Motion to do so made by Myers and seconded by Nickel.

No definite date was picked for our next meeting.

Submitted by

Irene Hubbard



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January 11, 1994

TO: Jon Austin, City Manager  
FROM: William Miles, Library Director  
RE: Historical Commission Annual Report

As per charter, the following report is provided. It covers the annual activities of the Historical Commission for 1993.

1. Heritage Book II - A most important task was the completion of the revised Heritage Book II. Thanks to the valiant and patient efforts of the Commission, Councilwoman Elva Mills, and Dolly and Bill Ferries, all necessary problem areas were addressed.

The complete package of material is now in the hands of Jim Shurig of Lamphere Graphics. Shortly he will give us a revised price on printing as many volumes of the old and new Heritage Book as possible, based on the \$4,900 allocated by Council.

Once the book is printed, it will be sold at cost. The funds collected will be used to print more books, as per Council's original plan.

2. Veterans List - This historical task was fulfilled at the request of Council. It was suggested by Council that we research and compile a list of veterans. The names are all individuals who were citizens of Madison Heights and died while in the service of their country.

3. Historic Interview - As in years past, another tape interview has been added to the historical collection. Lois Myers, long time resident and school board member, was interviewed, and the result was enjoyable as well as informative.

Jon Austin, City Manager

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During 1994, we will continue to interview residents and compile audio as well as printed material for the historical file. We will also be proud to make available the first copies of Heritage Book II.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Miles".

William Miles  
Library Director

WM/ajm

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
minutes of January 20, 1994

The meeting was called to order by Bill Miles at 7:10pm at the Branch Library. Present were: D. Ferries, L. Richards, S. Price, B. Geraldts, M. Johnston, A. Edwards, Nickel, C. Schmelze, and B. Miles.

Minutes of August 26, 1993 were approved as amended. M. Johnston was present at that meeting.

The Heritage II book is at Lamphere Schools Printing and Graphics department to be printed. Cost will be \$3.50 copy. The first run will be 1,000 of new and 350 of Heritage Book I. The books will be available for sale at the libraries and at city hall. The commission will thank B. and D. Ferries as well as E. Doxon for all their hard work in getting the books ready for print.

The annual report of the Historical Commission was reviewed.

B. Geraldts moved that a book be presented to Bill Ferries as a thank you for all of his work on the Heritage book II. L. Richards seconded and the motion passed.

M. Johnston announced that Madison Heights has existed as a city for 40 years. We will encourage the community groups to participate in the celebration throughout the year. (After some research the determination has been made to encourage the celebration during 1995 so all plans are on hold for this year)

All members of the Historical Commission will be invited to the Boards and Commissions Dinner on March 25 at Club Venetian.

Next Historical Commission meeting will be Wednesday, March 23 at 7pm at the Branch Library.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Barbara Geraldts  
Acting Secretary



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MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION

AGENDA

MARCH 23, 1994

7:00 P.M.

BRANCH LIBRARY

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL
  - A. PRESENT
  - B. ABSENT
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JANUARY 20, 1994
- IV. HERITAGE II
- V. OTHER BUSINESS
- VI. ADJOURNMENT

Madison Heights Historical Commission

Minutes of March 23, 1994

Meeting called to order by Miles at 7:05

Present: Miles, Ferries, Cagle, Austin, Price, Geraldts, Richards, Myers, Edwards, Wyatt, Mills and Hubbard

Excused: Nickel

Guest: Margene Johnston

Motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 1994 made by Ferries and seconded by Richards. Motion passed.

Miles brought in copies of the Heritage Book II and gave one to each of us. We were all pleased with the finished product. We discussed how much we should charge per book. Printing cost was \$3.50. Motion made by Myers to sell the Heritage Book II and the Heritage Book I for \$5 and everything over cost will go to the Library Fund. Motion seconded by Geraldts. Motion passed. Some of us did not know what the Library Fund was so Miles then told us all about it.

A memorial to the Madison Highschool graduates who served and died in World War II was found in the administration building by Jack Myers. The memorial was restored by Phil Bartalone and was then given to Miles to hang in the branch library. We decided to send a letter of thanks and a copy of Heritage Book I and Heritage Book II to Mr. Bartalone for restoring the memorial.

Other decisions made: to send a copy of Heritage Book II to Marilyn Kammer. To buy a book for the library in Bill Ferries' name in appreciation for all the work he did on Heritage Book II.

The Memorial Day parade was discussed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Submitted by

Irene Hubbard



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**MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**AGENDA**

**OCTOBER 19, 1994**

**7:00 P.M.**

**BRANCH LIBRARY**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL**
  - A. PRESENT**
  - B. ABSENT**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MARCH 23, 1994**
- IV. HERITAGE II REPORT**
- V. 40TH UPDATE**
- VI. INTERVIEW - THE WINFREES**
- VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**City of Madison Heights**  
**Library**

**January 13, 1995**

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***INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM***

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***INFORMATIONAL***

**TO:** Jon R. Austin, City Manager  
**FROM:** William Miles, Library Director  
**RE:** Historical Commission Annual Report

As per charter, the following report is provided. It covers the activities of the Historical Commission for 1994.

I. Heritage Book II - In early spring of 1994 the Lamphere Graphics Department completed the task of printing volume I and II of the Heritage Book. The price for each volume was set by the Commission at \$5 each, with proceeds being used to reprint volumes as they are sold.

Thus far this year we have sold \$1360 worth of volumes I and II. Reprints of volume I have been ordered as our present supply has been depleted.

II. 40th Anniversary - The Commission will take part in two activities this year as part of the celebration.

First, we will sell Heritage volumes I and II at a number of the planned programs. The Boards and Commissions dinner as well as Festivals in the Park will provide the perfect venue for the sale of these materials.

Second, we are planning to do a number of taped interviews of longtime residents. Several were completed during 1994 and a list of interview candidates has been compiled for 1995.

William Miles  
Library Director



Madison Heights Historical Commission

Minutes of October 19, 1994

Meeting called to order by Miles at 7 o'clock.

Present: Miles, Richards, Ferries, Price, Nickel, Austin, Mills and Hubbard.

Excused: Geraldts

New Member: Bill Jones

Motion to approve the minutes of March 23, 1994 made by Mills and seconded by Richards. Motion passed.

Frank Cagle is unable to attend many meetings so he intends to resign. Besides giving him a citation we also decided to make him a Member Emeritus. Motion to ask council to make Cagle a Member Emeritus made by Richards and seconded by Ferries. Motion passed. Elva Mills will bring it up at the next council meeting.

\$1,400 worth of heritage books I and II have been sold. More Heritage I books will be published. Our committee will sell the books at next years events celebrating the city's 40th anniversary.

40th Anniversary Update.

All events held next year will have a "40 years ago" theme.  
Past mayors and councils will be invited to the Boards and Commissions Dinner---to be held on March 3rd.  
Hope to have cars from the fifties in the Memorial Day parade.  
Open house house at the Police and Fire Departments.

New ideas.

Taste of Madison Heights---restaurants will have samples of food at the Festivals in the Park.

Marathon run.

Fireworks!!! at the tree lighting ceremony in December!!!

We will concentrate on taping interviews of people who have lived in the city for many years. We will try to get pictures from them---make a copy and return the original.

We listened to the taped interview of Mr. and Mrs. Winfrees.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20. Motion made by Mills and seconded by Richards.

Submitted by

Irene Hubbard



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**MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**AGENDA**

**JANUARY 31, 1995**

**7:00 P.M.**

**MAIN LIBRARY**

**BRECKENRIDGE ROOM**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL**
  - A. PRESENT**
  - B. ABSENT**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - OCTOBER 19, 1994**
- IV. ANNUAL REPORT**
- V. HERITAGE II**
- VI. 40TH UPDATE**
- VII. INTERVIEW**
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Madison Heights Historical Commission

Minutes of January 31, 1995

Meeting called to order by Miles at 7 o'clock.

Present: Miles, Schmeltze, Myers, Gerald, Edwards, James, Wyatt, Nickel, Ferries, Richards, Austin and Hubbard.

Guests: Roger and Marie Spaulding and Margene Johnston.

Following corrections made on the minutes of October 19, 1994---new member's name is Bill James---not Jones. Ann Edwards was excused. After corrections, motion to approve the minutes was made by Richards and seconded by Ferries. Motion passed.

Our guests, Roger and Marie Spaulding, belong to the Cable Television Public Access Committee. All events held this year will celebrate the city's 40th anniversary. Their committee intends to take video/audio tapes during these events. Any Historical Commission members who would like to help with this project should attend their next meeting which will be held in the Council Conference Room on Wednesday, February 27th at 7:30.

We will be selling Heritage books at the Boards and Commissions dinner---to be held on March 3rd. Miles will do so from 6:30 to 7:30. After dinner other members will take turns.

Schmelzle has taped more interviews of people who have lived in the city for many years.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10. Motion made by Richards and seconded by Myers.

Submitted by

Irene Hubbard



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**MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**AGENDA**

**OCTOBER 25, 1995**

**7:00 P.M.**

**BRANCH LIBRARY**

**SENIOR ROOM**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL**
  - A. PRESENT**
  - B. ABSENT**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JANUARY 31, 1995**
- IV. 40TH UPDATE**
- V. INTERVIEW**
- VI. ADJOURNMENT**



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**MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**AGENDA**

**FEBRUARY 8, 1996**

**7:00 P.M.**

**MAIN LIBRARY**

**BRECKENRIDGE ROOM**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL**
  - A. PRESENT**
  - B. ABSENT**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - OCTOBER 25, 1995**
- IV. ORAL HISTORIES**
- V. INTERVIEW**
- VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Madison Heights Historical Commission

Minutes of February 8, 1996

Meeting called to order by Yerman at 7:10

Present: Ferries, Richards, Edwards, Schmelzle, James, Waldrup, Yerman, and Hubbard. Margene Johnston was also present.

Excused: Austin.

Motion to approve the minutes of October 25, 1995 made by James and seconded by Edwards. Motion passed.

Continental Cablevision has footage of the Festivals in the Park taken during the city's 40th anniversary celebration. They will send us copies.

Jean Sterritt has classified and cataloged our tapes.

Johnston suggested we have two copies of each tape---one set for each library. Schmelzle volunteered to make second copy. Third copy possible? Yes---master copy.

Schmelzle also volunteered to make a list of the tapes we have. A copy of the list will be at each library. People may take tapes out. A deposit will be required. They may keep the tape for one week.

To let long time residents know that we would like to "Tape" them we will have flyers at the senior citizens apartment buildings and at both libraries.

Dolly interviewed Lester Piot. He has been around for a very long time. We listened to the tape. It was very entertaining.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20. Motion made by Edwards and seconded by Schmelzle.

Submitted by  
Irene Hubbard

October 21, 1996

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:10 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE: SCHMELZLE, YERMAN, FERRIES, MYERS, RICHARDS

EXCUSED: WALDRUP, AUSTIN, NICHEL, JAMES, MILLS, WYATT,  
GERALDS, EDWARDS, HUBBARD, CAGLE, SCOTT.

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING ~~NOT AVAILABLE~~ *approved*

ORAL HISTORYS, ROS AND CONNIE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE TAPES, AND THERE ARE QUITE A FEW. THEY WILL START DUPLICATING THEM.

LOIS MYERS BROUGHT IN TAPES THAT SHE HAD MADE DURING 1995. SHE BROUGHT ONE OF BERNIE TRAVNIKAR, AND WE LISTENED TO IT. THE TAPE WAS VERY INTERESTING AND WENT BACK TO THE EARLY DAYS OF ROYAL OAK TWP, AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. IT IS WELL WORTH THE TIME TO TAKE IT OUT AND LISTEN TO IT.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY  
DOLLY FERRIES

**MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
January 29, 1998**

**PRESENT:** William James Jeraldine Van Sice  
Connie Schmelzle Roslyn Yerman

**EXCUSED:** Dolly Ferries Irene Hubbard  
Barbara Geraldts

**ABSENT:** Blanche L. Austin George Waldrup  
John C. La Liberte Mary Ann Wyatt  
Lila Richards

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman.

**II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL**

See above

**III. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

Jeraldine Van Sice was welcomed as the newest member of the Historical Commission.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as written.

**V. ORAL HISTORIES**

The Commission project of recording interviews with long time residents of Madison Heights was discussed. Plans to duplicate tapes for use through both City libraries, while retaining the originals for archival purposes, was also discussed.



**VI. KENDALL SCHOOL**

The City's plan to undertake a feasibility study regarding the purchase and relocation of Kendall School for use as an annex to the Nature Center was discussed at length. Connie Schmelzle described the initial building tour held on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

Bill James suggested that if the building is purchased, the Historical Commission might share space in the new building. In keeping with the historical nature of the building, it was proposed that the Historical Collection or displays from the collection be housed there. Items in formats other than the traditional print or photograph would be particularly interesting to display. Residents could be encouraged to donate this type of item.

The members of the Commission attending the meeting expressed their interest in being actively involved with this project.

**VII. OTHER MATTERS**

Bill James brought up Commission participation in the City's Memorial Day Parade. In recent years, two members have carried the Historical Commission banner. It was proposed that as in past years, a bus or van might encourage more members to participate.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Roslyn Yerman adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Next meeting:

Madison Heights Library  
240 W. 13 Mile  
Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Roslyn Yerman  
Acting Secretary Madison Heights Historical Commission

**MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
APRIL 7, 1998**

**PRESENT:** Dolly Ferries                      Lila Richards  
Barbara Geraldts                      Jeraldine Van Sice  
William James                      Roslyn Yerman  
John C. LaLibertie

**EXCUSED:** Blanche L. Austin  
Irene Hubbard

**ABSENT:** Connie Schmelzle  
George Waldrup  
Mary Ann Wyatt

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

**II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL**

See Above

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 29, 1998 meeting were approved as written.

**IV. ORAL HISTORIES**

The Commission project of recording interviews with long time residents was discussed. The procedure for recording oral histories was reviewed for the benefit of new Commission members.

Roslyn Yerman distributed a list of new local historians. Commission members also suggested using the Daily Tribune and Madison Park News to encourage older citizens to share their memories of Madison Heights. Commission member John C. LaLibertie also volunteered to be the subject of an interview himself in that he is a long time resident of Madison Heights.

**V. OTHER MATTERS**

Barbara Geraldts asked about the bus for the Historical Commission to use in the Memorial Day Parade. Roslyn Yerman will contact Jenny Martin about the possibility. Commission members felt that this would encourage more active participation among members.

Use of the Kendall School by the Historical Commission was also discussed. Bill James stated again that the use of this building would allow

for the more effective display of Historical Collection items as well as reaching a wider audience.

Commission members discussed miscellaneous items to include in the collection along with ways of encouraging donations. Microfilmed newspapers and old telephone books were thought to be of historical value. The use of the local newspapers was raised again. Roslyn Yerman will contact the Daily Tribune and Madison Park News.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Roslyn Yerman adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Madison Heights Public Library  
240 W. 13 Mile  
Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
7:00 p.m.

**\*PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN MEETING DATE\***

Respectfully Submitted,

Roslyn Yerman  
Acting Secretary Madison Heights Historical Commission

MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
January 26, 1999

PRESENT:     Dolly Ferries                             Margene Scott  
                 Bill James                                 Jeraldine Van Sice  
                 Barbara Lundin                           Roslyn Yerman  
                 Lila Richards

EXCUSED:     Connie Schmelzle

ABSENT:       Barbara Geraldts  
                 John C. LaLiberte  
                 Mary Ann Wyatt

- I.     Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM by Roslyn Yerman.
- II.    INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL  
      See Above
- III.   APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
      The minutes of the April 7, 1998 meeting were approved as written.
- IV.    APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY  
      Dolly Ferries was nominated as Secretary and elected by acclamation.
- V.     ORAL HISTORIES  
      The ongoing Commission project of recording interviews with long time residents was discussed. Commission members are encouraged to record oral histories to add to the growing collection already completed.

A question was raised regarding the types of questions to ask. Margene Scott recommended To Our Children's Children: Preserving Family Histories for Generations to Come by Bob Greene and D.G. Fulford. The Library owns a copy and Roslyn Yerman will purchase copies for the Historical Collection.

The need to duplicate tapes before allowing them to circulate was also discussed. Barbara Lundin suggested compiling oral histories into print format and selling copies in the same manner as the two volumes of the Heritage Book.

## VI. KENDALL SCHOOL

Roslyn Yerman introduced the topic by sharing copies of City Manager Austin's letter to Pastor McKinstry and Mr. Harry Short of the United Methodist Church and also updated Commission members on the status of the project.

Barbara Lundin suggested that use of the building as a Historical Museum would encourage donations. Commission members concurred, noting that larger pieces of the Historical Collection, presently stored at the Main Library, could be displayed in a Historical facility.

Margene Scott discussed the importance of retaining Kendall School, noting the need to know one's past history. She suggested including the building as part of the DDA, and mentioned timeliness as an issue, as the proposed 11 Mile and John R location is a popular one.

The cost involved in moving the building was discussed. It was felt that the Branch location would be the least expensive move of any of the proposed locations. As a member of the DDA, Bill James explained that there would be difficulties inherent in diverting DDA funding for this purpose as it would promote Kendall School as a business.

Discussion took place on retaining the building in its present condition vs. restoring it to its original condition, minus basement and bathrooms. Margene Scott suggested a fireproofed basement would be useful for storage purposes and Commission members felt bathroom facilities would be necessary. Roslyn Yerman shared the concern of librarian Jean Sterritt that a consultant might be useful with regard to climate control and other preservation issues.

Margene Scott suggested that Commission members visit the Clawson and Troy Historical Museums to get ideas and be prepared ahead of time. Commission members were receptive to this idea. She also suggested the possibility of ongoing involvement with Madison Schools.

Commission members are anxious to move ahead with this project.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Commission members discussed the need for a Council Liaison.  
Margene Scott volunteered to serve in this capacity.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Roslyn Yerman adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Madison Heights Public Library  
240 W. 13 Mile  
Tuesday April 20<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 PM

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN MEETING DATE**

Respectfully Submitted,

Roslyn Yerman  
Acting Secretary , Madison Heights Historical Commission

MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
April 21, 1999

PRESENT:	Dolly Ferries Barbara Lundin Lila Richards	Margene Scott Roslyn Yerman
EXCUSED:	Barbara Geraldts Connie Schmelzle	Jeraldine Van Sice Mary Ann Wyatt
ABSENT:	Bill James George Waldrup	John LaLiberte

I Meeting called to order at 7:15 P.M.

II INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL  
See Above

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IV ORAL HISTORIES  
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V KENDALL SCHOOL  
Jon Austin sent a letter to Dr. Steve Johnson, Superintendent of Madison District Schools for the purpose of following up on the discussion of returning the Historical Kendall School Building to the Madison School Property at John R and Greig.

The City has allocated to the Library Budget a sum of \$190,000 to move the school and restore it as a Historical Building. What does the sum of \$190,000 include for the Kendall School? The move, possibility of a basement and paid staff along with Volunteers. There is a meeting planned for April 27, 1999 and the Kendall School is an item to be brought up for discussion.

Margene and Jack Scott paid a visit to the Historical Museum in Algonac and brought back pictures and many ideas that we might use for Kendall School

Their museum is open on the weekend from 1-4 P.M., and you can call for an appointment during the week. The admission is free but they do have a donation barrel at the door. They have 25 to 30 active volunteers. The City of Algonac leases the Museum for a 3 year period at a cost of \$1.00. At the end of the lease period, the City will review the lease.

They have a gift shop which brings in money.  
They have a Historical Society and anyone can belong to it. Membership is \$9.00 or \$15.00 per family. They have a general meeting once a month and put out a 4 page newsletter every quarter. Each meeting has a Historical Theme.

Every year they put on a Spaghetti Dinner for a fund raiser. All year long they have three items on display at the Museum and you can buy tickets for \$1.00. At the dinner the items are raffled off. This year they had a model ship and a hand made quilt.

They have an envelope that they leave at Funeral Homes in the area and you can make a donation in Memory of your Loved One.

They would prefer that you donate the items to the museum rather than put them on loan. Everything is in locked cases.

They have a one room school house, A general store with old items of the area, High School display cases, also a picture album with newspaper clipping of events that went on in the area. Weddings etc. Could be used for Genealogy purposes.

The upstairs houses the computers and extra storage area. Everything is computerized. Who donated what, when and where it is located.

- VI            OTHER BUSINESS  
Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 5, 1999
- VII          ADJOURNMENT  
Roslyn Yerman adjourned the meeting at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Dolly Ferries*

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary, Madison Heights Historical Commission



MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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Respectfully Submitted,



Dolly Ferries  
Secretary, Madison Heights Historical Commission

MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 5, 1999

1. Meeting called to order at 7:20 P.M.
11. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL
  - A. PRESENT: Barbara Geraldts, Barbara Lundin, Margene Scott, Roslyn Yerman  
Dolly Ferries, Lila Richards
  - B. ABSENT: Connie Schmelzle, Mary Ann Wyatt, Bill James, George Waldrup  
John LaLiberte
111. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Barbara Geraldts moved to approve, Barbara Lundin  
seconded
- IV ORAL HISTORIES

The Madison Heights Intermediate Woman's Club will purchase an Audio  
Tape Deck to be used in making duplicate tapes of the interviews with long  
time residents. We can keep the original in the Library and let the  
duplicate tapes be taken out and listened to at home

KENDALL SCHOOL

Margene Scott attended the Madison School Board Meeting and the  
question was raised about the Kendall School. Two of the Board Members  
want to keep it in the Madison School District, and Five of the Board  
Members voted yes that it could be moved out of the District. It is still in  
Limbo and Bob Maten with the United Methodist Church would like to  
have a meeting November 10th with the City to determine what is going to  
be done with the School.

There are two sites within the City that it could be moved to if it is moved  
out of the Madison District.

The Historical Commission will hold a meeting on November 9, 1999, and  
would like to be kept informed of the situation. We think it is important to  
keep the Kendall School in the City.

Margene Scott talked about a House on 13 Mile and Elmhurst built  
in 1849, owned by George Colette. Could be of Historical Interest.

#### HISTORICAL MUSEUMS

Margene and Jack Scott have made many trips to Museums that are located in Michigan over the summer and have brought back many interesting stories and beautiful pictures of the areas visited.

Pt. Sanilac has The Loop Harrison Mansion which has 20 rooms and built in 1872, they have marine and shipwreck exhibits, Native American artifacts and nature exhibits.

There is a Carriage Barn, Dairy Museum, Platts General Store, Banner Log Cabin and Huckins Schoolhouse. They also have a Barn Theater and put on plays in the summer.

The hours are Tues. to Friday 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sat. and Sunday Noon to 4:30 p.m.

Closed Oct. thru May

Admission is \$6.00 for Adults, \$5.00 Seniors, \$2.00 for children.

Family and group rates are also available.

Jackson, has the Ella Sharp Museum it was a farm owned by her family and she donated it to the City. They have a modern art gallery, one room school house, and many old buildings. They have a sit down eatery called Ella's Grainery. It is operated by the Friends of the Museum.

Bad Axe is in the process of renovation of the Old City Hall, they have Log Cabins, a Family Home, a Farm Set up, School House, Chapel, and General Store, Post Office. They have minutes from the first Board Meeting, Finacial Report of 1895 and many more items of interest.

Pt. Crescent and Troy were also on their summer Museum trips.

We commend Margene and Jack on their trips to the many Museums in Michigan and reporting on them to the Historical Commission.

#### V NEW BUSINESS

HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOKS - Jean Sterritt has gone through the Year Book Collection that the Library has for Lamphere and Madison High School and there are many years missing. Roslyn Yerman will contact both Superintendents to see if we could get a yearbook from each High School every year.

Jean Sterritt and Margene Scott were talking about generating a brochure or Flyer for coming events that Lamphere and Madison High Schools have for Reunions and other events and donating the memorabilia to the Library.

It was discussed that we design our own letterhead for Stationary and envelopes

In the future maybe we could coordinate an event with the Troy and Clawson Historical Commissions. It would be a good idea to get their input on preserving buildings, seeing that they have each done that to quite a few buildings

VII Our next meeting will be November 9, 1999

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M. .

Respectfully Submitted

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary

MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
JANUARY 31, 2000

1. Meeting called to order at 7:10 P.M.
11. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL
  - A. PRESENT: Barbara Geraldts, Barbara Lundin, Roslyn Yerman, Jerry VanSice  
Dolly Ferries, Lila Richards, Bill James, John Weigel
  - B. ABSENT: Connie Schmelzle, Mary Ann Wyatt, George Waldrup,  
John LaLiberte
  - C. 3 Vacancies on the Roster
111. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Lila Richards moved to approve, Barbara Geraldts  
seconded

IV ORAL HISTORIES

Oral History still ongoing as a permanent program. John Weigel suggested that we transcribe the tapes onto paper for research. He volunteered to do that.

Ros Yerman will make a list of people to tape and keep it going. We can come in at our leisure and pick up a name, tape and tape recorder.

KENDALL SCHOOL

We are still discussing about moving it and where. Jon Austin wrote a letter to Rev. Patricia Green, The United Methodist Church on November 22, 1999 stating that we were still interested in the Building and asked for 90 days to evaluate the concept and cost of storing the facility on City Property until a final site is selected and made available.

It was brought up how to use the School Building, strickly for Historical tours, Staffing? (Volunteer), If there should be a basement, Hours of operation, suggested 1 day a week, Should it be kept in Madison District

We should talk to City Council and let them know that we want to keep it. It was suggested that we talk to DiAnne Cagle Leitermann.

OLD CABINET

Bill James said that LouAnn suggested that we write a letter to Mr. McCann regarding an old cabinet at Edmonson that would be nice for the Historical Commission and the Kendall School if we get it. Barb Lundin said that she would talk to Dave Moyer about it.

## YEAR BOOKS

HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOKS - Ros Yerman talked to both High Schools and we can go on a list to be contacted each year. The books are \$50.00 each.

We are hoping to get some of the old ones that we are missing. It was stated that companies now organize Reunions for the schools instead of the alumni.

Hopefully we can get donations of momentos of the past from both School Districts. Also up to date information of current and past students. Reunions are listed on Cable and in the Newspapers

## V. NEW BUSINESS

### LETTERHEAD AND ENVELOPES

It was suggested that we wait till we get the School and then design a new letterhead and envelopes.

There are three vacancies and maybe more, it was suggested we ask Sue Price, DiAnne Cagle Leitermann, Jean Teany, and Ann Brunk to join us. Ros Yerman was going to check with Mary Ann Wyatt and Connie Schmelzle to see if they were going to stay on the Historical Commission. If not they should send in a letter of resignation to City Council.

VI. We will have our next meeting in April.

VII. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M. .

VIII. Frank Cagle passed away and it was suggested that we send a Sympathy card to DiAnne Cagle Leitermann and Family.

Respectfully Submitted

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary

**MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
APRIL 11, 2000**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Robert Brunk	Connie Schmelzle
	Dolly Ferries	Margene Scott
	Barbara Geraldts	Jerry Van Sice
	Barbara Lundin	John Weigel
	Lila Richards	Roslyn Yerman
	Robert Scheere	

**EXCUSED:** Bill James, Cathy Longo

**ABSENT:** Robert Vannoy

**GUEST:** Robert Maten

I. Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

II. **INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL**  
See Above

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
John Weigel stated that he had suggested the Commission continue to use City letterhead.

Lila Richards moved and John Weigel seconded that the minutes of the January 31, 2000 meeting be approved as corrected.

The motion carried unanimously.

IV. **OLD BUSINESS**  
A. **KENDALL SCHOOL**

Extensive discussion took place on this subject. Connie Schmelzle stated that she favored retaining the school, and indicated that she had been present when the building had been evaluated, and a determination was made that it could be moved, with the only concern being the windows.

Bob Maten, a member of the United Methodist Church, spoke as an interested party of Kendall School. He stated that the Church would be meeting with members of Council, along with City Manager Jon Austin and Deputy City Manager Pete Connors some time after Easter. He also stated that only one of the proposed alternate historical buildings in the City is not in the middle of a residential area.



John Weigel proposed the following resolution:

The Historical Commission believes that the Kendall School is of sufficient historical significance to warrant the use of city funds for its preservation and request that City Council reconsider its decision of March 27, 2000 rejecting the Church's donation offer.

Margene Scott seconded the proposal.

A numerical vote was taken on the resolution with the ten commission members present casting votes along with one vote cast by proxy. Roslyn Yerman and Bob Maten did not vote.

The resolution was supported 9-2.

Barbara Geraldts stated that this was the extent of any action that could be taken by the Commission at this point.

#### **B. ORAL HISTORIES**

Roslyn Yerman opened discussion on this item by reminding Commission members of the ongoing list of individuals to be interviewed. She will update the list and provide copies to Commission members.

Commission members reviewed transcriptions of oral interviews with Lester Piot and Bernie Travnika and commended John Weigel on his work. Transcriptions will be done of existing tapes and of all future oral histories.

The Madison Heights Intermediate Women's Club had donated money to the Historical Commission to purchase an audio dual tape recorder to make copies of the tapes. This will allow circulation of the copies while the original is retained. Barbara Lundin will purchase the tape recorder.

Commission members reviewed copies of Oral History Project Guidelines prepared by John Weigel. Connie Schmelzle suggested that a picture of the subject of the interview was also useful.

#### **C. HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOKS**

Roslyn Yerman reported that Madison High School had donated a box of older yearbooks in response to the Commission's request for assistance in filling gaps in the current collection of yearbooks for the school.

Robert Brunk donated eight Lamphere yearbooks to the Historical Commission.

Roslyn Yerman indicated that the Commission is on the list to purchase copies of both Lamphere and Madison books. John Weigel raised the question of why Commission copies need to be purchased. The response was that the High School libraries had to purchase them too.

Connie Schmelzle suggested Commission members check with Lawrence Decker regarding the donation of Lamphere yearbooks and Bob Maten suggested contacting Madison School Board members for this purpose.

#### **D. HIGH SCHOOL REUNIONS**

The Commission plan of contacting older residents through reunion mailings was discussed.

It was noted that on October 6, 2000, Lamphere High School will hold Homecoming 2000, and that all graduating classes will be invited. Commission members felt that this would be an excellent opportunity to ask for memorabilia. Barbara Geraldts suggested that Al Coulter and Laurie Geraldts would be good contacts for this endeavor. Barbara Geraldts and Margene Scott will send a letter on behalf of the Historical Commission requesting that such items be donated.

Bob Maten suggested contacting Davy McMann who works in the receiving room at Madison High School for additional memorabilia.

Barbara Lundin stated that Edmonson Elementary School has an old filing cabinet that the Commission might be interested in. She is talking to Dave Moyer about it.

#### **V. OTHER BUSINESS**

Margene Scott inquired about space limitations for housing the Historical Collection in the Library. Roslyn Yerman indicated that we did at this time.

Ms. Scott informed Commission members that the Madison Heights Round Table is compiling its history and will donate a copy to the collection.

Ms. Scott suggested the possibility of a speaker for one of the Commission's upcoming meetings. Roslyn Yerman will contact the Walter Reuther Library in Detroit in that regard. Ms. Scott also suggested the possibility of a genealogy program for the public. Connie Schmelzle agreed to chair a programming subcommittee.

Ms. Scott suggested that the Commission look into obtaining aerial maps of Madison Heights from the 1950's to the present time. She made a motion that the Commission investigate the cost of Madison Heights and consider purchasing such maps to hang in City buildings. The motion was seconded by John Weigel.

Bob Maten volunteered to explore this idea.

Barbara Geraldts inquired as to the availability of funds for such purchases. Roslyn Yerman indicated that funds for Historical Commission expenditures are available in the Library budget.

Bob Maten suggested that schools in Madison Heights should offer a class on the history of Madison Heights.

Margene Scott suggested that the Historical Commission renew its membership in the Madison Heights Community Round Table. Connie Schmelzle will be our representative and Robert Brunk and Robert Scheere will serve as alternates.

Roslyn Yerman reminded Commission members that the Historical Commission banner will be attached to the Senior Bus during the Memorial Day Parade and the Commission members are welcome to ride.

- VI.    **The next meeting will be held in October.**
- VII.   **Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Dolly Ferries*

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary, Madison Heights  
Historical Commission

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director

MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 10, 2000

Our meeting was held in the Kendall School, and before we started the meeting Cheryl Bliss took us on tour of the Building. David Little is the Chairman overseeing Kendall School and he came in later in the evening and welcomed us.

I. Meeting called to order at 7:45 P.M.

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

- A. PRESENT: Roslyn Yerman, Jerry Van Sice, Dolly Ferries, Margene Scott, John Weigel, Ronald Vannoy, Matt Zalewski, Cathy Longo, Robert Scheere, Kathleen Connally our new member. Guests were Tony & Cheryl Bliss, Andy McGillivray,
- B. EXCUSED: Connie Schmelzle, Robert Brunk, Lila Richards, Barbara Gerald
- C. ABSENT: Bill James, Barbara Lundin

III. APRIL MINUTES

Margene made a correction to the April Minutes, that Robert Vannoy should be changed to Ronald Vannoy, Jerry Van Sice moved and Margene Scott 2nd that we accept the minutes as corrected.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

KENDALL SCHOOL

Tony Bliss spoke on the future of the school. They have leased the building from the Methodist Church for five years. They plan on three fund raisers over the next five years to go toward moving the School if the Methodist Church wants to use the land for their building addition.

Tony would like the Historical Commission to make a list of what they would like to put in the School.

They have \$9000.00 seed money toward the restoration of the School and hope to paint the inside before the end of the year, and put a bathroom on the first floor, and take out one of the bathrooms downstairs. They also want to put in a handicap ramp. Next spring they want to paint the outside.

They hope to rent one room out as an office, and are considering possibly of another office.

Cheryl Bliss will be at the School to hand out candy for Halloween. Tony said they want to decorate the outside for Christmas.

Tony Bliss would like us to check into the possibility that Kendall School could become a Historical State Monument. Ron Vannoy said that with the additions that had been made, that it could not be done.

Tony said that non members can attend Jaycee Meetings, and they are looking into groups using the School for Meetings.

Margene Scott made a motion to investigate the possibility with City Administration and Officials approval of declaring Kendall School an official Historical Madison Heights site. Motion was supported by Robert Scheere Jr.. Motion passed.

Margene Scott said that Lansing, Michigan has identified 7000 One room school houses at the turn of the century. Their are now 1000 one room school houses in the United States.

#### V. ORAL HISTORIES

Roslyn Yerman has names of people to be interviewed. John Weigle suggested once the backlog of tapes to be transcribed are cleared up that each member interview one person on the list and we could be caught up in a year.

John Weigle has been looking into cassette transcriber machines. He has come up with one under \$200.00. It would be much easier then the cassette tape machines. We could keep it at the Library and let John Weigle take it home when he is transcribing. Roslyn Yerman will work with the Purchasing Officer and the Library Board to purchase this item.

#### VI. HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOKS

Roslyn Yerman said that they are managing to fill in holes by contacting both High Schools.

##### LAMPHERE 2000

It was suggested that we get a complete list of participants and format a letter asking if they have memorabilia they would like to donate to the Historical Commission. Al Coulter would be a good contact person.

Lamphere will have a 25 year Class Reunion on October 14, 2000

#### VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Margene Scott has many old photo's that she wants to make copies of. She said that Kinko's will give a discount to Non Profit Organizations.

Margene Scott asked about hosting a program at Kendall School. We could have a meeting in January to discuss the possibility and what we would like to do. Margene met Sue Daniels at Greenmead Museum on Eight Mile Road while she and Jack had taken a tour of the building, and she may be interested in coming and talk to us on restoring old Buildings.

Connie Schmelzle is the Historical Commission Representative to the Madison Heights Round Table. She will be unable to attend the October 18th meeting. Robert Scheere Jr., will attend the meeting. Robert Scheere and Robert Brunk are the Alternates. The Madison Heights Community Round Table dues are \$20.00 a year, payable the month of September. Roslyn Yerman will cut a check for the meeting of October 18, 2000.

Cheryl Bliss inquired about publicity asking for memorabilia in the paper. Cathy Longo will draft a press release to be reviewed by City Staff.

We will have our next meeting on January 24, 2001 at 7:30.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary

MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
JANUARY 24, 2001

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:40 P.M.
- II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL
  - A. PRESENT: Roslyn Yerman, Dolly Ferries, Margene Scott, John Weigel, Matt Zalewski, Robert Scheere, Connie Schmelzle, Robert Brunk, Lila Richards, Barbara Gerald, Barbara Lundin Guests were Cheryl Bliss, Andy McGillivray.
  - B. EXCUSED: Cathy Longo, Kathy Connally, Ronald Vannoy, and Jerry Van Sice
  - C. ABSENT: Bill James.
- III. OCTOBER MINUTES

John Weigel made a correction to the October 10, 2000 Minutes, that his name was misspelled in three places in paragraph V. It should be changed from Weigle to Weigel. Matt Zalewski made a motion that we approve the minutes with the correction and Richard Scheerer seconded the motion.
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
  - KENDALL SCHOOL

Andy McGillivray stated that the Kendall School Foundation's Constitution of Bylaws was approved. The selection of Directors for the Foundation was completed and the election will be held at the next meeting that will be Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at Kendall School at 7:30 P.M. The candidates are: Dave Little, Tony Bliss, Andy McGillivray, Margene Scott, John Weigel, Cheryl Bliss, Bob Maten, Diane Cagle Leiterman, and Sue Little.

The candidates for Associate Directors are: Jason Sousa, Sue Metalski, and Marie Kelsey.

Margene Scott, thanked John Weigel for drafting the Bylaws for Kendall School.

Andy McGillivray said they were getting the office space ready to rent out. They need help with plaster and dry wall patching of the building. They are working on the restoration. Cheryl Bliss stated that more awareness of one room-school houses is needed, and asked what could be done to bring that about? Cheryl suggested that if you are remodeling or spring-cleaning and want to get rid of items that could be used for the School these donations would be appreciated. The Foundation needs everything for the kitchen.

## PROGRAMMING

Margene Scott received a book, "Echoes of Detroit", written by Irwin Cohen and George Cantor. Mr. Cohen does a slide presentation for groups. Robert Scheere made a motion for Margene Scott to look into setting up a program. John Weigel seconded the motion.

Margene will check to see if he would present a program for our group, if there is a charge, and what type of program he has to offer. The Commission could look into having a general program and invite other Historical Groups. The Council Chambers could be a possible location. Roslyn Yerman will check if Mr. Cohen could sell his book.

Sue Daniels, who does a program on One Room School Houses, might be more appropriate for our Historical Meetings.

## ORAL HISTORIES

Margene Scott presented a proclamation to John Weigel, from the Mayor and City Council for all the work that he has done in transcribing the Oral History tapes, that some of our members have taped of people that have lived in the City for many years.

John has transcribed the tapes and has sent them by e-mail to Roslyn Yerman. She has tapes and typed copies of each tape. John has transcribed 10 tapes. The longest was 56 pages, and the shortest was 1 page. He suggested we hold off on new interviews till we can catch up on transcribing the ones that we have. He also suggested that we transcribe them as we do the interview while it is fresh in our minds.

John would like to have someone help with the transcribing. He will teach a person how to use the transcriber. Connie Schmelzle volunteered to transcribe some of the tapes.

It was also suggested that we talk to young people, to get their view points.

Roslyn Yerman will get a new list of people to be interviewed and send them to our members. John Weigel suggested we could use a microphone, he has made up a guideline to help when interviewing.

## HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

Barbara Geraldts will check with Laurie Geraldts to see if she has or can get Memorabilia. Laurie was Chairman of the Lamphere 2000 Reunion.



## PROMOTION

Kathy Connally wrote a note to Roslyn Yerman suggesting that we promote our (City Historical Commission) by putting something on Cable, or in the City Newsletter. Margene Scott suggested bookmarks for the Librarian to hand out.

Connie Schmelzle suggested when you start your spring house cleaning or at anytime and you have things that might be of Historical Value, donate them to our Historical Commission. "Make your Memories live forever by sharing with the City". Roslyn Yerman will format a message for Cable

Roslyn Yerman stated that we need ideas and different ways to promote our Group.

## V. OTHER BUSINESS

Barbara Gerald's inquired if there was another opening on the Historical Commission. Roslyn Yerman thinks that we have all our members. She will check on it.

Robert Brunk is the alternate for the Historical Commission to attend the Community Round Table Meeting. Connie Schmelzle was unable to go to the January 2001 Meeting. It was supposed to be held at the Sveden House, which had closed and had not, informed us. We met at Augies. Robert reported on events happening in the City.

February 3rd, Prince of Glory Church will hold a Coffeehouse

February 7th, State of the Cities Address

February 9th, Gateway Counseling Center Dance

March 10th, Munch, Mingle and More will be presented by

Madison Heights/Hazel Park Chamber of Commerce

and Costco Wholesale

Robert reported that Gateway Counseling Center has moved to 1467 E. 12 Mile Road, Madison Heights.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

Margene Scott said that a relative of Jack Scott was an old settler on the Frank Lloyd Wright property.

Margene suggested that we send a letter to the residents of Frank Lloyd Wright suggesting that as they are packing and if they come across any momentous of the area, they might like to donate them to the Historical Commission.

Margene Scott will make a roster of all the current members addresses, telephone number and e-mail address

Margene suggested that we select a member from the Historical Group to get an award at the annual Community Round Table Banquet in May.

Barbara Geraldts and Barbara Lundin volunteered to be a Sub Committee to select our Honoree at the Community Round Table Awards Banquet.

Margene Scott made a suggestion that individuals or our whole group might be interested in taking a field trip or visit another Historical Commission meeting.

VII. NEXT MEETING

April 10, 2001 – Madison Heights Branch Library

**Please note change in meeting location.**

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M. .

Respectfully Submitted

Dolly Ferries, Secretary

MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
APRIL 10, 2001

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:10 P.M.
- II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL
  - A. PRESENT: Roslyn Yerman, Dolly Ferries, Margene Scott, John Weigel, Matt Zalewski, Robert Brunk, Lila Richards, Barbara Gerald, Ronald Vannoy, Kathy Connally Cathy Longo  
EXCUSED: Jerry Van Sice, Robert Scheere, Barbara Lundin, Connie Schmelzle
  - C. ABSENT: Bill James.
- III. MINUTES: Barbara Gerald made a motion to approve the January 24, 2001 minutes. Robert Brunk seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
  - FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT SUBDIVISION

Roslyn Yerman put a message on the Electronic Board asking residents to consider donating items of historic interest to the Madison Heights Historical Commission.

Roslyn is sending a letter to the residents requesting artifacts, letters, newspaper clippings, meeting minutes, and a variety of other items to preserve the history of the City of Madison Heights. Pictures of the houses will be taken by Ben Guida.
  - KENDALL SCHOOL

Margene Scott reported that on May 7, 2001, Helen Hennessey will be a guest speaker at the Jaycee Meeting held at Kendall School.

The April 4, 2001 issue of the Madison Park News had a nice article on Kendall School regarding donations to help restore the facility. Margene brought brochures that the Kendall School Foundation had printed up, and passed them out to our members. The Chamber of Commerce will mail them out in their newsletter.

Restoration of the school has started. Andy McGillivray has done quite a bit of the work. The floors are sanded, and they hope to be able to start staining the floor, Andy has painted some of the walls on the first floor

The Kendall Foundation is waiting for a Tax ID number and then they can get their bank account open.

## KENDALL SCHOOL (CONT.)

On June 18, 2001, the Madison Heights Intermediate Women's Club will have a Kitchen Shower for the School. A representative from the Jaycees will register at Target. It will be a pot luck supper and will be open to other groups in the City. You must RSVP if you are planning on coming for supper, or you may come just to see the gifts being opened.

While Margene was near Lexington the end of March, she saw Elva Mills. Elva is doing good.

## PROGRAMMING

Margene Scott received a book, "Echoes of Detroit", written by Irwin Cohen and George Cantor. Margene contacted Mr. Cohen and he could present a program in June. We have quite a few dates to choose from, June 6th, 7th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 19th, 20th, 21th, 27th, and the 28th. Mr. Cohen could do a program on the 300th Anniversary of Detroit, History from World War I through the 60's and 70's, or a program on Baseball. His fee is determined by what we can afford to pay. Mr. Cohen would sell his books for half off which would be \$10.00 each. Mr. Cohen would donate five of his books on Tiger Stadium to be used for door prizes.

Roslyn Yerman will check with Jon Austin to see if we could use the Council Chambers for the program, if Mr. Cohen would be allowed to sell his book, and if we could charge a fee or ask for donations at the door.

Margene Scott, Matt Zalewski, and Dolly Ferries will have a meeting in April to plan the program. Among the items to be discussed are location, date, time, equipment, refreshments, flyers, and invitations.

We will table the genealogy program till October or January. We will ask Sue Daniels, who does a program on One Room School Houses, to come and speak at one of our meetings. We would send flyers and invitations to other Libraries and Historical Commissions.

## ORAL HISTORIES

Connie Schmelzle is now helping John Weigel transcribe tapes. She has finished one and John has e-mailed it to Roslyn Yerman. John is now transcribing an eleventh tape, and has become bogged down due to two people talking at one time. He is also teaching a class after work. John suggested we try to buy another Transcriber so that we could have

## ORAL HISTORIES (CONT.)

two people working on the tapes. Margene Scott suggested we have a display with the Transcriber and tapes at our Program in June, and possibly have donations to purchase another Transcriber.

Ron Vannoy suggested maybe we could get a Business to donate a transcriber.

Roslyn Yerman passed out a list of people that we could interview, and a copy of the guidelines that John Weigel has made up to help when interviewing.

## HIGH SCHOOL REUNION 2000

We will table till a later date. Barbara Geraldts will check with Laurie Geraldts to see if she has or can get Memorabilia. Laurie was Chairman of the 2000 Reunion.

## PROMOTION

Roslyn Yerman put the message on the board about Historical items donated to the Historical Commission.

Matt Zalewski designed five different bookmarks that could be used for the Historical Commission. We could list Special Events and up-date them as we add new Events.

He used card stock and can get five on a page. Robert Brunk suggested that we use the 5 different bookmarks rather than pick one. Ron Vannoy suggested we get laminating sleeves and he can do the work. Ron will order the sleeves at a cost of \$20.00.

Margene Scott made a motion to approve the designs of the bookmarks that Matt made, and the amount of bookmarks to be produced would depend on the cost. Cathy Longo seconded. Motion carried.

## MEMBER ROSTER

Margene Scott made up a roster and had each member check their name to make sure all the information was correct. Margene will make the corrections and give the completed roster to Roslyn Yerman to mail out.

Kathy Connally's term was up February 28, 2001, She has been re-appointed and her term will run out in 2004.

Margene was wondering if she should be on the roster, or if she should have Counsel create an official Council Position. Margene will check on it.

## COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE SUBCOMMITTEE

Barbara Geraldts and Barbara Lundin consented to choose a member of the Historical Commission to be Honored at the Annual Round Table Awards Banquet to be held on May 16, 2001, at the Club Venetian.

Barbara Geraldts and Barbara Lundin nominated John Weigel "Historian of the Year".

Barbara Geraldts made a motion that the Historical Commission Honor John Weigel as "Historian of the Year". Margene Scott seconded. Motion carried. Margene Scott will present the Award to John.

Barbara Geraldts made a motion that the Historical Commission pay for John Weigel's Lunch at the Awards Banquet. Lila Richards seconded. Motion carried.

### V. OTHER BUSINESS:

Robert Brunk attended the Community Round Table Luncheon in March and had received flyers of things going on in the Community. He would like that information passed on to all the Historical Commission Members. A copy of the Community Round Table Calendar could be mailed with the minutes and agenda.

Lila Richards made a motion that Robert Brunk be our Representative to the Madison Heights Community Round Table. Connie Schmelzle and Robert Scheere will be alternates. Barbara Geraldts seconded. Motion carried.

Our next Community Round Table meeting will be April 18, 2001 at the Steak and Ale.

Robert Scheere does not drive and can only get to the meetings held at the main Library. He should call if he can not get to the meeting due to transportation problems, and we will have someone pick him up.

### VI. NEXT MEETING

We will plan our next meeting date for October at our June Meeting.

Dolly Ferries, Secretary

VII. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 9, 2001

PRESENT: Dolly Ferries  
Barbara Geraldts  
Mary Merkel  
Lila Richards  
Margene Scott

EXCUSED: Robert Brunk Ronald Vannoy  
Barbara Lundin

ABSENT: Kathy Connally Robert Scheere  
Cathy Longo John Weigel

- I. CALL TO ORDER  
Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman.

- II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL  
See Above.

- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 10, 2001  
A motion to approve the minutes of the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting was made by Matt Zalewski and seconded by Barb Gerald.

- IV. OLD BUSINESS  
(A) KENDALL SCHOOL

Margene Scott reported on the activities of the Kendall School Foundation. A change in the roster is anticipated, with Dick Jackson assuming the chairmanship of the committee on historical restoration of the building. Mr. Jackson donated the restored schoolhouse clock. The Madison Heights Intermediate Women's Club held a kitchen shower in June 2001. Many members and guests enjoyed a potluck dinner. The school received many gifts.

The building doors remain a concern. They need to be replaced with doors that fit. A recent instance found the doors open, though nothing was found to be missing and no damage was reported. The wind is believed to be responsible. Margene and Jack Scott restored the women's bathroom downstairs for the day of the shower. The floors on the first floor need to be redone, but due to so much moisture that comes from below, Margene believes it best to use throw rugs in the interim.

The cross was removed from the top of the school after a reminder from the United Methodist Church. Board members tried to remove it but were unable to do based on how securely it was anchored. Deputy DPS Superintendent Bill Miles recommended someone. The interior of the building is painted and most of the exterior. Tony Bliss did 95% of the work. Margene Scott and Cheryl Bliss helped with the painting. The peak in the front and back of the building remains to be painted.

Donations toward the painting were received from:

People's State Bank	\$500.00
Edward Swanson	50.00
National Ladder	Loan of scaffolding at reduced rate.

The pastor's study has been cleaned out and can now be rented out to someone that does not need to have too many people coming and going from the office. The space is not handicap accessible as yet. The Board wants to install a handicapped ramp at the rear of the building and put in a bathroom on the first floor that would be handicap accessible.

Elva Mills donated two school desks and Margene Scott donated an old school desk that she found at an antique store.

(B) PROGRAMMING

Roslyn Yerman reported that the Irwin Cohen program was a successful even.

Roslyn talked about the upcoming event that the Friends of the Southeast Oakland County Libraries are presenting in conjunction with the Royal Oak Campus of Oakland Community College on Wednesday, November 14, 2001. There will be three authors presenting their books at Detroit Memories: A Celebration of Detroit's 300<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

We are still planning a program on genealogy. It was decided that we would begin planning it now, with final decisions on speakers made at our January meeting, with the program held in late April or early May. Other libraries will be contacted for additional speaker recommendations and the Tribune will be monitored for ideas as well.

(C) ORAL HISTORIES

Matt Zalewski was assisting John Weigel transcribe the tapes, but will no longer be able to do so as the result of other commitments. Connie Schmelzle may be able to assume this responsibility, and other interested members should contact John Weigel.



(D) PROMOTION

Matt Zalewski designed five different bookmarks that could be used by the Historical Commission. We could list special events and update them as new events are added. Roslyn Yerman will contact Purchasing Officer Bernard Guida about purchasing a laminating machine.

(E) MEMBER ROSTER

Margene Scott revised the Membership Roster and distributed copies to those present at the meeting. Dolly Ferries will mail the roster to absent members.

(F) COUNCIL REPRESENTATION

Discussion took place regarding a Council Representative on the Commission. Roslyn Yerman will contact City Attorney Larry Sherman on this matter. All of our current positions are filled at this time.

(G) COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE

Barbara Geraldts would like to see the Community Round Table Report on the agenda at each meeting. Roslyn Yerman will see to it that it is on the agenda.

Our dues of \$20.00 are paid to the Community Round Table. Robert Brunk is our Representative and Robert Scheere is our Alternate.

Barbara Geraldts reported on the September meeting in Robert Brunk's absence. She stated that two gentlemen from the Sikh Temple attended the meeting and explained their religion.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Roslyn Yerman indicated that Purchasing Officer Bernard Guida had taken some pictures of the homes in the Frank Lloyd Wright Subdivision before they were torn down.

Margene Scott suggested that our next meeting be held in the Main Library so that new Commission members are able to tour the collection.

Margene Scott also suggested that we have City Council candidates provide copies of their literature for the collection. Margene also suggested that Jean Sterritt, when cutting articles from the Daily Tribune regarding City issues, that she also cut out wedding announcements and obituaries.

Margene Scott asked Roslyn Yerman if information on the Commission was included on the City Web Site, suggesting that our mission statement be included, along the lines of the information provided in the Community Round Table brochure. Roslyn will check with Assistant City Manager Ben Myers.

MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
JANUARY 9, 2002

PRESENT:	Kathy Connolly	Councilwoman Margene Scott
	Barbara Geraldts	Jerry Van Sice
	Mary Merkel	John Weigel
	Lila Richards	Roslyn Yerman
	Robert Scheere	Matthew Zalewski
	Connie Schmelzle	

EXCUSED:	Robert Brunk	Barbara Lundin
	Dolly Ferries	Ronald Vannoy
	Cathy Longo	

I. CALL TO ORDER  
Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman.

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL  
See Above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 10, 2001  
The minutes of the October 9th meeting were approved by Lila Richards and seconded by Jeri Van Sice with one correction. The first paragraph of Kendall School under Old Business will read, "Mr. Jackson donated the restored schoolhouse clock."

IV. OLD BUSINESS

(A) KENDALL SCHOOL  
Councilwoman Scott reported on behalf of the Kendall School Foundation. The doors were repaired, but still need to be replaced. David LaRue is the new president of the Foundation. The locks have been changed and limited key distribution is now in place to provide for greater security. The kitchen is now in order. A \$100.00 donation by the Community Round Table allowed for the purchase of a new faucet. A new sink and lower cupboards will be installed. Basement work is the next priority, along with a handicapped ramp on the north side of the building. A \$50 donation was made in memory of Helen Hennessey. Memorial plans are in the works. Dave Woodward donated a flag and the Veteran's Day program was a success and will likely be repeated.

(B) GENEALOGY PROGRAM  
The Genealogy Program will be held in later April or early May. Possible dates are April 23<sup>rd</sup>-April 25<sup>th</sup>. A special meeting to plan this program was discussed.

(C) ORAL HISTORY

Connie Schmelzle will assist with the transcriptions. The purchase of a second transcriber was discussed. The use of the Senior Center laminator was discussed for lamination of the promotional bookmarks created by Matthew Zalewski. The disks are being submitted electronically in addition to print. Possible links to the histories from the City page were discussed as a promotional idea.

(D) PROMOTION

Discussion took place regarding a book of remembrances in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the City of Madison Heights.

(E) MEMBER ROSTER

The member roster was circulated for updates.

(F) COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Councilwoman Scott was congratulated on her official capacity as Council Representative on the Historical Commission.

(F) COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE REPORT

Barbara Geraldts made this report in the absence of Robert Brunk. Meetings are presently being held Madison Community Hospital and monthly meetings feature an informational speaker.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Councilwoman Scott spoke of the memorial plans underway for Helen Hennessey. She recommended that the Commission purchase the book "Legacy of One Room Schoolhouses" by Myrna Grove. A motion to purchase two copies of the book was made by Barbara Geraldts and seconded by Jeri Van Sice.

A Commission program during Random Acts of Kindness Week, scheduled for February 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> was discussed. Commission members will serve coffee and cake in the Breckenridge Room for a four-hour period, with collection items on display.

VI. NEXT MEETING

A special meeting was scheduled January 30, 2002 at the Main Library at 7:00.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Roslyn Yerman adjourned the meeting at 8:45.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director

MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
JANUARY 30, 2002

PRESENT:	Roslyn Yerman	Matthew J Zalewski
	Dolly Ferries	Jerry Van Sice
	Mary R. Merkel	Barbara Gerald
	Connie Schmelzle	Councilwoman Margene Scott
	Cathy M. Longo	Robert Scheere

EXCUSED:	Robert Brunk	Barbara Lundin
	Lila Richards	Ron Vannoy

ABSENT:	Kathy Connolly	John Weigel
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I. CALL TO ORDER:  
Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman.

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL  
See Above

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 9, 2002  
A motion to approve the minutes of the January 9th meeting was made by Barb Gerald and seconded by Jerry Van Sice.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

(A) GENEALOGY PROGRAM

Councilwoman Scott spoke with John Skeens, Education Coordinator with the Troy Historical Museum and Center. The Genealogy Program has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. It will be held in the Breckenridge Room. Mr. Skeens will speak for 45 minutes to an hour and will require a check for \$75.00 made out to the Troy Historical Museum.

A motion to allocate \$75.00 to John Skeens for the Genealogy Program on April 23rd at 7:30 p.m. was made by Barb Gerald and seconded by Matt Zalewski.

(B) RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Historical Commission members will have refreshments set up in the Breckenridge Room on Friday, February 15th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. There will be a display of Historical Items and Commission bookmarks will also be available. Councilwoman Scott has designed a promotional flyer.

Councilwoman Scott is in the process of creating a brochure about the Historical Commission, including our formation accomplishments and duties. The motto will be "Bringing Our History Alive". The color will be green on white.

(C) ORAL HISTORIES

Work on oral history transcriptions continues.

(D) BOOKMARKS

Matt Zalewski was thanked for designing the five different book marks. Appreciation was also expressed to the Senior Center for the use of their laminating machine.

(E) MEMBER ROSTER

Councilwoman Scott revised the Membership roster. Members reviewed their information for accuracy

(F) COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE

Barb Gerald reported that there was a huge turn out for the January Meeting. Several new members joined.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Scott to honor Jean Sterritt as "Historian Of the Year", seconded by Cathy Longo at the May Banquet to be held on May 22nd.

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

Barb Gerald suggested we update the Heritage Book.

Councilwoman Scott suggested we join the Historical Society of Michigan. The subscription would cost \$65.00 a year. She will have more information at our next meeting.

Roslyn Yerman spoke about the upcoming Coffee Concerts to be held on Wednesdays, on February, 6, 13, 20 and 27. They will be held at the Senior Center, and the Madison Heights Intermediate Women's Club will provide coffee and desserts for a minimal charge.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2002.

VII Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Dolly Ferries, Secretary

MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
APRIL 10, 2002

PRESENT:	Robert Brunk	Robert Scheere (7:30 p.m.)
	Dolly Ferries	Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott
	Barbara Geraldts	John Weigel
	Cathy M. Longo	Roslyn Yerman
	Mary R. Merkel	Matthew J. Zalweski
	Lila Richards	

EXCUSED:	Barbara Lundin	Jerry Van Sice
	Connie Schmelzle	Ron Vannoy

ABSENT: Kathy Connolly

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See Above

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 30, 2002

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 30th meeting was made by Matthew Zalewski and seconded by Councilwoman Margene Scott.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

(A) GENEALOGY PROGRAM

John Skeens, Education Coordinator with the Troy Historical Museum and Center, will speak for 45 minutes to an hour at the Genealogy program scheduled for Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. in the Breckenridge Room at the Main Library. Payment will be made in the amount of \$75.00, payable to the Troy Historical Museum. Barbara Geraldts and Dolly Ferries will set up refreshments at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will consist of coffee, tea, and cookies. Mary Merkel asked if Mr. Skeens would require a microphone. Councilwoman Scott will inquire.

(B) KENDALL SCHOOL

Councilwoman Scott expressed concern about the misleading article in the Daily Tribune stating that Kendall School was not doing well. She says the School is doing just fine.

The first floor is being finished and will be renamed for Helen Hennessey. A tentative date for this event is scheduled for June 29, 2002. Helen's family will

be

invited. A showcase is needed to display the items donated by the Hennessey family to the School from her early days as teacher and principal. The new flag-pole has been installed in front of Kendall School. State Representative Dave Woodward donated a United States flag.

Mr. Skeens, the speaker at the Commission's upcoming Genealogy program may donate some blackboards, and a 48 star flag has already been donated. A handicap/unisex bathroom is in the planning stages to be installed on the main floor.

Election of Officers was held and they are as follows:

Councilwoman Margene Scott, President	Tony Bliss, Vice President
John Weigel, Treasurer	Fran Kirchoff, Secretary

Tony Bliss will head a Fund Raiser for Kendall School scheduled for June 8th and 9th and June 14th and 15<sup>th</sup>. They will sell Flags For Freedom Stickers on Madison Heights street corners. Matt Hackel, Nature Center Naturalist, suggested that the School hold an Appraiser Fair for a Fund Raiser. It is being considered and could be scheduled in September or October.

#### (C) ORAL HISTORIES

John Weigel suggested that we complete transcription of the existing Oral Histories that we have on file now, before new interviews are conducted. There are six transcriptions finished. Roslyn Yerman will check with Connie Schmelzle and see how she is progressing with the transcriptions she is working on before the next meeting.

#### (D) MEMBER ROSTER

Councilwoman Margene Scott has been working on the new roster and will have it completed for the next Historical Meeting.

#### (E) COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE

A motion was made by Councilwoman Margene Scott that the Historical Commission buy tickets to the Community Round Table Awards Luncheon for "Historian Of the Year", Jean Sterritt and her husband, John, Robert and Ann Brunk, and Roslyn Yerman. The Community Round Table Awards Luncheon will be held on May 22, 2002.

Bill Ferries will make the certificate that will be presented to Jean Sterritt.

#### (F) COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE REPORT

Robert Brunk reported that the speakers for the month of March represented the various churches in the community. The Pastors or their representatives spoke about the services and events that their church holds. An invitation to come and visit their churches was extended to all the members.

Many flyers were distributed for upcoming events in the City, including the Jaycee Easter Egg Dash, the Chamber of Commerce Wine Tasting, and the Lamphere High School play, "Once Upon A Mattress", scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>. Robert Brunk distributed the flyer for our Genealogy 101 Program.

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Scott would like a thank you note sent to Carl Collis for his donation of historical pictures of the Old Fire Station on John R, and early pictures of the Police and Fire Department members. Roslyn Yerman will draft the note.

The Commission will create a historical display in the City Hall showcase during Michigan Week in May, which will include the photographs and other historical items. Bookmarks, a 48 star flag, and copies of the two Historical Books will also be included in the display.

Councilwoman Margene Scott is waiting for information from the Historical Society of Michigan and recommended that the Commission consider a membership in this organization.

The Historical Commission has purchased two copies of "Legacy Of One-Room Schools" in memory of Helen Hennessey, one copy for the Main Library and one copy for the Branch. Members of the Hennessey family will be invited to preview the book at the Main Library.

The Historical Commission have a table at the Festival in the Park scheduled for June 30<sup>th</sup>. Mary and Ralph Merkel will man the table and will have copies of the Heritage Book on sale among other items.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in October 2002.

VII Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Dolly Ferries, Secretary



MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 16, 2002

PRESENT:	Robert Brunk	Robert Scheere
	Kathleen Connolly	Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott
	Mary R. Merkel	John Weigel
	Ben Myers (Guest)	Roslyn Yerman
	Lila Richards	Matthew J. Zalewski

EXCUSED:	Dolly Ferries	Jeraldine Van Sice
	Barbara Lundin	

ABSENT:	Barbara Gerald	Connie Schmelzle
	Cathy Longo	Ronald Vannoy

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See Above

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 10, 2002

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 10th meeting was made by Bob Brunk, seconded by Lila Richards and approved.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

(A) KENDALL SCHOOL

Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott reported on the Kendall School Foundation. The tribute to Helen Hennessey was held on June 30, 2002. The Foundation has acquired a few more school desks and an antique potbellied stove. The floors have been sanded and a teacher's platform was discovered. A mural has been removed and Bob Brunk donated a 48 star flag that is now on display.

The recent canister drive resulted in the collection of funds to cover nine months rent. Bob Maten has installed plaques honoring the late Helen Hennessey. New thermostats are also in place. The school is currently undergoing the inspection process by the City and as a result, all programming has been postponed until the School is awarded its certificate of occupancy. Hot water is needed in the restrooms, along with battery powered exit signs.

The Kendall School Foundation is now operating separately from the Jaycees. Mark Henessey has been appointed a member of the Foundation and Robert Scheere was appointed to the Foundation as well. Robert Gettings may also be approached to serve.

(B) ORAL HISTORIES

Work proceeds on the transcription of the oral histories. Roslyn Yerman will contact Connie Schmelzle about the transcriber to allow John Weigel the opportunity to do some transcriptions as well in the coming weeks.

(C) MEMBER ROSTER

Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott distributed copies of the roster.

(D) COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE REPORT

Bob Brunk provided the Community Round Table Report, commenting on the wealth of information available. Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott noted the new Round Table web site, sponsored by St. John Oakland Hospital. Organizations may link to the site.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION OF LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT OPTION #4

Roslyn Yerman, highlighting the placement of the Historical Collection and related work areas, introduced the proposed Library Improvement Option #4 to Commission members. Discussion ensued with questions answered by Ms. Yerman and Assistant City Manager Ben Myers.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Matthew Zalewski introduced the possibility of a program on Ghosts by an Oakland University professor, who has authored several books on the subject. Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott suggested Ernie Harwell as well, and a general programming discussion took place. Some initial inquiries will be made prior to the Commission's January meeting.

Ben Myers spoke to the Commission about the overhaul of the City web page, and the possibility of a page highlighting Commission activities. Examples from Sterling Heights, and the City of Kentwood, near Grand Rapids, were distributed as examples. General discussion took place about material that might be included, with oral histories, in both text and audio formats as well as obituaries and marriage announcements discussed among the possibilities.

Councilwoman Scott shared the improvements being made at the Troy Historical Society with the group, as well as her plan to introduce funding for historical preservation projects as a City goal in the upcoming City Goals process. She suggested that this was especially important in light of the City's upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and suggested that she would lessen the requested amount for a goal she will be reintroducing this year.

Lila Richards informed the group the annual Boards and Commissions dinner will be held on May 2, 2002. Commission members will be invited to attend.

VII NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2003 at 7:00.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 was made by Lila Richards, seconded by Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott and approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roslyn Yerman  
Acting Secretary

MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
JANUARY 15, 2003

PRESENT:	Robert Brunk	Robert Scheere
	Kathleen Connolly	Connie Schmelzle
	Dolly Ferries	Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott
	Chris Gariepy (Guest)	John Weigel
	Barbara Geraldts	Jeraldine Van Sice
	Mary Merkle	Roslyn Yerman
	Lila Richards	Matthew J. Zalewski

EXCUSED:	Cathy Longo	Barbara Lundin
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ABSENT:     Ron Vannoy

- I.     CALL TO ORDER  
Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman
- II.    INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL  
See above.  
Chris Gariepy, of the Hazel Park Historical Commission was introduced.
- III.   APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 16, 2002  
The minutes of the October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved by Robert Brunk and seconded by Matthew Zalewski
- IV.    OLD BUSINESS
  - (A)    KENDALL SCHOOL  
Councilwoman Margene Scott reported that the first floor of the building has been transformed to resemble an old fashioned school. It is undergoing inspection by the City for a certificate of occupancy. A portable water heater will be installed to address the need for hot water in the restrooms, and Councilwoman Scott has recycled a vanity and sink that will be installed in the Ladies Restroom. The Men's Restroom will also have a new sink installed.  
  
Four battery powered exit signs will be purchased and installed. Wooden frames with plastic covering have been installed on the windows to keep the cold air out. A wish list has now been created. School desks have been donated, along with a display case that can be used for historical items, or items that might be sold to the public.

Joe Miller and Pat Gokey are the newest members on the Kendall School Foundation Board. Mr. Miller lives next door to the building, and is able to keep an eye on it. An Appraiser's Fair will be held once the certificate of occupancy has been received, and The Flags for Freedom will be an ongoing fundraiser.

(B) ORAL HISTORIES

Discussion took place on the status of the transcriptions. John Weigel demonstrated the difference between good and bad interviews by sharing two tapes with the group. Members first listened to a portion of a successfully transcribed interview with Alfred A. Ryder, a postman, who lived in the City for many years. They then listened to a portion of a taped interview of Jean Davis and Bernice Kyle, by two teens at the Senior Center, where multiple voices and background noise have prevented transcription.

Chris Gariepy suggested Troy Video as a resource. It was suggested that Ben Myers might also be a resource. Roslyn Yerman informed the group that she had contacted Madison Heights Police Chief Kevin Sagan regarding tape clean up sources, but he was unable to make a recommendation.

John Weigel informed the group that we are almost caught up with the backlog of tapes needing to be transcribed. In addition to the mentioned tape, there are also two tapes that appear to have been recorded at a high rate of speed, and at the moment, are inaudible. Oral histories will resume once the transcriptions are complete. It was recommended that the interviews be transcribed as soon as possible, and that the interviewer should do the transcribing.

Roslyn Yerman reminded the group that that the text and audio versions of the Oral Histories are being added to the new City website, which will be unveiled to the public next month. John Weigel noted that his name is misspelled, as well as the fact that he is credited with authoring all of the transcriptions, where this is not the case. While John has done the bulk of the transcriptions, this will change, as new Oral Histories are added to the collection.

Chris Gariepy next spoke to the group. He informed members that the Hazel Park Historical Commission was in receipt of research copies of the Madison and Hazel Park News, and the Ferndale Gazette, covering the 1970's through the mid 80's. Hazel Park has what they need from the donation, and Mr. Gariepy offered the Commission the opportunity to decide if any of the remaining papers may of interest to the group.

The papers are currently being housed at the Hazel Park Recreation Center. Mr. Gariepy will be meeting with a representative from Ferndale on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at 3:00. Connie Schmeleze and Mary Merkel will be there as well. A follow up meeting is being considered to review the material once it returns to Madison Heights.

Mr. Gariepy also noted an incorrect caption on a picture in the Heritage Book. A picture of the 1928 Royal Oak Fire House shows it as being located at 23055 John R. It was actually located at 9 Mile and Stephenson.

(C) PROGRAMMING

Roslyn Yerman and Councilwoman Scott are in the process of identifying a contact for Ernie Harwell, who was identified as a potential speaker at the group's last meeting.

(D) COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE REPORT

Bob Brunk provided the Community Round Table Report, commenting on the wealth of information available. The handouts will be made available through the library. Mr. Brunk advised the group that he would be out of town for the next two months, and will be unable to represent the group. Robert Scheere, the alternate Historical Commission representative, will attend the February and March meetings in his place.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. HISTORICAL PROJECT FOR FY 2003-04 BUDGET

Roslyn Yerman shared an assignment to identify a historical project that might be funded in the FY 2003-04 Budget. Councilwoman Scott provided background for the group. No monetary figure was given. Discussion took place, with the following projects being identified as possibilities:

1. Newspaper Preservation
2. Historical Markers for Buildings and Homes
3. Use of the Old Fire Station for Historical Purposes
4. Heritage Book Volume III
5. Children's Programming

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Barbara Geraldts made a motion that Margene Scott be nominated as the Commission's Historian of the Year at this year's Community Round Table Awards Luncheon. Lila Richards seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion took place with regard to the group's participation in Random Acts of Kindness Week. Barbara Geraldts and Councilwoman Scott will compile a trivia

quiz about Madison Heights that will be distributed between February 10<sup>th</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup>, along with a tie breaker question if needed. First and second prizes will be awarded.

Robert Brunk donated a number of items to the Historical Collection, among them a 1975 program from the annual Hiller School Circus Acts.

VII NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 31, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director

MADISON HEIGHTS  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MARCH 31, 2003

PRESENT:	Robert Brunk Kathleen Connolly Dolly Ferries Barbara Gerald Barbara Lundin	Mary Merkel Jeraldine Van Sice John Weigel Roslyn Yerman Matthew J. Zalewski
EXCUSED:	Lila Richards Robert Scheere Connie Schmelzle	Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott Ron Vannoy
ABSENT:	Cathy Longo	

- I. CALL TO ORDER  
Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman
- II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL  
See above.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 15, 2003  
Mary Merkel stated that the minutes did not reflect her attendance at the last meeting. With this correction, a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15th meeting was made by Robert Brunk and seconded by Matthew Zalewski.
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
  - (A) KENDALL SCHOOL  
Councilwoman Scott was excused and there was no report.
  - (B) ORAL HISTORIES  
John Weigel reminded the group of the difficulty involved in interviewing groups of people when transcriptions are not immediate. He is working on an interview conducted by Bill Miles with four people involved with the North End Project, and will likely confer with him in determining who is speaking at given times. John Weigel is also working on an interview with Loweda Deal.  
  
Roslyn Yerman reminded the group that the revised City Web Site has been officially unveiled, and that Ben Myers has the oral histories online in both audio and text format. She reminded Commission members that



second copies need to be created for many of the physical tapes and that the Madison Heights Intermediate Women's Club donated a dual recorder for this purpose.

Mary Merkel donated an enlarged photograph of the Horkey Farm on Ajax Drive that was taken in 1951 to the Historical Collection.

(C) PROGRAMMING

Roslyn Yerman and Councilwoman Scott will continue to attempt to contact Ernie Harwell to speak at a Fall program, and Matthew Zalewski will speak to an Oakland University professor who does a program on ghosts. The group's consensus was that this might be a good October program.

(D) COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE REPORT

Robert Scheere was excused but he was in attendance at the February Round Table meeting, and made his report to Roslyn Yerman prior to the meeting. The speaker for the meeting was with Leader Dogs for the Blind. A number of both puppies and older dogs were present.

Robert Brunk attended the March meeting and gave his report. The speaker at this meeting was from Davenport University. It is now possible to obtain a Master's Degree. Each Round Table member present received a coffee mug with the university logo.

Barbara Geraldts reminded the group that we had nominated Councilwoman Scott as our "Historian of the Year," to be presented at the Community Round Table Awards Luncheon at the Club Venetian in May. She made a motion that the Commission pay for four tickets for the event, for Councilwoman Scott and her husband, Jack, Roslyn Yerman, and the presenter of Councilwoman Scott's award. The motion carried unanimously.

(E) HISTORICAL PROJECT

Discussion took place regarding content on historical content for the City Site. John Weigel suggested we take a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) approach, and answer some of the most frequently asked questions about the City of Madison Heights. Identified examples included:

1. How were the City borders determined?
2. Why are there three school districts in Madison Heights?
3. What was here before Madison Heights?
4. Where did Madison Heights get its name.

It was suggested that most of the answers could come from the Heritage Book Volumes. Barbara Geraldts, Jeraldine Van Sice, and Dolly Ferries

volunteered to go through Volumes 1 and 2 prior to the next meeting. An additional idea was to include a questionnaire in order to reach a larger number of older residents. The questionnaire might also be included in the Senior Newsletter. Recording Historical Commission meetings was also raised as a possibility.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

VI. NEXT MEETING

With an awareness of fall programming and with the ongoing work on historical content, a special meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. at the Main Library

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
JUNE 26, 2003

PRESENT:	Robert Brunk	Mary Merkel
	Kathleen Connolly	Lila Richards
	Dolly Ferries	Robert Scheere
	Barbara Geraldts	Connie Schmelzle
	Barbara Lundin	Roslyn Yerman
		Matthew Zalewski

EXCUSED: Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott  
Jerry Van Sice

ABSENT: Cathy Longo  
Ron Vannoy  
John Weigel

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 31, 2003

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2003 meeting was made by Matt Zalewski and seconded by Barbara Geraldts.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

(A) PROGRAMMING

Matt Zalewski discussed the program on ghosts with Dr. Ron Finucane, as the speaker. The program will be held in the Breckenridge Room on Wednesday evening, October 29, 2003, and pay Dr. Finucane a fee of \$100.00. Roslyn Yerman will reserve the meeting room. Matt Zalewski will design the flyer and coordinate the program, with assistance from other Commission members.

Roslyn Yerman will contact Councilwoman Scott regarding a program at a later date with Ernie Harwell.

(B) WEB PAGE CONTENT

Roslyn Yerman reported that she, Barbara Geraldts, and Dolly Ferries met with Assistant City Manager, Ben Myers regarding the current historical

content on the City site. The two volumes of the Heritage Book are now accessible online.

Roslyn Yerman informed the group that while Ben Myers is no longer serving as Webmaster for the site, the City will make every attempt to accommodate the Commission's suggestions for the historical section. Barbara Geraldts has been working on the group's suggestion of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) about the City of Madison Heights, and she will schedule a meeting with Community Services Librarian Jean Sterritt to review pictures to accompany the questions.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

The papers donated through the Hazel Park Historical Commission were discussed. Commission members will sort through the papers with Community Services Librarian Jean Sterritt on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. A thank you letter has been sent to Mr. Chris Gariepy of the Hazel Park Historical Commission. A certificate at a future Council meeting was discussed.

Robert Scheere reported that the Flags for Freedom fundraiser for Kendall School, which was held on two weekends in June, raised a total of \$2,500.00.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Breckenridge Room at the Main Library.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. was made by Barbara Geraldts and seconded by Kathy Connolly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 15, 2003

PRESENT:	Robert Brunk	Robert Scheere
	Dolly Ferries	Connie Schmelzle
	Barbara Geraldts	Councilwoman Margene Scott
	Barbara Lundin	John Weigel
	Mary Merkel	Roslyn Yerman
	Lila Richards	Matthew Zalewski

EXCUSED: Cathy Longo  
Jerry Van Sice

ABSENT: Kathleen Connolly  
Ron Vannoy

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above.

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 26, 2003

Barbara Geraldts corrected the minutes to reflect Barbara Lundin's presence at the meeting. A motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2003 meeting as corrected was made by Lila Richards and seconded by Robert Brunk.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

(A) GHOST PROGRAM

Roslyn Yerman and Matt Zalewski reported on the program, scheduled for Wednesday, October 29, 2003. Dr. Finucane will present Ghosts: The Victorian Séance on that date in the Breckenridge Room at the Main Library at 7:00 p.m. The commission will pay him \$100.00. Dr. Finucane's book will be available for sale and signing at a discounted price of \$18.66. The books have been purchased on consignment from Book Beat.

Matt Zalewski's flyer has been widely distributed, and the program is being advertised in the City's Fall Recreational Brochure, the message board, cable, and the web page. Matt will be contacting the local newspapers. Dolly Ferries, Barbara Geraldts, and Connie Schmelzle will act as the refreshment committee, with coffee, cider, and donuts being served. Set up will begin at 5:30 p.m. Dr. Finucane will speak for 40

minutes to an hour, followed by a question and answer period. The program is geared to adults.

(B) WEB PAGE CONTENT

Roslyn Yerman informed the group that Ben Myers had assumed the role of Webmaster for the City site once again. Barbara Geraldts reported that no new work had been done since the last meeting. A list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) has been compiled, and a meeting will be scheduled with Jean Sterritt, Community Services Librarian, to identify pictures to accompany the questions.

(C) COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE REPORT

Robert Brunk reported that the Community Round Table presented a Meet the Candidates program and dispensed with the Round Robin. He distributed flyers for our Ghost Program. Reverend Green announced a meatball spaghetti dinner at United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 18, 2003. Robert and Ann will be in Arizona during January, February, and March, and Robert Scheere will represent the Commission at Round Table meetings during that time.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Connie Schmelzle suggested that it would be appropriate to have Council recognize Chris Gariepy and the Hazel Park Historical Commission for the invaluable donation of materials to the Madison Heights Historical Collection. Councilwoman Scott will recommend a Certificate of Appreciation at an upcoming meeting.

Barbara Geraldts provided the rebroadcast schedule for the "Meet the Candidates" sponsored by the Madison Heights Intermediate Women's Club, which was held on Wednesday, October 8, 2003 at John Page Middle School. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8:35 p.m.
Friday, October 24 <sup>th</sup>	5:05 p.m.
Tuesday, October 28 <sup>th</sup>	7:35 p.m.
Thursday, October 30 <sup>th</sup>	8:35 p.m.

Councilwoman Scott reported that she had contacted Ernie Harwell about a program at a later date. Ernie put her in touch with Gary Spicer who asked that a written request be provided, including the purpose of the event, the proposed date, and the state of our budget. Margene shared her draft request with the group, and after some discussion, it was determined that \$300.00 might be a reasonable offer.

Connie Schmelzle inquired as to whether the group proposed to sponsor an event for Random Acts of Kindness Week in February. It was decided to table the matter until the January meeting.

Lila Richards reported that Jerry Van Sice had fallen and shattered her left hip and left knee. She is at St. John Macomb Rehab Center in Warren.

St. John Macomb Rehab Center  
11800 E. 12 Mile Road  
Room 451, Bed 1  
Warren, MI 48093

Councilwoman Scott reported on Kendall School. She and her husband stopped in a shop in Forestville and purchased several items for the school. She went on to report that Dick Jackson, a Kendall School Foundation member visited an old school house while on vacation and spoke with one of the owners. She has 30 old school desks for sale, and may consider selling them to Kendall School. If the purchase is made, Margene suggested that we could sell them to individuals in memory, or in honor of a loved one, and keep them in the school.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Breckenridge Room at the Main Library.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. was made by Lila Richards and seconded by Robert Brunk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
JANUARY 28, 2004

PRESENT:	Dolly Ferries Barbara Geraldts Barbara Lundin Mary Merkel	Robert Scheere Connie Schmelzle Roslyn Yerman Matthew Zalewski
EXCUSED:	Robert Brunk Kathleen Connolly Lila Richards	Councilwoman Margene Scott Jerry Van Sice
ABSENT:	Ron Vannoy John Weigel	

- I. CALL TO ORDER  
Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman
- II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL  
See above.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 15, 2003  
A motion to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2003 meeting was made by Barbara Geraldts and seconded by Barbara Lundin.
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
  - (A) GHOST PROGRAM  
Commission members were very pleased with the way in which the program was received, with over 50 people in attendance. According to Matt Zalewski, Professor Finucane was quite pleased with the turn out.
  - (B) ERNIE HARWELL PROGRAM  
Roslyn Yerman relayed Councilwoman Scott's report in her absence. Ernie Harwell's agent, Gary Spicer, contacted Margene a day after receiving her letter. Ernie is not available until 2005, at which time he will be 87 years old. His fee is usually \$5,000 - \$7,500, but he is partial to groups such as ours, and it was suggested that corporate sponsors might be an option, especially with such a name draw as Ernie Harwell. We were advised to call back in November to check availability for 2005.



Discussion ensued on an alternate program for 2004. Haunted lighthouses was suggested, and this idea will be discussed at greater length at the April meeting.

(C) WEB PAGE CONTENT

Barbara Geraldts reported that work on historical content for the City site continues. The subcommittee will be meeting again soon.

(D) COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE REPORT

In the absence of the Commission's Representative and alternate to the Round Table, Barbara Geraldts provided the report, informing the group that the meeting speaker was Sgt. Paul Kienman, who showed a video on Identity Theft, and answered questions on the topic. Upcoming events were also shared.

Barbara Geraldts also nominated Dolly Ferries to be this year's recipient of the Commission's Historian of the Year Award at the Community Round Table's Awards banquet on May 19, 2004.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Roslyn Yerman relayed Councilwoman Scott's report in her absence. The Kendall School Foundation is low on funds, but the Jaycees are picking up the slack for the moment. There will be a pancake breakfast in the basement of the church on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, as a fundraiser. Elections were held recently, with Tony Bliss elected President, Dave Little Vice President, and Sue Little, Secretary/Treasurer. Painting is the next project on the agenda once funds are available.

Discussion took place on the Commission's involvement during this year's Random Acts of Kindness week. It was decided to distribute the Commission's bookmarks, designed by Matt Zalewski in 2001, at the libraries. Roslyn Yerman will advise Amy Mischak of the group's participation.

Discussion took place regarding the creation of a third volume of the Heritage Book. Strong interest was expressed, and the idea will be discussed at greater length at the April meeting.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 29, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Breckenridge Room at the Main Library.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
APRIL 29, 2004

PRESENT: Tony Bliss Lila Richards  
Robert Brunk Robert Scheere  
Dolly Ferries Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott  
Barbara Gerald's Jeraldine VanSice  
Barbara Lundin Roslyn Yerman  
Mary Merkel Matthew J. Zalewski

EXCUSED: Cathy Longo                      Connie Schmelzle

ABSENT: Kathy Connolly

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

## II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above.

Roslyn Yerman advised the Commission that John Weigel had submitted his resignation. She also welcomed Tony Bliss who was attending his first meeting since being appointed to the Commission.

### III APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 28, 2004

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2004 meeting was made by Barbara Lundin and seconded by Matthew Zalewski.

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

### (A) HAUNTED LIGHTHOUSE PROGRAM

The minutes of the special meeting held on March 22, 2004 to begin the initial planning for the haunted lighthouse program were distributed to the group. A motion to approve the minutes as made by Barbara Gerald and seconded by Matthew Zalewski.

Matthew Zalewski has confirmed the October 14, 2004 date with the speaker, Frederick Stonehouse. The program will be co-sponsored, ideally with other area historical groups. Matt Zalewski will make those contacts, and will provide information on City letterhead for additional contacts. Councilwoman Scott will approach People's State Bank and St. John Oakland Hospital.

Discussion took place regarding an admission charge to include a raffle, as recommended by Connie Schmelzle. Councilwoman Scott raised the issue of the legality of holding a raffle in a City building. Roslyn Yerman will investigate. Further discussion took place regarding location. The Council Chambers was suggested once again, and Councilwoman Scott recommended the meeting room in the new Fire Station. Roslyn Yerman will contact Fire Chief Donahue regarding the latter.

Mr. Stonehouse would sell and sign his books following the program. Matthew Zalewski suggested Madison Heights schools might want to consider having Mr. Stonehouse as a speaker while he was in the area.

(B) WEB PAGE CONTENT

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

(C) COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE REPORT

Robert Brunk provided the Community Round Table Report, commenting on the wealth of available information. He specifically noted the distribution of an Oakland County map by Oakland County Commissioner George Suarez, noting the major road construction scheduled for the summer months.

(D) COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE AWARDS LUNCHEON

The Commission was reminded that Dolly Ferries would be honored as Historian of the Year at this year's Awards Luncheon. Connie Schmelzle will present the certificate.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

(A) KENDALL SCHOOL

Tony Bliss provided an update on Kendall School. 2004-05 officers are as follows: Tony Bliss, President, Dave Little, Vice President, and Sue Little, Secretary and Treasurer. A canister drive fundraiser will be held on June 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. A pancake fundraiser will be held on June 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>, and on June 13<sup>th</sup>, a flag raising ceremony will be held.

The lease expires in 2005. Some of the trustees of United Methodist Church do not want to move the school. There is a snag with the certificate of occupancy, as there is no handicap ramp, nor bathroom in the basement, limiting use to the Jaycees and Kendall members. The school will be painted with the proceeds from the canister drive. The Madison School District will help Kendall School, except financially.

(B) MADISON HEIGHTS 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Councilwoman Scott suggested that Commission members update the Heritage Book for the City's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She further recommended that the City form a committee to observe the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and involve

the community, and made a motion to that effect. Robert Scheere seconded it and the motion carried. It was suggested that the recommendation be brought to the attention of City Administration, and further suggested the Madison Heights Community Round Table be asked to help as well.

Mary Merkel suggested the creation of a coloring book for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary that could be sold at City festivals and other events.

Discussion ensued on physical changes taking place within Madison Heights, and the need for a photographic record. Mary Merkel has taken three rolls of film of the ongoing Greig street repairs, and has pictures of many of the old buildings that were present in the early days of Royal Oak Township and of Madison Heights.

Councilwoman Scott suggested that new construction should include a photographic record by the contractor to be provided to the City for historical purposes. Barbara Geraldts suggested that this be included in future contracts. Councilwoman Scott expressed her desire to pursue this idea.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 10, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in Room A in City Hall.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
JULY 20, 2004

PRESENT:	Tony Bliss	Robert Scheere
	Robert Brunk	Connie Schmelzle
	Dolly Ferries	Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott
	Barbara Geraldts	Jeraldine Van Sice
	Stacey R. Karowski	Roslyn Yerman
	Barbara Lundin	Matthew J. Zalewski

EXCUSED: Lila Richards

ABSENT:	Kathy Connolly	Mary Lou Merkel
	Cathy Longo	

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above.

Roslyn Yerman welcomed Stacey R. Karowski to her first meeting since being appointed to the Historical Commission.

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 29, 2004

Tony Bliss indicated that the statement attributed to him that the trustees of the United Methodist Church do not want to move Kendall School had actually been that some of the trustees of the United Methodist Church do not want to move Kendall School.

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2004 meeting, as corrected, was made by Robert Brunk and seconded by Matthew Zalewski.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

(A) HAUNTED LIGHTHOUSE PROGRAM

Matthew Zalewski informed the group that Frederick Stonehouse had contacted him regarding a conflict with the scheduled October 14<sup>th</sup> date of the program. An alternative date was discussed, and Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, were decided upon as the preferred date and alternate date. Mr. Stonehouse was to contact Matt the next day to confirm.

Matt reminded the group that Mr. Stonehouse is able to customize the program to what we wanted to include. The Edmund Fitzgerald was mentioned, in light of its proximity to the program date. Co-sponsors are

still being investigated. Hazel Park had been contacted, but indicated that they had no funds available, and that our program didn't meet their criteria.

It was suggested that Ferndale, Warren, and Clawson be contacted, as well as St. John Oakland Hospital, Peoples' State Bank, the Community Round Table, and Century 21, the latter in light of member Kathy Connolly's association. The cost for the program will be approximately \$900.00 to \$1,000.00. An admission fee of \$2.00 will be charged for advance ticket sales and \$5.00 at the door.

Roslyn Yerman will check on the legality of holding a raffle in a City building. A copy of the author's book was suggested as a door prize. Dolly Ferries will contact Loveland Hallmark to see if they might donate a lighthouse item, and Connie Schmelzle suggested a subscription to a Great Lakes magazine as another prize. Mr. Stonehouse could pick the winning tickets.

Mr. Stonehouse might sell and sign his books after he speaks. A display of the numerous books he has written will be set up that evening. Matt Zalewski will contact the schools to advise them of the author's presence in the area, so that they can use the opportunity for a program of their own if they choose.

(B) WEB PAGE CONTENT

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

(C) COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE REPORT

The Round Table does not meet in July and August. The next meeting will be held on September 15, 2004.

(D) KENDALL SCHOOL

Canister drives were held June 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. Tony Bliss and Robert Scheere collected \$850.00 both weekends. The first weekend went well and people were receptive, but while money was collected the following weekend as well, people were rude. After expenses, a profit of \$1,500 was made. The money will be used to paint the interior and the exterior of Kendall School. It will be kept in true school colors. Barbara Lundin suggested putting rocks around the back splash to keep the dirt from coming up onto the base of the school.

Margene Scott contacted the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and was given a telephone number to contact in Michigan. The call yielded a number of helpful ideas. An exemption might be obtained with the handicap difficulty. The electrical union might be able to assist in bringing the electrical work in the school up to code. Stacey Karowski

suggested contacting the School for Electrical Workers in Warren. Don Nagel has done electrical work as well. He was recommended as another contact.

Margene Scott visited an antique store in Forestville during her travels, and found a picture of George Washington that hung in an old schoolhouse, and she is looking for miniature chalkboards.

- (E) Madison Heights 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
Roslyn Yerman, Dolly Ferries, Barbara Geraldts, Barbara Lundin, and Matt Zalewski will represent the Commission on the City's Anniversary Committee, and will work with City staff in planning the events to mark the occasion of the City's golden anniversary. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00. The observance will be yearlong. Margene Scott mentioned a paving project being considered by Youth Assistance, sounding out the group about the cost of individual memorial bricks.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Roslyn Yerman informed the group about a program being offered by the Michigan Library Consortium. Capturing Local History: Conducting Oral Histories for your Library Collection is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Lansing, with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Margene Scott informed the group that the 2005 calendar will feature old and new photographs of Madison Heights.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 1, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Breckenridge Room at the Main Library.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director



MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2004

PRESENT:	Tony Bliss	Mary Lou Merkel
	Robert Brunk	Robert Scheere
	Kathy Connolly	Connie Schmelzle
	Dolly Ferries	Jeraldine Van Sice
	Barbara Gerald	Roslyn Yerman
	Stacey Karwoski	Matthew J. Zalewski
	Barbara Lundin	

EXCUSED: Lila Richards                      Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott

ABSENT: Cathy Longo

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above.

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 20, 2004

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2004 meeting was made by Robert Scheere and seconded by Robert Brunk.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

(A) HAUNTED LIGHTHOUSE PROGRAM

Matthew Zalewski informed the group that Frederick Stonehouse was confirmed for Tuesday evening, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Stonehouse will arrive the day of the program, and stay overnight. Connie Schmelzle will make the hotel arrangements. Roslyn Yerman advised the group that the request to use the Council Chambers was approved at the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting.

The need to confirm co-sponsors so that the flyer can go to the printer was discussed, with the list of those contacted by letter circulated for volunteers for follow-up calls. The group was informed that the Intermediate Women's Club had made a \$25.00 donation. Roslyn Yerman shared a phone call from a Royal Oak Historical Group who will not be able to help with a monetary donation, but will be able to assist with publicizing the event to their members.

As previously discussed, \$2.00 will be charged for advance registrations, and \$5.00 will be charged for registering at the door. Advance registrations will be taken at the Library, with money collected at the door.

The list will serve as proof of advance registration. Double tickets will be given at the door for the opportunity tickets. Additional tickets at a rate of \$1.00 per ticket, or three tickets for \$5.00 were discussed. Mr. Stonehouse will be donating a book, and Dolly Ferries will be checking with Loveland Hallmark to see if they are willing to make a donation. Barb Gerald's donated a lighthouse note pad and a tic tac toe game, and Matthew Zalewski donated a lighthouse calendar, and has a number of lighthouse magazines.

Mr. Stonehouse will pick the opportunity tickets. He will also sell and sign copies of his books after the program. Roslyn Yerman spoke of having library copies of his books on display. A small display case on the circulation desk at the library will promote the program with the author's titles as well. The program will also be publicized on the City Web Site and on Cable, with advertising further being accomplished through the newspapers, the schools, and other sources.

Refreshments will be served in the hallway. Barb Gerald's, Dolly Ferries, and Jerry Van Sice will serve as the Refreshment Committee. The Commission will hold one more formal meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup> to finalize program details, although preparations will be ongoing.

(B) 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will be held on September 14, 2004. The Commission will work on a trivia column for insertion into newsletters. Tony Bliss suggested a monthly newspaper interview with the twelve longest City residents.

(C) HERITAGE BOOK UPDATE

The table of contents of the existing Heritage Books was used as a way of dividing the workload for updating the second volume from 1993 to the present, and initial assignments were made.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Tony Bliss shared with the group that Kendall School had lost their painting contractor, and stated that the Jaycees can no longer have guests or members using the School for their meetings.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, October 6, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Breckenridge Room at the Main Library.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 6, 2004

PRESENT:	Tony Bliss	Mary Lou Merkel
	Robert Brunk	Robert Scheere
	Dolly Ferries	Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott
	Barbara Geraldts	Jeraldine Van Sice
	Stacey Karwoski	Roslyn Yerman
	Barbara Lundin	Matthew J. Zalewski

EXCUSED:	Kathy Connolly	Lila Richards
	Cathy Longo	Connie Schmelzle

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above.

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 20, 2004

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2004 meeting was made by Jeraldine Van Sice and seconded by Robert Brunk.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

(A) HAUNTED LIGHTHOUSE PROGRAM

Roslyn Yerman began the discussion by reporting that 90 tickets for the program had been sold to date. The Council Chambers has fixed seating for 106, and arrangements have been made for additional chairs. Mr. Stonehouse is scheduled to arrive at City Hall at 3:00 p.m. in order to familiarize himself with the venue, and to set up his laptop.

Several Commission members will join Mr. Stonehouse for dinner at the Master's for dinner at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Stonehouse will be staying at the Fairfield Inn. Councilwoman Scott will welcome the audience and provide the introduction, and Matt Zalewski will introduce Mr. Stonehouse. Dolly Ferries, Barbara Geraldts, and Jeraldine Van Sice, will set up the two refreshment tables in the hallway leading to the Council Chambers. Cider, decaffeinated coffee, and cookies will be served.

Tony Bliss will alphabetize the existing advance registration list into an Excel file in order to facilitate check in at the door, and collection of the \$2.00 advance registration fee. The door prizes and Mr. Stonehouse's books will be displayed on the Council table. Gary Fiscus will videotape the program.

Stacey Karwoski will buy the double raffle tickets to be used for the door prize drawing. Additional tickets will be sold prior to the drawing. Roslyn Yerman will have a cash box and change available. The Commission will be paying Mr. Stonehouse's mileage as well as his speaker's fee.

The program has been heavily advertised, and flyers widely distributed. Flyers have been distributed through the Library and through other organizations, and flyers were sent through delivery to 130 libraries in The Library Network cooperative which encompasses libraries throughout the state. Advertisements have appeared in the Madison-Park News, the Daily Tribune, and the News and Free Press, as well as in a number of local organizational newsletters.

(B) NEWSPAPER INTERVIEWS

Discussion took place regarding the interviews with City residents to run monthly as part of the observation of the City's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Tom Willard has expressed an interest in the articles appearing in the Daily Tribune. The general consensus has the same interviews being reproduced in the various area newspapers. Several lists of local historians were consolidated into one, which will be further reviewed at the next meeting.

(C) HERITAGE BOOK UPDATE

Discussion of the Heritage Book Update was tabled until the next meeting.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 28, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Breckenridge Room at the Main Library.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 28, 2004

PRESENT:	Robert Brunk	Mary Lou Merkel
	Dolly Ferries	Robert Scheere
	Barbara Geraldts	Roslyn Yerman
	Barbara Lundin	
EXCUSED:	Tony Bliss	Connie Schmelzle
	Kathy Connolly	Councilwoman Margene Scott
	Stacey Karwoski	Jeraldine Van Sice
	Lila Richards	Matt Zalewski

- I. CALL TO ORDER  
Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman
- II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL  
See above.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 1, 2004  
A motion to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2004 meeting was made by Robert Scheere and seconded by Robert Brunk.
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
  - (A) HAUNTED LIGHTHOUSE WRAP UP  
Roslyn Yerman, Matt Zalewski, Dolly Ferries, and Barbara Geraldts will meet on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m.
  - (B) NEWSPAPER INTERVIEWS  
The Historical Commission will do twelve interviews with longtime City residents to run in the Daily Tribune and possibly mirrored in other newspapers as well. Roslyn Yerman reminded the group that members of the Commission would be interviewing members of the Senior Advisory Board at their November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - (C) HERITAGE BOOK UPDATE  
The table of contents of the existing volumes will continue to be divided up among Commission members to work on. Robert Brunk has contacted the Madison School District for information, and they are working with him. Barb Geraldts recommended that the Commission meet on a monthly basis through 2005 as 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary projects are worked on.
- V. OTHER BUSINESS  
There was no other business.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for November 29, 2004 at the Main Library. It was decided that it would be best to identify between two meeting days, and alternate between them on a monthly basis, preferably during the same week of each month. Two days would at least allow each Commission member to attend every other meeting, if not each one. These will be primarily working sessions, to touch base and coordinate work that will need to be ongoing between meetings.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 29, 2004

PRESENT:    Robert Brunk                      Robert Scheere  
              Kathy Connolly                Connie Schmelzle  
              Barbara Lundin                Jeraldine Van Sice  
              Mary Merkel                    Matthew J. Zalewski  
              Lila Richards

EXCUSED:    Tony Bliss                                  Cathy Longo  
              Dolly Ferries                    Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott  
              Barbara Geraldts                Roslyn Yerman  
              Stacey Karowski

I.        CALL TO ORDER  
          Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Matthew Zalewski

II.       INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL  
          See above.

III.      APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 28, 2004  
          Postponed until January meeting

IV.      OLD BUSINESS

(A)      NEWSPAPER INTERVIEWS

Barb Lundin reported that the group interview with the Senior Advisory Board went extremely well. The interviews were tape-recorded, and each interviewee passed the microphone around and told their stories very naturally. The Daily Tribune and Madison-Park News had reporters in attendance, and each featured an article about the interview process. The interview itself will appear in the Tribune in January as the first of twelve 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary interviews.

Roslyn Yerman, Dolly Ferries, and Tom Willard will be meeting in December to turn the group interview into a publishable format. It is hoped that this format will then serve as a model for future interviews.

Kathy Connolly inquired as to whether the interviews could be played at future Historical Commission meetings.

An updated list of potential future interviewees was distributed to the Commission for review. The following members volunteered to conduct interviews: Bob Brunk: Vincent Bianchini; Jerry VanSice: Shirley Buckner and Dick Meischeid; Lila Richards: Carter Curtiss (needs phone number);



Kathy Connolly: Jean Linville; Connie Schmelzle: Elenore Sutherland; Matthew Zalewski: Douglas MacLean. Mary Merkel would like to approach the Horkeys and Kendalls, but was uncertain about whether she would be able to contact them. Barb Lundin has previously volunteered to interview John Lamerato. Interviewers should plan to conduct their interviews any time after the holidays. The suggested interview format should be available by that time. Anybody else who wants to volunteer for an interview should contact Roslyn Yerman.

It was suggested that Mary & Ralph Merkel and Barb & Monte Geraldts could write their own interviews. The idea was well received.

Bob Brunk inquired as to whether we could find out Bill Huffman's winter location in Florida through City Hall or another source so that somebody could contact him for an interview.

An interview with Wyland was proposed, and it was noted that he likely would return to Madison Heights in 2005 for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and/or his high school class reunion.

(B) HERITAGE BOOK

Discussion took place regarding the progress of Heritage Book sections:

Robert Scheere is making progress with the City Clerk section.

Bob Brunk reported that he is still waiting for a report from the Madison Schools, which has been delayed several times.

Connie Schmelzle shared a letter she had composed for the purpose of sending to the city's religious institutions in order to solicit information and/or arrange interviews.

Matthew Zalewski reported that he plans to work on the City Manager, CDD, and CIP sections throughout December.

Jerry VanSice reported that she, Barb Geraldts, and Dolly Ferries, were still getting started on the Senior Citizens, Clubs, and Organizations sections.

Kathy Connolly asked whether we wanted to compile the names of people who have worked, and who currently work, in departments. The Commission indicated that it would like to ask for such information at least for the record, even if it may end up being too much to be included in the book.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

(A) KENDALL SCHOOL

Matthew Zalewski reported that Tony Bliss had contacted him prior to the meeting regarding a crisis at the Kendall School. The Jaycees determined that continuing to make rent payments is not financially feasible since the building can only be used for their meetings and the cost is affecting their ability to run other programs. The church removed the bell tower without informing the Jaycees or Kendall School Foundation, and now is planning to padlock the doors at the end of the month and seek bids for demolishing the school. Tony invited the commission to attend an emergency meeting of the Kendall School Foundation at 8:30 p.m. this evening. Possible strategies for seeking emergency financial sources will be discussed. He also welcomes commissioners to share any ideas that they might have for saving the school.

(B) COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE REPORT

Bob Brunk noted that the last Roundtable meeting provided an unbelievable amount of information. Of particular interest was the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, holiday parties for senior citizens being hosted by Lamphere and Madison High Schools, and the Boards and Commissions Dinner scheduled for Friday, April 15, 2005.

VI. NEXT MEETING

Beginning in January, the Commission will meet monthly according to an alternating schedule so that as many members can be accommodated as possible. We will start in January with the first Thursday of the month, and will alternate with the first Monday of the month. Agendas will not be mailed each month, so members should mark their calendars according to this pattern. The next three meeting dates are as follows: Thursday, January 6, 2005; Monday, February 7, 2005; and Thursday, March 3, 2005.

Bob Brunk and Lila Richards noted that they will be out of town for the next several meetings, and asked to be excused.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew J. Zalewski  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
JANUARY 6, 2005

**PRESENT:** Tony Bliss                      Lila Richards  
Kathy Connolly                  Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott  
Dolly Ferries                    Roslyn Yerman  
Mary Merkel

EXCUSED:	Robert Brunk	Robert Scheere
	Barbara Geraldts	Jeraldine Van Sice
	Cathy Longo	Matt Zalewski
	Barbara Lundin	

ABSENT: Stacey Karowski Connie Schmelzle

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman.

## II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 28, 2004 and November 29, 2004

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2004 meeting was made by Mary Lou Merkel and seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 29<sup>th</sup> meeting was made by Kathy Connolly and seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

### (A) NEWSPAPER INTERVIEWS

Roslyn Yerman shared her conversation with Tom Willard of the Daily Tribune. He has suggested six interviews with longtime residents and six interviews on local businesses in order to add variety to the dozen interviews planned for the year. Commission members identified the group interview with the Senior Advisory Board as one of the initial six, and identified five additional groupings from the growing list of local historians being maintained. Those additional groupings are as follows:

1. Bill Gordon and Bob Gettings
2. Doug MacLean and Jean Linville
3. Elva Mills, John Minch, Mary Lou and Ralph Merkel
4. Carter (Buck) Curtiss and Don Chin
5. Monte and Barbara Geraldts

It was noted that it was hard to narrow it down to such a small list with such a wealth of names to choose from. Commission members were reminded of their own ongoing oral history project. Telway, Green Lantern, and John R. Lumber were suggested as possible business interviews. Virginia James was identified as possibly the oldest resident, born in 1909. Martha Smith may be the second oldest.

(B) HERITAGE BOOK

Work continues on the Heritage Book Project, with Commission members working on individual chapters. The second update will begin with the 21<sup>st</sup> Council, and chapters will be typed as they are completed.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

(A) KENDALL SCHOOL

Tony Bliss shared the latest on the Kendall School situation. He reported that according to Laura Ashley, with the Michigan Historic Preservation of Buildings, Kendall School meets the criteria for historic preservation. It was further reported that the bell and tower were removed, without securing the building, resulting in moisture in the attic. Madison School District Superintendent, Dr. William Harrison is supportive of providing a new site for Kendall School in the Madison District.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Breckenridge Room of the Madison Heights Public Library.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 7, 2005

PRESENT:	Dolly Ferries	Connie Schmelzle
	Barbara Geraldts	Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott
	Stacey Karwoski	Jerry Van Sice
	Barbara Lundin	Roslyn Yerman
	Mary Merkel	Matthew Zalewski

EXCUSED:	Tony Bliss	Lila Richards
	Robert Brunk	Robert Scheere

ABSENT:	Kathy Connolly	Cathy Longo
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman.

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JANUARY 6, 2005

Stacey Karwoski corrected the spelling of her last name, and Connie Schmelzle stated that she should be marked excused and not absent, as she had previously indicated her unavailability for Monday evening meetings. A motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2005 meeting, as corrected, was made by Dolly Ferries, and seconded by Mary Merkel.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

(A) NEWSPAPER INTERVIEWS

Roslyn Yerman reminded the group that Tom Willard would be conducting the interviews for the Daily Tribune. She will follow up with for an alert as to when the articles will run.

(B) HERITAGE BOOK

Work continues on the Heritage Book Project, with Commission members working on individual chapters. The second update will begin with the 20<sup>th</sup> Council, and chapters will be typed as they are completed. Stacey Karwoski has taken on the job of assembling the master copy as portions are submitted to her. The first set of chapters will be due on May 5<sup>th</sup>, after which, the final set of chapters will be assigned. The plan is to have the update available for printing by the end of the year. The volume will likely be titled Update II: 1993-2005. Dolly Ferries will be contacting Jim Schurig at Lamphere Graphics with regard to photograph placement.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

(A) KENDALL SCHOOL

Councilwoman Scott reported that the Kendall School Foundation will not disband. A formal meeting has not yet been held since the demolition of the school. \$1,500 remains in the treasury, primarily collected through canister fund drives. The foundation is a 501 C3 organization, and if it did disband, the money would be distributed among similar groups in the City.

(B) HISTORICAL BUILDINGS

Margene went on to report that she was contacted by Jennifer Mazuek, a student at Wayne State University. She is writing a paper on the preservation of historical buildings. Margene told her both about Kendall School and Edison School, which is the oldest school building in Madison Heights. The original name of the school was Greenwood Elementary.

Margene further reported that several City Council members were interested in the Collette House, which was built in the 1850's. She will donate a CD with pictures of the house to the Historical Collection. She commented on the Branch Library building, and reported that she has the Woodland Scrapbooks that were left at Lamphere High School following the January 22<sup>nd</sup> Sock Hop.

(C) COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE

A motion was made by Barbara Geraldts to nominate Matthew Zalewski as Historian of the Year at this year's Community Round Table Awards Luncheon, and seconded by Councilwoman Scott. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Breckenridge Room of the Madison Heights Public Library.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MARCH 3, 2005

PRESENT: Kathy Connolly                      Robert Scheere  
             Dolly Ferries                         Jerry Van Sice  
             Barbara Geraldts                    Roslyn Yerman  
             Barbara Lundin                       Matthew Zalewski  
             Mary Merkel

EXCUSED: Tony Bliss                             Lila Richards  
             Robert Brunk                         Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott  
             Stacey Karwoski                         Connie Schmelzle

ABSENT: Cathy Longo

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman.

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JANUARY 6, 2005

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2005 meeting was made by Matt Zalewski and seconded by Barbara Geraldts.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

(A) NEWSPAPER INTERVIEWS

Roslyn Yerman will contact Tom Willard to confirm when articles are being run. The first interview with Ralph and Mary Merkel has not been seen to date.

(B) HERITAGE BOOK

Work continues on the Heritage Book Project, with Commission members working on individual chapters. Robert Brunk has submitted information on the Madison School District. Councilwoman Scott has submitted the Council Update beginning with the 20<sup>th</sup> Council. Matt Zalewski has spoken with Jim Schaefer and provided him with some good input for the Community Development section. Matt has also emailed Joyce Seitz.

Stacy Karwoski will type the master copy. It should be in Helevitz font, or if unavailable, Times New Roman. Font size should be 12.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Roslyn Yerman reported that Connie Schmelzle had recommended a speaker on lighthouses for the Commission's April meeting.

COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE

Barbara Geraldts will email Robert Brunk to ask if he will present the Historian of the Year Award to Matt Zalewski. Robert Scheere reported that the Jaycees would hold their Easter Egg Dash on Saturday, March 19, 2005. They will pass out flyers on March 5<sup>th</sup> for donations of bags of candy.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Breckenridge Room of the Madison Heights Public Library.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library



MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
APRIL 4, 2005

PRESENT:	Robert Brunk	Lila Richards
	Dolly Ferries	Connie Schmelzle
	Barbara Geraldts	Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott
	Stacey Karwoski	Jeraldine Van Sice
	Barbara Lundin	Roslyn Yerman
	Mary Merkel	Matthew Zalewski

EXCUSED:	Tony Bliss	Robert Scheere
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ABSENT:	Kathy Connolly	Cathy Longo
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ALSO PRESENT:	Barb Caddy	Tom Schmelzle
	Barbara Millard	

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman.

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MARCH 3, 2005

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2005 meeting as corrected was made by Matt Zalewski and seconded by Barbara Geraldts. (Meeting for April will be held on April 4, 2005, not April 3, 2005.)

IV. GRAND TRAVERSE LIGHTHOUSE PRESENTATION – BARB CADDY

Connie Schmelzle introduced Barb Caddy, and Barb's mother, Barbara Millard. Barb worked at the Grand Traverse Lighthouse in Northport, Michigan, for two weeks. She reported that there was no cell phone access, no Internet, and no television. Duties included taking visitors on tours of the lighthouse. 500 visitors a day was not uncommon. Barb painted windows during her first week, and took 150 visitors through the lighthouse during her second week. She worked in the gift shop, handling the cash register, cleaned out the basement, and helped deal with a shed full of wood. Each volunteer was given two free half days, or one full day. Barb shared a twenty-minute video with the group.

V. OLD BUSINESS

(A) NEWSPAPER INTERVIEWS

Barbara Geraldts shared the interview with Ralph and Mary Merkel that had appeared in the Daily Tribune. The interviews will run sporadically throughout the year.

(B) HERITAGE BOOK UPDATE

Work continues on the Heritage Book with Commission members working on individual chapters. The second update will begin with the 20<sup>th</sup> Council, and chapters will be typed as they are completed. Stacey Karwoski has taken on the job of typing the reports as they are completed. She would like them put onto a disk and she can fit them into her work. Dolly and Bill Ferries spoke with Jim Schurig of Lamphere Graphics, and he would like the type font to be size 12, in Helvetica or New Times Roman.

Commission members should have their first half assignments completed by the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, so that work on the second half of the book may begin. The goal is to have the book ready for printing by the end of the year.

Robert Brunk reported that Sixma would be torn down April 13, 2005 for the developer. Councilwoman Scott will take pictures. Charlie Chard will be retiring from the school board.

Barbara Geraldts reported on the writing contest for the City's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. 90 essays were submitted on March 18, 2005. A few will be read at the service following the Memorial Day Parade. Certificates will be printed for each participant, with monetary gifts presented to the winners. A booklet of all of all of the submitted entries might be prepared.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Breckenridge Room of the Madison Heights Public Library.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MAY 5, 2005

PRESENT:    Tony Bliss                                  Robert Scheere  
                 Stacey Karwoski                        Jeraldine Van Sice  
                 Mary Merkel                               Roslyn Yerman  
                 Lila Richards                                Matthew Zalewski

EXCUSED:   Robert Brunk                              Cathy Longo  
                 Kathy Connolly                         Barbara Lundin  
                 Dolly Ferries                                   Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott  
                 Barbara Geraldts                             Connie Schmelzle

I.        CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

II.       INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above.

III.      APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 4, 2005

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2005 meeting was made by Lila Richards, seconded by Robert Scheere.

IV.      OLD BUSINESS

(A)      NEWSPAPER INTERVIEWS

There were no new interview publications in the Daily Tribune since the last meeting. The project is now in the hands of Tom Willard.

(B)      HERITAGE BOOK

Discussion of Heritage Book progress continued:

Mary Merkel has many photographs that may be useful to members seeking pictures for their chapters.

Roslyn Yerman reported that she continues to work on the Library and the Historical Commission sections. She has received information from Parks and Recreation, while Margene Scott has submitted the City Council section, and Bob Brunk has submitted the Madison Schools section. Kathy Connolly has asked the Police Chief and the Court for updates. City Clerk Carole Corbett will provide an update for the City Clerk section.

Jerry VanSice reported that she, Barb Geraldts, and Dolly Ferries had made progress on the Clubs and Organizations sections. Jerry asked whether Stacey Karwoski had received the Senior Citizens section, and Stacey was quite certain that it had not been received. Jerry also noted that she has

approached Matt Hackett at the Nature Center about providing the Nature Center chapter. Additionally, Jerry will take on the City Assessor section.

Matthew Zalewski reported that he continues to work on the City Manager, CDD, and CIP / Community Development sections.

Tony Bliss recommended listing past administration officials and board and commission members in their respective sections of the Heritage Book. It was agreed that this may be feasible in some areas, but listing all the board and commission members would probably be too much. A "thank you" page listing current board & commission members was offered as a possibility.

Stacey Karwoski reported excellent progress on the Fire Department section. She discussed her progress on the Boards & Commissions section, and noted that she hopes to approach each board to review their mission statements and for any other information. Roslyn will provide a list of the current Boards and Commissions.

It was agreed that there would be no page limits for the sections, and it may very well be necessary to make some sections in this year's book larger than in the previous update due to the number of developments related to that section over the past 13 years.

Members are encouraged to keep in touch with each other between meetings as questions arise and sections are completed.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Tony Bliss inquired as to whether the Commission was planning to organize another community program. Roslyn Yerman noted that there were no immediate plans, but stated that the idea could be discussed at the next meeting if the Commission desired. She did suggest that the Commission might already have enough on its plate this year with the Heritage Book update.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 6, 2005 at 7:00 pm in the Breckenridge Room of the Madison Heights Public Library.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew J. Zalewski  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
JUNE 6, 2005

PRESENT:	Robert Brunk Dolly Ferries Barbara Geraldts Barbara Lundin	Lila Richards Mary Merkel Roslyn Yerman Matthew Zalewski
EXCUSED:	Tony Bliss Stacey Karwoski Robert Scheere	Connie Schmelzle Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott Jeraldine Van Sice
ABSENT:	Kathy Connolly	Cathy Longo

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 5, 2005

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2005 meeting was made by Mary Lou Merkel and seconded by Lila Richards.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

(A) NEWSPAPER INTERVIEWS

Roslyn Yerman spoke with Tom Willard of the Daily Tribune and shared pictures from the historical collection for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Supplement. Robert Brunk reported that Vince Bianchini will be interviewed upon his return to Madison Heights in the near future.

(B) HERITAGE BOOK

Work continues on the Heritage Book with Commission members working on individual chapters. The general consensus is that all submissions should be made by fall to have the updated volume ready for printing by the end of the year. Commission members reviewed the Table of Contents to create a status report. Those sections that had been completed, those that are in progress, and those that remain to be undertaken were noted. Dolly Ferries will type up a list, and email it to those Commission members with email, and Roslyn Yerman will follow up by mailing copies to those without.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Barbara Gerald reported on the writing contest sponsored by the Intermediate Women's Club. Twenty awards were presented to two elementary students, two middle school students, and sixteen high school students at the May 23<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 7, 2005, at 7:00 pm in the Breckenridge Room of the Madison Heights Public Library.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
JULY 7, 2005

PRESENT:	Robert Brunk	Mary Merkel
	Kathy Connolly	Robert Scheere
	Dolly Ferries	Roslyn Yerman
	Stacey Karwoski	Matthew Zalewski
EXCUSED:	Tony Bliss	Connie Schmelzle
	Barbara Geraldts	Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott
	Barbara Lundin	Jeraldine Van Sice
	Lila Richards	
ABSENT:	Cathy Longo	

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 5, 2005

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2005 meeting was made by Bob Brunk and seconded by Matt Zalewski.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

(A) NEWSPAPER INTERVIEWS

Roslyn Yerman reported that per Tom Willard, the Tribune would run interviews with local residents at the newspaper's convenience.

(B) HERITAGE BOOK

Work continues on the Heritage Book with Commission members working on individual chapters. The plan remains to have the updated volume ready for printing by the end of the year. Roslyn Yerman reported that Connie Schmelzle had agreed to interview the City Treasurer. Stacey Karwoski reported that she has finished the section on the new Fire Station. Bob Brunk will work on the Athletic Boosters, and Mary Merkel is focusing on providing pictures to illustrate the updated volume. Kathy Connolly is revising the information provided to her by the Court, and Roslyn Yerman reported that Deputy Police Chief Don Roeske is working on the Police section. In discussion about updated pictures of the

Department Heads, Roslyn Yerman reminded the group that current pictures are available under the Who's Who section of the City website.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Roslyn Yerman received information on the Pine Grove Historical Museum and the Oakland County Pioneer & Historical Society. Discussion took place on the possibility of a group tour by members of the Commission. Discussion also took place regarding a membership in the Oakland County Historical Society. Kathy Connolly raised the possibility of a Fall program. Roslyn suggested that the group might have enough on its plate this year with the Heritage Book update, but a program could be considered if there was interest, and members willing to work on organizing one.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2005, at 7:00 pm in the Breckenridge Room of the Madison Heights Public Library.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library



MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
AUGUST 1, 2005

PRESENT:	Kathy Connolly Dolly Ferries Barbara Geraldts	Stacey Karwoski Robert Scheere Matthew Zalewski
EXCUSED:	Tony Bliss Robert Brunk Barbara Lundin Lila Richards	Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott Connie Schmelzle Jeraldine Van Sice Roslyn Yerman
ABSENT:	Cathy Longo	Mary Merkel

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Dolly Ferries

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 7, 2005

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2005 meeting was made by Robert Scheere and seconded by Matthew Zalewski.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

(A) NEWSPAPER INTERVIEWS

There were no new interview publications to our knowledge.

(B) HERITAGE BOOK

Work continues on the book, with the goal of publication at the end of the year. Robert Scheere volunteered to ask Tony Bliss to provide an update on the Knights of Columbus. Kathy Connolly has the Court's update from Judge Turner, which Dolly will type and then give to Stacey. Don Roeske is working on the Police update. Don is in contact with Roslyn Yerman, and Kathy will follow-up as well. Matt is hoping to have all of his sections done by mid-month.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

The members present reiterated their interest in planning a group visit to the Pine Grove Historical Museum and Oakland County Pioneer & Historical Society site in Pontiac. A Friday afternoon or possibly a Saturday seemed best, and we would need to find out if a tour could be arranged for one of those times. We might also want to go out to lunch as part of the trip.

The group picked up discussion about the idea, raised at the last meeting, of having a table set up at the August 21 Festival in the Park to promote the Historical Commission and the upcoming Heritage Book Update. The consensus was that there was not enough time to properly plan a display, especially since nobody present could commit to putting it together in the next few weeks. Instead, it was agreed that having a table would be a nice idea for next year once the books are printed. It would also offer more time to create a display and find the proper presentation materials and equipment. The 2006 pre-4<sup>th</sup> of July festival might be a good opportunity.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 1, 2005 at 7:00 pm in the Breckenridge Room of the Madison Heights Public Library.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew J. Zalewski  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Dolly Ferries  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2005

PRESENT:	Robert Brunk Dolly Ferries Barbara Geraldts Barbara Lundin	Robert Scheere Jeraldine Van Sice Roslyn Yerman
EXCUSED:	Tony Bliss Stacey Karwoski Lila Richards Robert Scheere	Connie Schmelzle Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott Matthew Zalewski
ABSENT:	Kathy Connolly Cathy Longo	Mary Merkel

- I. CALL TO ORDER  
Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman
- II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL  
See above.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 5, 2005  
A motion to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2005 meeting was made by Robert Scheere and seconded by Barbara Geraldts.
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
  - (A) NEWSPAPER INTERVIEWS  
Roslyn Yerman reported that per Tom Willard, the Tribune would run interviews with local residents at the newspaper's convenience.
  - (B) HERITAGE BOOK  
Work continues on the Heritage Book with Commission members working on individual chapters. The plan remains to have the updated volume ready for printing by the end of the year. Dolly Ferries will contact Tina at Lamphere Printing and Graphics to see if they will be able to handle the print job. Dolly Ferries will prepare a new Heritage Book Update Status Report to identify completed sections and sections still being completed, as well as those yet to be taken on.
- V. OTHER BUSINESS  
The tour of the Pine Grove Historical Museum and Oakland County Pioneer & Historical Site in Pontiac will be discussed at a future date.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2005, at 7:00 pm in the Breckenridge Room of the Madison Heights Public Library.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 3, 2005

PRESENT:	Robert Brunk	Lila Richards
	Dolly Ferries	Robert Scheere
	Stacey Karwoski	Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott
	Mary Merkel	Jeraldine Van Sice

EXCUSED:	Tony Bliss	Connie Schmelzle
	Barbara Gerald	Roslyn Yerman
	Barbara Lundin	Matthew Zalewski

ABSENT:	Kathy Connolly	Cathy Longo
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above.

Two guests were in attendance, one to fulfill a class assignment, and a second, interested in joining the Commission. She was advised as to the procedure for applying to a City Board or Commission.

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 1, 2005

Robert Scheere indicated that he was listed as both present and excused, and the next meeting date was corrected to October 3, 2005, from August 1, 2005. A motion to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2005 meeting as corrected was made by Robert Brunk and seconded by Robert Scheere.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

(A) HERITAGE BOOK UPDATE

Work continues on the Heritage Book update, with Commission members working on individual sections. The plan is to have it ready for printing by the end of the year. Dolly Ferries will contact Tina at Lamphere Printing and Graphics to see if the job can be handled. Dolly Ferries will update the list of completed sections, sections still in progress, and those sections that remain open.

As of October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dolly Ferries is working on the Mayor and City Council and on the Board of Review. County/State Government remains open. Jeraldine Van Sice is working on Health Care, including St. John Hospital, Cambridge Nursing Home, and DMC Stephenson. Stacey Karwoski was

interested in the essays from the writing contest sponsored by the Intermediate Women's Club. The essays are on file at the library.

Robert Brunk brought up the JASON project based at Lamphere, and volunteered to cover this section for the update.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Robert Brunk attended the Community Round Table Meeting, and shared that Mayor Pro Tem Clark gave a report on road repairs and passed out a schedule of the streets scheduled for repair. The Goodfellows are looking for donations for the children at Christmas program. Meet the Candidates will take place at Club Venetian on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m., with a \$15.00 charge for lunch.

Jeraldine Van Sice brought in an article on Bob-Lo. First time author Annessa Carlisle has written a book titled Bob-Lo: An Island in Troubled Waters. It was suggested that the Commission purchase this book.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 3, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Breckenridge Room at the Main Library.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 3, 2005

PRESENT:	Tony Bliss	Lila Richards
	Robert Brunk	Robert Scheere
	Kathy Connolly	Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott
	Dolly Ferries	Jerry Van Sice
	Barbara Geraldts	Roslyn Yerman
	Stacey Karwoski	Matthew Zalewski
	Mary Merkel	

EXCUSED:    Barbara Lundin                      Connie Schmelzle

ABSENT:     Cathy Longo

I.        CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

II.       INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above.

III      APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 3, 2005

Robert Brunk corrected Bo-Lo to Bob-Lo in the second paragraph under Other Business.    A motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2005 meeting as corrected was made by Robert Brunk and seconded by Robert Scheere.

IV.      OLD BUSINESS

(A)     HERITAGE BOOK UPDATE

Work continues on the Heritage Book update, with Commission members working on individual sections. The plan is to have it ready for printing by the end of the year. Dolly Ferries updated the list of sections that have been completed, and those that are still being worked on. All sections should be completed by the December meeting.

A new item brought up for discussion was the inclusion of a "Walk of Fame," a section including notable celebrities such as Wyland and Jim Myers. Criteria for inclusion were discussed, with submissions requested by the December meeting.

The group shot of the Historical Commission will be taken on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 5:00 in the Breckenridge Room at the Library.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, December 5, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Breckenridge Room at the Main Library.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library



MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
DECEMBER 8, 2005

**PRESENT:**

Tony Bliss	Lila Richards
Kathy Connolly	Robert Scheere
Dolly Ferries	Connie Schmelzle
Barbara Geraldts	Roslyn Yerman
Stacey Karwoski	Matthew Zalewski
Mary Merkel	

EXCUSED: Robert Brunk Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott  
Jerry Van Sice Barb Lundin

ABSENT: Cathy Longo

**GUESTS:** Audra Quinn, Madison-Park News

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

## II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above.

### III APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2005

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2005 meeting was made by Barbara Geraldts and seconded by Robert Scheere.

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

(A) HERITAGE BOOK UPDATE

Work continues on the Heritage Book with members working on individual chapters. The Commission would like to have the update ready for printing by the middle of January. An outstanding issues list was created to address those items remaining to be completed.

Audra Quinn spoke to Commission members about what they considered to be the top ten major accomplishments during the 1992-2005 period covered by the update as part of a Madison-Park News article promoting the volume's release.

## V. OTHER BUSINESS

## VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Breckenridge Room at the Main Library.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
JANUARY 18, 2006

PRESENT:	Tony Bliss Dolly Ferries Barbara Geraldts Stacey Karwoski Barbara Lundin	Mary Merkel Robert Scheere Roslyn Yerman Matthew Zalewski
EXCUSED:	Robert Brunk Lila Richards Connie Schmelzle	Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott Jerry Van Sice

ABSENT: Kathy Connolly

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Ferries

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman, continuing an earlier meeting with Roslyn Yerman, Stacey Karwoski, Dolly and Bill Ferries, and Matthew Zalewski in attendance.

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 8, 2005

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2005 minutes was made by Tony Bliss and seconded by Robert Scheere.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

(A) HERITAGE BOOK UPDATE

Work continues on the Heritage Book Update, with Commission members now proofreading draft copies of the entire document to date. A new deadline of the end of February was identified for the update to be at the printer. Several items are still outstanding, and are in the process of being addressed.

Jon Austin is preparing an Executive Summary that will be incorporated into the draft document. Barbara Geraldts will look into the inclusion of the Chinese American Cultural Center, and there is also the new Iraqi group that will be considered for inclusion. Barbara Lundin will work on expanding the information on the Meijer Development section to include information on the Frank Lloyd Wright Subdivision. Jerry Van Sice will be contacted to see if she will follow up with the St. John Open MRI

Center on 13 Mile Road for inclusion in the Health Section. Discussion on inclusion of Madison School Board members was discussed, and the decision was made to list members from 1992 to the present. Robert Scheere will bring the names to the February meeting.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Tony Bliss made a motion to nominate Stacey Karwoski as “Historian of the Year” at the Madison Heights Community Round Table Awards Luncheon to be held in May, and the motion passed unanimously.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 16th at 7:30 p.m. in the Breckenridge Room at the Main Library.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 16, 2006

PRESENT:	Tony Bliss	Robert Scheere
	Dolly Ferries	Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott
	Stacey Karwoski	Jerry Van Sice
	Barbara Lundin	Roslyn Yerman
	Mary Merkel	Matthew Zalewski

EXCUSED:	Robert Brunk	Lila Richards
	Barbara Geraldts	Connie Schmelzle

ABSENT: Kathy Connolly

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Ferries

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above.

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 18, 2006

Roslyn Yerman informed Stacey Karwoski of the Commission's decision to honor her as Historian of the Year at the upcoming Community Round Table Awards Luncheon before the minutes were distributed. A motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2006 meeting was made by Robert Scheere and seconded by Matthew Zalewski.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

(A) HERITAGE BOOK UPDATE

Work continues on the Heritage Book Update with Commission members now proofreading draft copies of the entire document to date. City Manager Jon Austin has prepared an Executive Summary that will be incorporated into the document. Barbara Geraldts will work on the new Chinese American Cultural Center, as well as the new Iraqi group.

Tony Bliss and Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott provided a draft of the Kendall School section. Barbara Lundin submitted her addition to the Meijer section with the inclusion of the Frank Lloyd Wright subdivision. Jerry Van Sice volunteered to follow up on St. John MRI for inclusion in the Health Section, and Robert Scheere contacted Bob Gettings for a list of the Madison School Board members from 1992 to the present. That list was submitted to Roslyn Yerman.

Roslyn Yerman informed the group that City Manager Austin wanted to be sure that the DPS Fire, water meter change out, and plastic water main conversion were covered. Matthew Zalewski indicated that he covered the latter two items in his submission for Community Development, and that he would provide them for review by DPS. Roslyn Yerman will forward on those sections, and solicit DPS input on the fire. She shared the City Manager's inquiry about the Branch Library closure, and stated that she had covered this point in the Library section. Councilwoman Scott will cover Random Acts of Kindness.

Roslyn Yerman expressed her thanks to Bill and Dolly Ferries for their initial conversations with Tina Fletcher at Lamphere Printing & Graphics regarding the print job of the update. Roslyn Yerman, Stacey Karwoski, and Bill and Dolly Ferries will meet with her when the book is ready for printing. City Manager Austin would like a color copy, as well as a bound copy, and suggested that a bound copy might also be appropriate at the library. He also suggested merging all three books into one at some point.

The original volume contains 75 pages, the second, 120, and the third volume is working its way toward 200 pages. Stacey Karwoski suggested a "Famous Faces of Madison Heights" section. The oldest high school graduate, a Madison Heights resident was discussed, as well as her inclusion in the "Famous Faces" section.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

The resumption of programming, in the form of the Legends of the Lake program that Roslyn Yerman had previously brought to the group's attention was tabled until a later date.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for April 2006 at 7:30 p.m. on a date yet to be determined.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
APRIL 26, 2006

PRESENT:	Tony Bliss	Lila Richards
	Robert Brunk	Robert Scheere
	Sarah Collingwood	Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott
	Kathleen Connolly	Cheryl Suiter
	Dolly Ferries	Jeraldine Van Sice
	Mary Merkel	Roslyn Yerman

EXCUSED:	Barbara Gerald	Barbara Lundin
	Stacey Karwoski	Connie Schmelzle

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Ferries  
Sherry Wells, Ferndale Historical Society  
Matthew Zalewski

I. CALL TO ORDER  
Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL  
See above.

New members Sarah Collingwood and Cheryl Suiter were welcomed.

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 16, 2006  
A motion to approve the minutes of the February 16<sup>th</sup> 2006 meeting was made by Tony Bliss and seconded by Robert Scheere.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

(A) HERITAGE BOOK UPDATE

Roslyn Yerman and Stacey Karwoski met with Tina Fletcher at Lamphere Printing and Graphics today. The update's length, at 120 pages, is beyond what can be done locally. Tina will provide the group with printers to consider, and will assist us with formatting the document beforehand, including picture placement. She suggested using more of the page and smaller print.

The pictures will be removed to make the document more manageable to proofread. Properly sized and named boxes will be inserted into the text where the pictures are to be placed once proofreading is complete and as the update is formatted for the printer. Five members volunteered to proofread.

(B) COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE

Robert Brunk reported that the City's golf outing will be held on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Youth Assistance will hold a golf outing on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Sara Suarez will take part in the Breast Cancer Three Day in May, which involves walking 60 miles. Club Venetian will hold a Mother's Day Brunch on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Stacey Karwoski will be honored as the Commission's "Historian of the Year" at the Round Table's Awards luncheon on May 17<sup>th</sup> at Club Venetian.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. SHERRY A. WELLS – FERNDALDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
AUTHOR / LAWELL PUBLISHING

Sherry A. Wells, with the Ferndale Historical Society spoke to the Commission about her interest in informal meetings of area historical groups for networking. She also spoke to the group about her publishing efforts, essentially an expansion of the Commission's own oral histories.

B. MEETING SCHEDULE

Roslyn Yerman addressed the subject of standardized meeting dates. The fourth Wednesday of January, April, and October were identified as regular meeting dates. Tony Bliss suggested an additional meeting date in June.

Tony Bliss suggested a Commission activity as part of the City's Festival in the Park, scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup>. He recommended a kite flying contest comparable to an activity that Sherry Wells described doing with the Ferndale Historical Society. He spoke about promoting it to the schools with possible prizes for the highest and longest flying kites. Contacting local scout troops was recommended.

Matthew Zalewski shared his hopes of staying involved with the Commission unofficially; despite having had to resign his seat because of he had moved out of the City. The news was welcomed by Commission members and they wished Matt well in his future endeavors.

Roslyn Yerman shared an email from former Historical Commission member, John Weigel, who is visiting historical museums in the state. It was suggested that he be invited to a future meeting to share his visits. Connie Schmelzle volunteered to coordinate museum visits for interested Commission members.

Roslyn Yerman shared information on the Rochester Hills Museum's upcoming exhibit, Mothers, Daughters, and Leaders of Oakland County.



VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

## MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

April 10, 2008

PRESENT: Kathleen Connolly                      Lila Richards  
             Dolly Ferries                              Connie Schmelzle  
             Barbara Geraldts                        Mayor Pro Tem Margene Ann Scott  
             Martha Kehoe                              Cheryl Suiter  
             Barbara Lundin                            Jerry Van Sice  
             Sue Price                                    Roslyn Yerman

EXCUSED: Tony Bliss                              Barbara Lundin  
             Stacey Karwoski                        Mary Merkel

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Roslyn Yerman

### II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above.

### III APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 25, 2007

These minutes will be approved at the October 15, 2008 meeting.

### IV. OLD BUSINESS

#### (A) AREA HISTORICAL GROUP MEETING REPORT

Cheryl Suiter informed the group that she attended the training session entitled, "How to Analyze from a Teachers Standpoint" in preparation for the Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> program at Royal Oak Middle School (formerly Dondero High School). Sponsored by the Oakland County Historical Commission and the Oakland County Intermediate Schools with additional assistance from Preservation Novi and funded in part by a grant from the Waterford Schools TAH Project, "Bringing Local History to the Classroom: Recognize It, Understand It, Care About It" is timely to the Commission's plans for Heritage Room visits

#### (B) COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE REPORT

A new representative will be needed in September. Roslyn Yerman will talk to Barbara Lundin. Lila Richards would serve as the Alternate. The Community Round Table Awards Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2008. The Historian of the Year Award will be presented to Cheryl Suiter for her dedicated work on the Heritage Rooms. Bill Ferries will prepare the certificate.

(C) HERITAGE ROOMS

The Heritage Rooms were discussed at length, as the Commission works to further develop this new City resource. Cheryl Suiter proposed maintaining a binder containing the names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of visitors so that they could be informed of upcoming future events. Councilwoman Scott suggested that the rooms should be included in the promotional videos of the City that will be filmed this summer and available from the City web site.

Roslyn Yerman stated that she would speak with the City about letterhead unique to the Heritage Rooms for thank you letters to donors. Dolly Ferries indicated that she would assume the responsibility for getting letters out. Sue Price stated that she could handle the printing at no cost to the Commission. The idea of a brochure was discussed.

Councilwoman Scott voiced concern about young children picking up dangerous items on lower shelves. There is insurance in place, per the contract between the City and the Madison School District. Discussion took place about expanding the visitor log to include the binder information, along with room to indicate how they became aware of the rooms. Cheryl Suiter spoke about maintaining business binders.

Operating procedures were discussed. A printed schedule will be maintained. Locking and unlocking the doors was demonstrated to be certain each room is properly secured. The shades should be raised when the rooms are open, and put back down upon closing. The security monitoring system should be checked upon opening, and watched periodically during the course of the day.

Councilwoman Scott informed the group that the Daily Tribune runs a Friday feature that lists all of the historical rooms in the County. She suggested that the paper be contacted to include the Heritage Rooms. Summer hours were discussed. Roslyn Yerman indicated that she would speak with the City on this subject, possibly in June and August. She further indicated that she would identify the existing balance in the Historical Commission account.

Commission members were directed to continue documenting items as they are received. Cheryl Suiter reminded members to check their folders for ongoing information. Councilwoman Scott asked if members had the cloth diapers that are prefolded and could be cut in half to serve as slate erasers.

Sue Price shared that visitors have been very impressed with the rooms. Councilwoman Scott suggested that a senior citizen tour be organized.

She further suggested that the Heritage Rooms be open during the school's open house or other events scheduled after school hours.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Kathy Connolly distributed the Community Round Table Calendar of Events and reported that St. Dennis has a new program called Great Harvest for the Needy.

It was suggested that the Senior Center be contacted to see if the Historical Commission banner could be added to the center's bus, and interested members ride during the Memorial Day Parade, scheduled for Monday, May 26, 2008.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Breckenridge Room at the Main Library.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

The following members indicated their availability:

Mary Merkel – All Day

Barbara Geraldts, Dolly Ferries, and Stacey Karwoski: 9:00 a.m. - noon

Mayor Pro Tem Scott: Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Lila Richards and Sue Price: 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Barbara Lundin: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Cheryl Suiter and Roslyn Yerman will be available that day.

Roslyn Yerman will contact those members not in attendance.

Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be available. Dolly Ferries and Barbara Geraldts will supply large coffee pots, and Dolly Ferries, Sue Price, Stacey Karwoski and Cheryl Suiter will provide cookies. Mayor Pro Tem Scott may have brochure completed by Election Day for distribution. Dolly Ferries and Barbara Geraldts will remove the Wyland exhibit from the rotating display case, and Margene will replace it by the end of the month with the Suarez exhibit currently at City Hall.

The Heritage Room sign will advise voters coming in to vote that the rooms are open, and signage on the back of the sign thanking them for voting and inviting them to check out the rooms will meet them as they leave the precinct. Volunteers were signed up for regular Thursday hours in December, and snow days were discussed.

Discussion then turned to regular media promotion of room hours. Tribune contacts were discussed, and Roslyn Yerman indicated that she would email Jeremy Adranga at the Madison-Park News about inclusion in the Community Briefs section.

(B) COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE REPORT

Barbara Lundin reported on the Meet the Candidates session held earlier in the day, with fifteen candidates and fifty members and guests in attendance.

Roslyn Yerman indicated that per the Commission's agreement at the April 26, 2008 meeting, Barbara Lundin had been appointed as the Historical Commission representative at round table, and Lila Richards as the alternate.

(C) AREA HISTORICAL GROUP MEETING REPORT

Cheryl Suiter was unable to attend the meeting.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Breckenridge Room at the Madison Heights Public Library.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
October 15, 2008

PRESENT:	Dolly Ferries	Sue Price
	Barbara Geraldts	Lila Richards
	Stacey Karwoski	Mayor Pro Tem Margene Ann Scott
	Barbara Lundin	Cheryl Suiter
	Mary Merkel	Roslyn Yerman

EXCUSED:	Tony Bliss	Connie Schmelzle
	Martha Kehoe	Jerry Van Sice
	Robert Scheere	

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above.

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 10, 2008

Sue Price stated that she had been present at the meeting, and Mayor Pro Tem Scott noted that her title was not included. The minutes of the April 10, 2008 meeting were approved as corrected by Barbara Geraldts and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Scott.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

(A) HERITAGE ROOMS

Discussion took place on the room brochure being developed by Mayor Pro Tem Scott for room use and promotional efforts. Inclusion of the Commission's mission statement and the City logo were discussed. Roslyn Yerman shared the wording used to describe the Commission's effort for Community Round Table purposes. Editing the City logo to include the Historical Commission name was mentioned. The inclusion of information on how to schedule visits by scout troops and school groups was suggested for the back panel of the brochure, as well as a check off box for donations.

Discussion then moved to having the rooms open on Election Day, as they will not be used for voting, to take advantage both of the opportunity for evening hours, and of the anticipated large voter turnout. Political buttons will be on display, and a political trivia quiz will be created. It was decided that the rooms would be open from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The following members indicated their availability:

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(C) AREA HISTORICAL GROUP MEETING REPORT

Cheryl Suiter was unable to attend the meeting.



VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Breckenridge Room at the Madison Heights Public Library.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

April 22, 2010

Community High School Principal Christian Morales was selected to accept this award based on all the support he has provided over the past four years. Councilwoman Scott will write the presentation, and Lila Richards will be the presenter. Bill Ferries will make this certificate as well.

It was decided that Connie Schmelzle would represent the Historical Commission on the Community Roundtable for the 2010-11 year, with Lila Richards serving as the alternate.

(B) AREA HISTORICAL GROUP MEETING REPORT

Cheryl Suiter was unable to attend the last meeting. She shared a foamcore board with pictures assembled as an example of how historical photos could be displayed in City buildings. City buildings suggested as display sites included the Library, City Hall, Senior Center, DPS, the two Fire Stations, the Court, and the Police Department. Councilwoman Scott will speak with City Manager Jon R. Austin about this idea.

(C) HISTORICAL PHOTOS IN CITY BUILDINGS

See above.

(D) HERITAGE ROOMS – HISTORICAL LESSONS FOR SCHOOLS AND SCOUTS

Councilwoman Scott has printed the Heritage Rooms' brochure, which will be sent to scout troops encouraging schoolroom visits. Barbara Gerald, Martha Kehoe, and Jerry Van Sice will continue to work with Ms. Scott on this project. Visitor kits will be created. It will be mandatory that two adults accompany each scout troop. A \$2.00 admission fee was identified. Handicap access was discussed, with Councilwoman Scott agreed to explore.

(E) GEORGE "THE ANIMAL" STEELE DISPLAY

Councilwoman Scott indicated that the family is agreeable to a display.

(F) FAMILY HISTORIES

Cheryl Suiter's recommendation of the ongoing compilation of family histories in individual binders was further discussed.

(G) STORAGE ISSUES

Storage of flat material in file cabinets was discussed, as well as the school lockers accessible to the Commission. The files would not "circulate."

(H) LAURENCE DECKER DISPLAY

Connie Schmelzle brought in a box of materials to be used in the rotating display case display for Laurence Decker. It was suggested that the display go up for the November Election, and be accompanied by a small reception.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

(A) ROOMS SCHEDULE

The schedule is complete.

(B) ELECTION DAY

A sign up sheet for Election Day volunteers will be distributed at the October Meeting. Barbara Geraldts suggested a fundraiser for the Heritage Rooms, and a bake sale was suggested on Election Day. The Madison Heights Intermediate Women's Club and the Historical Commission will be asked to donate baked goods.

(C) ROUND ROBIN

Barbara Geraldts shared that Dolores' husband has bone cancer. Dolores is the custodian at the Community High School who has been very accommodating to the Commission. Barbara Geraldts will send a card on behalf of members.

Councilwoman Scott shared that she had pictures of the Billous Family Grocery Store, which was at the corner of 11 Mile Road. Cheryl Suiter hung the frame in the business section of the Heritage Rooms.

It was suggested that the Historical Commission banner be carried in the Memorial Day Parade. Cheryl Suiter suggested that the Family Coalition young people might carry it, and Barbara Geraldts added the MyLeads students.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2010..

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library



## MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

January 15, 2009

PRESENT:	Tony Bliss	Lila Richards
	Dolly Ferries	Connie Schmelzle
	Barbara Geraldts	Justin Suarez
	Mary Merkel	Cheryl Suiter
	Sue Price	Roslyn Yerman
EXCUSED:	Stacey Karwoski	Robert Scheere
	Martha Kehoe	Mayor Pro Tem Margene Scott
	Barbara Lundin	Jerry Van Sice

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman.

### II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above. Justin Suarez was welcomed to his first meeting.

### III APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 15, 2008

The minutes of the October 15, 2008 meeting were approved by Sue Price and seconded by Lila Richards.

### IV. OLD BUSINESS

#### (A) HERITAGE ROOMS

The rooms' schedule for the next few months was discussed. Dolly Ferries indicated that she would contact those members not present as to dates, and would coordinate the schedule through the end of the school year in June. Discussion took place, and a procedure established for unlocking the rooms upon opening, and locking them again at close.

Cheryl Suiter shared that she had contributed a computer for members to store items of interest. Justin Suarez indicated that he had a printer that also scanned, copied, and faxed, that he will donate or loan for room use.

Roslyn Yerman shared a report drafted by Mayor Pro Tem Scott following a visit by her Cub Scout troop as an exercise in what it was like to attend school in 1914, given the era of the schoolhouse. The report was designed to establish procedures for school visits.

Part of her lesson plan was distributed, and Roslyn will make copies for future use. More slates and McDuffie Readers are needed for the student desks. Margene suggested the formation of a committee or auxiliary group to help with the Heritage Rooms. Potential members were

discussed, including former Historical Commission members. Promotional efforts could be undertaken, and the resulting group might be called Friends of the Heritage Rooms.

Tony Bliss suggested that there has been confusion with regard to the name of the rooms, and recommended the inclusion of the word museum. Exterior signage outside of Schoenhals was also brought up, as was inviting Jeanne Towar of the Tribune to write a promotional piece.

Dolly Ferries indicated that she was able to donate a tape recorder that could be used to play the oral histories that members have created as background when the rooms are open. The need to record such a history with member Mary Merkel was reiterated. Cheryl Suiter shared a website, blub.com, which illustrates how to create a book. There are bookstores that will sell the created books for a percentage.

Roslyn stated that she was provided with two of the street signs honoring former Mayor George Suarez, and will be bringing them to the rooms.

(B) COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE REPORT

This year's Historian of the Year at the Community Round Table's Annual Awards Luncheon will be identified at the April Meeting.

(C) AREA HISTORICAL GROUP MEETING REPORT

There was no report.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Lila Richards reported that this year's Boards and Commissions Dinner would be held on Friday, May 1, 2009.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 30, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Breckenridge Room at the Madison Heights Public Library.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

## MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

April 30, 2009

PRESENT: Tony Bliss Robert Scheere  
Barbara Geraldts Connie Schmelzle  
Stacey Karwoski Mayor Pro Tem Margene Scott  
Martha Kehoe Cheryl Suiter  
Barbara Lundin Jerry Van Sice  
Mary Merkel Roslyn Yerman  
Sue Price

EXCUSED: Dolly Ferries Justin Suarez  
Lila Richards

GUEST: Andy McGillivray

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman.

### II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above.

### III APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 15, 2009

The minutes of the January 15, 2009 meeting were approved by Sue Price and seconded by Cheryl Suiter.

### IV. OLD BUSINESS

#### (A) COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE REPORT

Roslyn Yerman distributed a list of those who had been honored as Historian of the Year. This year's honoree was noted, and tickets were distributed to those attending on behalf of the Commission.

#### (B) AREA HISTORICAL GROUP MEETING REPORT

Cheryl Suiter reminded the group about quarterly events offered by the informal association of area historical groups. She will continue to share upcoming events with Commission members, and Roslyn Yerman will share events offered through the state when they come to her attention.

#### (C) HERITAGE ROOMS – HISTORICAL LESSONS FOR SCHOOLS AND SCOUTS

Andy McGillivray introduced a proposal to produce brief presentations on the Heritage Rooms for use by the schools to whet the appetite of staff and students and encourage visits. Copies of the school year calendars for



Lamphere, Madison, and Bishop Foley will be obtained for use in promoting school visits.

Shared use of the City bus that transports students to Little House was discussed as one possible way of transporting those same students to the Heritage Rooms. Roslyn Yerman indicated that she would explore this possibility with Jenny Martin.

The lease was discussed, which will expire in December 2009. Mayor Pro Tem Scott suggested charging a minimal admittance fee or at a minimum, a fee for classroom lessons which would help cover lesson plan costs. She further suggested charging a slightly higher fee for non-residents.

The Commission expressed an interest in keeping the rooms open through the summer months as was done last year. The same earlier hours of 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. were discussed.

Cheryl Suiter shared another potential fundraising item to sell through the rooms, a collage of photos created through Snapfish. Commission members viewed samples of two created collages and discussed the possibility of a postcard-like backing.

Use of both the City Hall and Library showcases were discussed as ways to promote the Heritage Rooms. October was identified as a potential month for use of the Library case, as the month falls close to the start of the school year in September. The use of Facebook for promotion of the rooms was also discussed. Mayor Pro Tem Scott has room photos on her personal page, and the possibility of setting up the rooms as an administered group page was discussed.

## V. OTHER BUSINESS

### (A) HERITAGE ROOMS – DONATIONS

Roslyn Yerman shared that a balance of \$186.01 was available in the Historical Account. Roslyn Yerman reminded Commission members of the proper way for donations to be received and acknowledged. The purchase of a cash box and a receipt book was discussed with the use of some of these funds.

### (B) HISTORICAL PHOTOS IN CITY BUILDINGS

Mayor Pro Tem Scott introduced her idea, previously shared in email, of hanging historical photos in City buildings for promoting interest in the City's history, and in the Heritage Rooms. Roslyn Yerman shared the information provided to her by Community Development Director Jim Schafer, and this idea was discussed, and will continue to be explored.

Barbara Geraldts stated that the Madison Heights Intermediate Women's Club had scheduled a speaker on *Gone with the Wind* for Tuesday night, September 15<sup>th</sup>,

and wanted to partner with the Historical Commission to increase the promotion and attendance of the event. The speaker will be marking the occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Gone with the Wind. The Women's Club has approved the \$50.00 expenditure for the speaker's fee. The Commission approved the partnership. Mayor Pro Tem Scott will serve as the contact for the Historical Commission, and will work with Carol Spellman of the Madison Heights Intermediate Women's Club in coordinating the event between the two organizations.

VI. NEXT MEETING

A tentative next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, July 9, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Breckenridge Room at the Madison Heights Public Library. While not mandated to meet again until October, it was felt that the volume of business necessitated more frequent meetings.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library  
Acting Secretary – Madison Heights Historical Commission

## MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

July 9, 2009

PRESENT: Tony Bliss Robert Scheere  
Dolly Ferries Connie Schmelzle  
Barbara Geraldts Justin Suarez  
Martha Kehoe Cheryl Suiter  
Mary Merkel Jerry Van Sice  
Lila Richards Roslyn Yerman

EXCUSED: Barbara Lundin Mayor Pro Tem Margene Scott  
Sue Price

ABSENT: Stacey Karwoski

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman.

### II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above.

### III APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 30, 2009

It was noted that Mayor Pro Tem Margene Scott had been in attendance at the April 30th meeting and Barbara Geraldts corrected the spelling of the work Guest. The minutes of the April 30, 2009 meeting were approved as corrected by Barbara Geraldts and seconded by Cheryl Suiter.

### IV. OLD BUSINESS

#### (A) COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE REPORT

Roslyn Yerman noted Mary Merkel's recent Historian of the Year honor. Cheryl Suiter suggested a historical list of this award, which she agreed to create for the rooms.

#### (B) AREA HISTORICAL GROUP MEETING REPORT

No report.

#### (C) HERITAGE ROOMS – DONATIONS

Roslyn Yerman reported that the cash box had been purchased and received, and was now in the rooms. Justin Suarez shared that he had created a balance sheet, and Roslyn Yerman reminded members to record any cash donations received. A \$20 donation by George "the Animal" Steele was noted with his recent visit.

(D) HISTORICAL PHOTOS IN CITY BUILDINGS

No report.

(E) HERITAGE ROOMS – HISTORICAL LESSONS FOR SCHOOLS AND SCOUTS

Roslyn Yerman shared Mayor Pro Tem Scott's recommendation of a subcommittee to create and send out a scout mailing to encourage visits by illustrating the ways in which museum visits could help satisfy badge requirements, including the recommendation that a scouting executive would be a useful addition to such a subcommittee.

According to the Mayor Pro Tem, just three meetings would likely be needed, one at which a letter would be prepared, one at which badge requirements would be identified, and a third at which the mailing would be prepared. The Historical Account could cover the cost of postage and charging for the visits to cover costs was recommended.

Barbara Gerald, Martha Kehoe, and Jerry Van Sice volunteered to serve on this subcommittee. Mayor Pro Tem Scott will serve as chair, and ideally will also be able to identify the scouting executive to complete the group. On a related note, Connie Schmelzle and Roslyn Yerman will draft a letter to the various curriculum directors in the fall to encourage school visits.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

(A) GEORGE "THE ANIMAL" STEELE DISPLAY

With Jim Myers' recent visit to the Heritage Rooms, a display of George "the Animal" Steele was recommended. As there is limited material available, Roslyn Yerman agreed to contact him on Facebook for display items.

(B) "LITTLE BROWN JUG" AND GARY VETTORI CONTACT

Roslyn Yerman shared Margene Pro Tem Margene Scott's report that the "little brown jug," the trophy awarded to the winner of the contest between Madison and Troy, had come up at the recent Madison High School reunion, leading her to begin a search for the item. George "the Animal" Steele gave the Mayor Pro Tem the name of Gary Vettori, Acting Superintendent of Madison Schools.

Mr. Vettori has identified a place in one of the schools where historical items are kept, and will look for it there. He has been advised that there is no rush, and he will also be keeping an eye out for any other historical items that may of use.

(C) MADISON HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

Cheryl Suiter reported that every two year, a reunion of previous Madison Heights graduating classes is held. She and Mayor Pro Tem Scott attended a recent reunion, and Cheryl observed that she put faces to names of many of the individuals noted in clippings and scrapbooks in the Heritage Rooms. Roslyn Yerman shared Mayor Pro Tem Scott's recommendation of contact sheet photo record of the photos taken at the event.

As an example, a group of photos was taken of a display board of all of the students of which the district was aware that had died, and the year in which they had passed. The Mayor Pro Tem felt a file or record book of all former alumni with contact information would be useful. Computer Outlook contacts was mentioned as one possible way of organizing the information.

(D) FAMILY HISTORIES

Cheryl Suiter suggested the creation of individual family histories, as an extension of the Commission's oral history project. Individual histories could be maintained in binders and developed as material is available.

(E) CAMPAIGN LITERATURE

The question of when something becomes historical was discussed. Roslyn Yerman shared Mayor Pro Tem Scott's theory that historical status has been achieved once an event takes place, even if it happened yesterday. Given our tight accommodations, the Commission will need to be selective about a decision as to what is truly historical. It was felt it would be useful to contact other museums to identify their practices.

(F) STORAGE ISSUES

Rotating displays and exhibits were discussed as way to free up display space. However, the subsequent problem of storage was noted.

Discussion of Other Business concluded with a round robin. Administrative issues regarding summer building access were discussed, along with the new procedures for room access. The use of additional school lockers for storage will be explored with the start of the new school year. Proposed 11 Mile and Hales signage was discussed, and a version incorporating the word "Museum" was approved.

Mention was made of the upcoming tour of the old Monroe School Building by Commission members. The library display case will be used for a museum display in the fall. A letter to Gary Vettori thanking him for his support of the rooms was suggested, and Bob Gettings' assistance in obtaining Madison High School yearbooks was noted. Mary Merkel announced that Nellie Huffman had recently passed, stating that her husband had been on the Madison School Board.

Barbara Geraldts indicated that she would arrange a subcommittee meeting to discuss the upcoming joint Gone with the Wind Program between the Commission and the Intermediate Women's Club. Dolly Ferries agreed to begin working on a fall schedule, given that the next Commission meeting is not scheduled until October.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

## MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

October 15, 2009

PRESENT: Tony Bliss (arrived late)      Connie Schmelzle  
Barbara Geraldts      Mayor Pro Tem Margene Scott  
Martha Kehoe      Justin Suarez  
Mary Merkel      Jerry Van Sice  
Lila Richards      Roslyn Yerman  
Robert Scheere

EXCUSED: Dolly Ferries      Sue Price  
Stacey Karwoski      Cheryl Suiter  
Barbara Lundin

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman.

### II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above.

### III APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 9, 2009

The minutes of the July 9, 2009 meeting were approved by Barbara Geraldts and seconded by Martha Kehoe.

### IV. OLD BUSINESS

#### (A) COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE REPORT

Lila Richards shared the installation of officers that took place at the September meeting, and highlighted the second annual Around the Globe event scheduled for Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at Wilkinson Middle School from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Roslyn Yerman added that there was also a writer's workshop with long time Madison Heights' resident, Mike Novak, being cosponsored by the Library and Community Family Coalition scheduled that same evening, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

#### (B) AREA HISTORICAL GROUP MEETING REPORT

Roslyn Yerman brought up Cheryl Suiter's September 19<sup>th</sup> email report following the last group meeting. She updated the group on the status of Facebook access.

#### (C) HISTORICAL PHOTOS IN CITY BUILDINGS

Information on frameless photo hanging from the Area Historical Group Meeting Report was brought up for discussion, which the item ultimately tabled, given Cheryl Suiter's absence.

(D) HERITAGE ROOMS – HISTORICAL LESSONS FOR SCHOOLS AND SCOUTS

Mayor Pro Tem Margene Scott shared a brochure from the Troy Historical Museum. The plan still calls for the subcommittee identified at the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to meet on this item.

School visits were also discussed, with transportation remaining an issue.

At the request of the group, Roslyn Yerman agreed to contact Lee Feldman at the Senior Center to inquire about the possibility of another senior visit, no earlier than April 2010.

(E) GEORGE “THE ANIMAL” STEELE DISPLAY

Roslyn Yerman shared that her attempt at a connection had been unsuccessful to date. Mayor Pro Tem Scott offered to make an attempt. Barbara Geraldts took the opportunity to share a contact with Gary Godard, former Parade Coordinator, who had Marauder uniform, and other donation items. Roslyn Yerman shared the photo and biographical information on the late Harold Nowak that was provided at Mayor Pro Tem Scott’s request, with the assistance of Community Development Director Jim Schafer and City Engineer Tim Germain.

(F) “LITTLE BROWN JUG” AND GARY VETTORI CONTACT

Mayor Pro Tem Scott indicated that she’d had no further word from Gary Vettori, and the item was tabled for the time being.

(G) FAMILY HISTORIES

Cheryl Suiter’s recommendation of the ongoing compilation of family histories in individual binders was further discussed.

(H) CAMPAIGN LITERATURE

Discussion continued from the July meeting on the display of campaign literature, especially with an election coming up. After much discussion, Tony Bliss made a motion that campaign literature must be at least five years old to be displayed and that candidate information should be covered during elections. There was a second from Barbara Geraldts and the motion passed unanimously.

(I) STORAGE ISSUES

Roslyn Yerman indicated that she and Connie Schmelzle would follow up on calls to other historical museums to identify their storage practices.



V. OTHER BUSINESS

(A) ROOMS ' SCHEDULE

Roslyn Yerman shared copies of the latest schedule distributed by Dolly Ferries. Members volunteered to fill some of the vacant dates.

(B) ELECTION DAY COVERAGE

Mayor Pro Tem Scott's recommendation of having the rooms open again on Election Day was discussed, and the portion of the minutes from the meeting of October 15, 2008 discussing plans from last year were reviewed. Roslyn Yerman stated that she would contact the school for permission again this year, after which preparations could formerly begin.

Roslyn Yerman also indicated that she would follow up on a request to use lockers adjacent to the rooms for storage purposes. Tony Bliss brought up the inclusion of displays by various community groups, and it was decided to begin with the Knights of Columbus, the Lion's Club, and the Kiwanis. Roslyn Yerman volunteered to contact Dan Jones on behalf of the Lion's, and Justin Suarez will contact Councilman Brian Hartwell on behalf of the Kiwanis. Tony Bliss will be responsible for the Knights of Columbus.

Robert Scheere noted the need for additional Lamphere yearbooks and will looking into acquiring missing volumes. Finally, Mayor Pro Tem Scott spoke to signage, and to the acquisition of a new potbelly stove from the Hardesty property, before it's torn down.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 14th, at 6:30 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library  
Acting Secretary – Madison Heights Historical Commission

## MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

January 14, 2010

PRESENT:	Dolly Ferries	Mayor Pro Tem Margene Scott
	Barbara Geraldts	Justin Suarez
	Stacey Karwoski	Cheryl Suiter
	Martha Kehoe	Jerry Van Sice
	Mary Merkel	Roslyn Yerman
	Connie Schmelzle	

EXCUSED:	Tony Bliss	Lila Richards
	Barbara Lundin	Robert Scheere
	Sue Price	

- I. CALL TO ORDER  
Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman
- II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL  
See above.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 15, 2009  
The minutes of the October 15, 2009 meeting were approved by Martha Kehoe and seconded by Barbara Geraldts.
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
  - (A) COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE REPORT  
City Manager Jon R. Austin was the speaker at the November meeting, and focused on the economic challenges specific to Madison Heights with his financial outlook presentation.
  - (B) AREA HISTORICAL GROUP MEETING REPORT  
Cheryl Suiter provided the report on photo display that was tabled with her absence at the October meeting. She spoke about the use of foamcore board to create collages that can either be mounted, or set on pedestals. Cheryl also shared the practice of recording a rooms' tour that visitors could access on various electronic devices in order to tour the rooms on their own. Discussion continued on the usefulness of Facebook.
  - (C) HISTORICAL PHOTOS IN CITY BUILDINGS  
See above.

(D) HERITAGE ROOMS – HISTORICAL LESSONS FOR SCHOOLS AND SCOUTS

Councilwoman Margene Scott stated that she is drafting a letter to go out to schools and scout groups encouraging visits to the schoolroom. She observed that the elementary and middle schools in the Lamphere district have early release days that might accommodate such visits, and reminded the group that access to the rooms is only available until 4:00 p.m.

Barbara Gerald, Martha Kehoe, and Jerry Van Sice will work with Margene on this project. Margene is researching the scouting badge requirements in conjunction with scout troop visits.

(E) GEORGE “THE ANIMAL” STEELE DISPLAY

Councilwoman Scott agreed to follow up on this item.

(F) “LITTLE BROWN JUG” AND GARY VETTORI CONTACT

Councilwoman Margene Scott indicated that she’d had no further word from Gary Vettori, and the item was tabled for the time being.

(G) FAMILY HISTORIES

Cheryl Suiter’s recommendation of the ongoing compilation of family histories in individual binders was further discussed.

(H) ELECTION DAY COVERAGE – WRAP UP

32 people visited the Heritage Rooms during the last election. Dolly and Councilwoman Margene Scott expressed a willingness to work during the upcoming November election. It was decided that a sign up sheet would be circulated at the April meeting for additional volunteers.

(I) STORAGE ISSUES

As discussed earlier meetings, given space limitations, consideration has to be given as to what is considered historical. Connie Schmelzle shared research she had done on the practices of area museums. Roslyn Yerman reminded the group that the majority of the lockers were available for use.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

(A) LAURENCE DECKER DISPLAY

Councilwoman Margene Scott spoke about Laurence Decker, a teacher, principal, and superintendent during his 32-year career in Madison Heights. Mr. Decker passed away on December 21, 2009 at the age of 79. Margene indicated that his family was going through his belongings, and supported the display.

(B) ROOMS SCHEDULE

The schedule was rotated and mostly completed.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 22, 2010.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

October 14, 2010

PRESENT: Stacey Karwoski                      Councilwoman Margene Scott  
            Andy McGillivray                     Justin Suarez  
            Mary Merkel                           Cheryl Suiter  
            Lila Richards                           Jerry Van Sice  
            Connie Schmelzle

EXCUSED: Tony Bliss                           Martha Kehoe  
            Dolly Ferries                           Sue Price  
            Barbara Gerald                           Roslyn Yerman

ABSENT: Robert Scheere

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Councilwoman Margene Scott.

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above.

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 22, 2010

An amendment was made based on the attendance of pre-scheduled meeting to be changed to October 14<sup>th</sup>. Jerry Van Sice then approved the minutes of the April 22, 2010 meeting with a second by Lila Richards.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

(A) HISTORICAL PHOTOS IN CITY BUILDINGS

Cheryl Suiter gave Councilwoman Scott the Historical Commission's flash drive which contained scanned Library photos of Madison Heights photos which are appropriate for each building. Margene will adjust and print the photos that we can construct the photo displays once she has finished them.

(B) ELECTION DAY OPEN HOUSE

Councilwoman Scott stated that the first time we did this Museum had about 30 visitors so we will try it again. The Heritage Rooms will be open from 12-8 pm on November 2, 2010. Coffee will be served all day. Margene will bring a coffee pot.

(C) LAURENCE DECKER DISPLAY DEDICATION

Connie Schmelzle will make the presentation and will provide an agenda for it. Connie will speak first, then John Decker, son of Laurence, then

Councilwoman Scott will speak about his involvement in the Rotary Club. It was discussed that we will place a sheet over the display and remove it for the presentation. Connie thinks the presentation will take about 15-20 minutes and is expecting family members and people from her church. The necessity of chairs was brought up but it was decided that we would gather chairs from the room and most of the audience will be standing. Connie Schmelzle and Lila Richards will bring a cake that will be cut by Justin Suarez after the presentation.

A discussion took place on whether a microphone is necessary. Andy McGillivray suggested that the City has one and Connie will ask Jenny Martin about obtaining it.

The question came up as to whether there is anyone from the Madison School District who would like to speak, and Connie will ask Joan Decker if she knows of anyone. Councilwoman Scott will print a half sheet handout with a photo and short bio of Laurence Decker. Margene also suggested placing Donations Gratefully Accepted signs about the rooms during the presentation.

Connie Schmelzle also raised the question of fundraisers, including bake sales at local stores such as Hollywood Market and Lamphere's Christmas Concerts. Connie will check in with Jon Austin about the feasibility of these or fundraisers at Big Boy or CiCi's Pizza

## V. OTHER BUSINESS

### (A) ROOMS' SCHEDULE THROUGH THE SCHOOL YEAR

A Master Schedule was passed around the room to fill out. Some Commission members did not know their schedule and will call Roslyn Yerman to fill it in.

### (B) BY APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE

A list of people available at the last minute was compiled for Roslyn Yerman to call for last minute appointments. It includes Mary Merkle, Justin Suarez, Stacey Karwoski, Councilwoman Margene Scott, and Connie Schmelzle. It was repeated that the keys are in the locker and the combination was shared.

### (C) CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

It was brought up that the camera security was not working properly. We will follow up with Jon Austin and Roslyn Yerman. It was decided that when you are working in the rooms you should straighten up. Major cleaning should be done at least twice a year. When you're in the rooms, mop up and if you notice dust and are unable to do it yourself, then leave a note on the sign in page so someone will do it.

(D) CHANGE IN PRINCIPALS AT SCHOENHALS

Christian Morales has left the school to go to Madison High School as their new principal. The new principal at the Community High School is Leslie Renne-Kegebein.

(E) MADISON HEIGHTS SPORTS DISPLAY SHELVES

The shelves are looking bare. If anyone has local sports photos or gear - please bring it in to fill the shelves. When Connie Schmelzle speaks with Jenny Martin, she will ask her if there is anything at Parks and Rec to share with us. Connie stated that Bernie Gonzales was in the Olympics and she will try to contact them about a donation. There was a discussion of famous athletes from Madison Heights and possibly composing a list of them to place in the rooms.

(F) A discussion of biographies in the rooms was brought up. Connie Schmelzle will ask Jon Austin if there are any legalities concerning public info and whether we can use them.

(G) PROGRAMMING

Programming events were discussed. It was determined that although we would welcome speakers, they must be free because of budget. If anyone could find free speakers, we would plan a program for them. The Wall of Heroes was discussed. It is currently in City Hall and will remain there for now. Creating a book of famous people from Madison Heights was discussed, and may be a future project to work on. Jon Austin attended a recent seminar with Councilwoman Scott and she thinks he may advocate a Facebook Page for the City. Further information is needed. Councilwoman Scott made a report on the Oakland Township visit. They were very impressed with our Museum and gave us \$51 in donations.

(G) Two people have volunteered to do oral histories for us. Andy McGillivray stated that he believes they should be videotaped as well as recorded. He has a camera and microphone and volunteered to use them if someone will do the interviews. Connie Schmelzle will look to see if she has a list of questions developed for the last histories.

VI. NEXT MEETING

Stacey Karwoski suggested that we need a new group photo with current Commission Member's names included. A tentative date of December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. was chosen and will also serve as a holiday socializing party. Andy McGillivray will check into using the Nature Center for it. The Breckenridge Room at the Library was also suggested as a back up. Everyone will be asked to bring a snack for refreshments. Councilwoman Scott (or husband Jack) will take the photo.

Our next official meeting is tentatively set for Wednesday, January 26, 2011,  
pending room availability.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Suiter  
Acting Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission



MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

October 14, 2010

PRESENT: Stacey Karwoski                      Councilwoman Margene Scott  
            Andy McGillivray                     Justin Suarez  
            Mary Merkel                           Cheryl Suiter  
            Lila Richards                           Jerry Van Sice  
            Connie Schmelzle

EXCUSED: Tony Bliss                           Martha Kehoe  
            Dolly Ferries                           Sue Price  
            Barbara Geraldts                       Roslyn Yerman

ABSENT: Robert Scheere

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Councilwoman Margene Scott.

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above.

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 22, 2010

An amendment was made based on the attendance of pre-scheduled meeting to be changed to October 14<sup>th</sup>. Jerry Van Sice then approved the minutes of the April 22, 2010 meeting with a second by Lila Richards.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

(A) HISTORICAL PHOTOS IN CITY BUILDINGS

Cheryl Suiter gave Councilwoman Scott the Historical Commission's flash drive which contained scanned Library photos of Madison Heights photos which are appropriate for each building. Margene will adjust and print the photos that we can construct the photo displays once she has finished them.

(B) ELECTION DAY OPEN HOUSE

Councilwoman Scott stated that the first time we did this Museum had about 30 visitors so we will try it again. The Heritage Rooms will be open from 12-8 pm on November 2, 2010. Coffee will be served all day. Margene will bring a coffee pot.

(C) LAURENCE DECKER DISPLAY DEDICATION

Connie Schmelzle will make the presentation and will provide an agenda for it. Connie will speak first, then John Decker, son of Laurence, then

Councilwoman Scott will speak about his involvement in the Rotary Club. It was discussed that we will place a sheet over the display and remove it for the presentation. Connie thinks the presentation will take about 15-20 minutes and is expecting family members and people from her church. The necessity of chairs was brought up but it was decided that we would gather chairs from the room and most of the audience will be standing. Connie Schmelzle and Lila Richards will bring a cake that will be cut by Justin Suarez after the presentation.

A discussion took place on whether a microphone is necessary. Andy McGillivray suggested that the City has one and Connie will ask Jenny Martin about obtaining it.

The question came up as to whether there is anyone from the Madison School District who would like to speak, and Connie will ask Joan Decker if she knows of anyone. Councilwoman Scott will print a half sheet handout with a photo and short bio of Laurence Decker. Margene also suggested placing Donations Gratefully Accepted signs about the rooms during the presentation.

Connie Schmelzle also raised the question of fundraisers, including bake sales at local stores such as Hollywood Market and Lamphere's Christmas Concerts. Connie will check in with Jon Austin about the feasibility of these or fundraisers at Big Boy or CiCi's Pizza

## V. OTHER BUSINESS

### (A) ROOMS' SCHEDULE THROUGH THE SCHOOL YEAR

A Master Schedule was passed around the room to fill out. Some Commission members did not know their schedule and will call Roslyn Yerman to fill it in.

### (B) BY APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE

A list of people available at the last minute was compiled for Roslyn Yerman to call for last minute appointments. It includes Mary Merkle, Justin Suarez, Stacey Karwoski, Councilwoman Margene Scott, and Connie Schmelzle. It was repeated that the keys are in the locker and the combination was shared.

### (C) CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

It was brought up that the camera security was not working properly. We will follow up with Jon Austin and Roslyn Yerman. It was decided that when you are working in the rooms you should straighten up. Major cleaning should be done at least twice a year. When you're in the rooms, mop up and if you notice dust and are unable to do it yourself, then leave a note on the sign in page so someone will do it.

(D) CHANGE IN PRINCIPALS AT SCHOENHALS

Christian Morales has left the school to go to Madison High School as their new principal. The new principal at the Community High School is Leslie Renne-Kegebein.

(E) MADISON HEIGHTS SPORTS DISPLAY SHELVES

The shelves are looking bare. If anyone has local sports photos or gear - please bring it in to fill the shelves. When Connie Schmelzle speaks with Jenny Martin, she will ask her if there is anything at Parks and Rec to share with us. Connie stated that Bernie Gonzales was in the Olympics and she will try to contact them about a donation. There was a discussion of famous athletes from Madison Heights and possibly composing a list of them to place in the rooms.

(F) A discussion of biographies in the rooms was brought up. Connie Schmelzle will ask Jon Austin if there are any legalities concerning public info and whether we can use them.

(G) PROGRAMMING

Programming events were discussed. It was determined that although we would welcome speakers, they must be free because of budget. If anyone could find free speakers, we would plan a program for them. The Wall of Heroes was discussed. It is currently in City Hall and will remain there for now. Creating a book of famous people from Madison Heights was discussed, and may be a future project to work on. Jon Austin attended a recent seminar with Councilwoman Scott and she thinks he may advocate a Facebook Page for the City. Further information is needed. Councilwoman Scott made a report on the Oakland Township visit. They were very impressed with our Museum and gave us \$51 in donations.

(G) Two people have volunteered to do oral histories for us. Andy McGillivray stated that he believes they should be videotaped as well as recorded. He has a camera and microphone and volunteered to use them if someone will do the interviews. Connie Schmelzle will look to see if she has a list of questions developed for the last histories.

VI. NEXT MEETING

Stacey Karwoski suggested that we need a new group photo with current Commission Member's names included. A tentative date of December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. was chosen and will also serve as a holiday socializing party. Andy McGillivray will check into using the Nature Center for it. The Breckenridge Room at the Library was also suggested as a back up. Everyone will be asked to bring a snack for refreshments. Councilwoman Scott (or husband Jack) will take the photo.

Our next official meeting is tentatively set for Wednesday, January 26, 2011,  
pending room availability.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Suiter  
Acting Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

January 26, 2011

EXCUSED: Andy McGillivray Sue Price  
Stacey Karwoski

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman.

See above.

Several spelling errors were noted. Lila Richards made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2010 meeting as corrected, with a second by Councilwoman Margene Scott.

Cheryl Suiter and Roslyn Yerman pulled representative photos of City buildings from the Historical Collection which Cheryl then scanned. Councilwoman Scott is in the processing of printing the photos for best use in the building collages. Collage locations were discussed, with the hallway leading into the Council chambers and the Council Chambers. Groupings by Councils, buildings, and individuals have been identified. Councilwoman Scott also suggested that brochure holders be mounted next to the collages so that information about the Heritage Rooms is available when the photos are viewed. Roslyn Yerman will provide an update to City staff.

On the subject of brochures, Connie Schmelzle reminded members of the importance of taking brochures to other attended meetings. She indicated that she has taken them to several meetings herself, and gotten a good

reception. Further discussion on promotion included a cable presence, and publicity through Lamphere High School. Barbara Geraldts will make a contact there.

(B) ROOMS' SCHEDULE

The 2011 scheduled was routed to fill in the remaining open slots, with the majority of dates addressed.

(C) BY APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE

The procedure was finessed.

(D) ORAL HISTORIES

Candidates for oral history remain, and members were reminded of Andy McGillivray's recommendation that the session be videotaped.

(E) SPORTS DISPLAYS

The sports night planned for election night, May 3, 2011 was discussed. Connie Schmelzle will chair the event, and will work with a subcommittee to plan it. A number of members expressed interest in working on this project. Recording these programs for future use was discussed.

She has composed a letter to Coach Bernie Gonzales, congratulating him on his induction into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, and asking him for donations for the collection, as well as his participation. Other sports figures were discussed for inclusion, such as former Lion Ken Dallafior, former Madison Heights football coach Jerry Binkley.

Tony Bliss suggested a sports wall, and also raised the possibility of using the first room adjacent to the General History Room. He indicated that he had spoken to Terra Klennow, Madison Schools Superintendent about this possibility.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

- (A) Andy McGillivray suggested program – "Veterans History Project through the Library of Congress" was discussed. A motion to have Andy explore the program and report back to the Commission was made by Barbara Geraldts with a second by Councilwoman Margene Scott.

- (B) Lila Richards made a motion to honor Connie Schmelzle as Historian of the Year at the 2011 Community Round Table Awards Luncheon with a second by Tony Bliss. Lila Richards will make the presentation and Bill and Dolly Ferries will create the certificate.

VI. NEXT MEETING

Our next official meeting is tentatively set for Thursday, April 21, 2011, pending room availability.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn F. Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

April 20, 2011

PRESENT: Dolly Ferries Councilwoman Margene Scott  
Barbara Geraldts Justin Suarez  
Andy McGillivray Cheryl Suiter  
Mary Merkel Jerry Van Sice  
Lila Richards Roslyn Yerman  
Connie Schmelzle

EXCUSED: Tony Bliss Stacey Karwoski  
Martha Kehoe Sue Price

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman.

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above.

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 26, 2011

Several spelling errors were noted. Lila Richards made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2011 meeting as corrected, with a second by Councilwoman Margene Scott.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(A) SPORTS HEROES EVENT

The May 3<sup>rd</sup> event was discussed. The Daily Tribune will run an article. Councilwoman Scott will open and close the event. Mayor Swanson will offer remarks. Justin Suarez will serve as the Master of Ceremonies, and handle some of the introductions. In addition:

Jim Evans will introduce Jim Myers (George the Animal Steele)

Monte Geraldts will introduce Bernie Gonzalez.

City Manager Jon R. Austin will introduce Ken Dallafior.

John Pastula will introduce Jerry Binkley.

Russ MacKenzie will present tributes to Pat Peake and Shawn Penn.

Oakland County Commissioner Gary McGillivray will handle the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Little Baseball.

Grady Alderman needs an introduction. Justin Suarez was suggested.



The hope is that these sports displays will be ongoing. There was discussion on the items that have been collected to date. Volunteers for the event were discussed. Roslyn Yerman reminded members of the need for background checks ahead of May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Sports Heroes Event will be held in the school's multi purpose room. Cheryl Suiter displayed the beautiful banner she created for autographs, which each sports figure will sign upon finishing his remarks.

Presenters will escort the sports figures into the room from 6:00 – 6:30, and they will be seated in facing the audience. Connie Schmelzle will be providing tables, chairs, and tablecloths from her church. Jenny Martin will bring the microphone and speakers to the school at 1:30 that afternoon.

Balloon decorations were discussed, but it was decided that it would be too difficult to manage. Connie will at the rooms on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and could use assistance then. Refreshments will be of the stadium variety, small packets of snack items and juice boxes. A sign in book should be available that evening.

Advertising was discussed. Roslyn Yerman will handle inclusion on the City's electronic message board. Jeanne Towar of the Daily Tribune and Andy Kozlowski of the Madison-Park News will be contacted. Bernie Gonzales is spreading the word to family and friends. He has a friend creating address labels for him. The Wolverines distributed flyers to their players and parents. Inclusion on the local news stations was discussed, and to the Senior Play (Hairspray).

Councilwoman Scott has purchased a George the Animal Steele figurine for use at the event and then for display in the rooms. Copyright issues were discussed with regarding the showing of DVD's.

**(B) HISTORICAL PHOTOS IN CITY BUILDINGS**

Councilwoman Scott shared numerous photos printed to date. They will have to be enhanced, with colors clarified and enlargements done ahead of Cheryl Suiter creating the displays. Roslyn Yerman will provide an update to City staff as this item has become a Council Meeting assignment.

**(C) VETERAN'S PROJECT**

The Royal Oak Historical Society is participating in the Veteran's Project. Andy McGillivray suggested partnering with them. Other cities in the area are also participating in this project. Sander Levin's office has agreed to subsidize postage. Three copies of each interview are requested – one

for the Library of Congress, one for the veteran being interviewed, and one for the organization doing the interview.

Roslyn Yerman reminded members of the need to be constant with oral histories of City residents too. Councilwoman Scott stated that she would like to plan a November display in honor of Veteran's Day, but would not be available to assist with its creation.

- (D) COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON  
Connie Schmelzle will be our "Historian of the Year." Bill Ferries will make the certificate.

## V. OTHER BUSINESS

- (A) FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY REQUEST  
Rick Lewis and Verna Warren have made a request on behalf of the Family Coalition. The Coalition is raising funds for the repairs needed on the bronze eagle in front of Madison High School. \$4,000 is needed. It was decided that the request would be approved only if a Coalition representative or someone from the high school agrees to monitor the canister that evening.
- (B) CREATION OF WISH LIST  
Councilwoman Scott recommended the creation of a wish list to identify items for the Heritage Rooms to be used in conjunction with physical donations and monetary donations.

Councilwoman Scott reported that the both room clocks are now accurate, as her husband has replaced the batteries. Mary Merkel and Cheryl Suiter will be in the rooms on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Councilwoman Scott and Connie Schmelzle will be there also, taking out the current displays and beginning those for the Sports Heroes event.

Cheryl Suiter attended an Oakland County Historical Society Group Meeting. She recommended promoting the event on the County Facebook site.

Jerry Van Sice announced a May 1<sup>st</sup> pancake breakfast from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Madison Heights Senior Center benefitting the Memorial Day Parade.

## VI. NEXT MEETING

The meeting date will be set after May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn F. Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

January 18, 2012

PRESENT:	Tony Bliss	Connie Schmelzle
	Dolly Ferries	Councilwoman Margene Scott
	Barbara Geraldts	Justin Suarez
	Martha Kehoe	Cheryl Suiter
	Andy McGillivray	Jerry Van Sice
	Mary Merkel	Roslyn Yerman
	Sue Price	

EXCUSED: Lila Richards

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman.

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See Above

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 18, 2011

Barb Geraldts indicated that her name should be removed from the Little League Football Committee. Cheryl Suiter made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2011 meeting as corrected, with a second by Martha Kehoe.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(A) HISTORICAL PHOTOS IN CITY BUILDINGS

It was suggested that some of the photos being collected for the Arcadia Book project would be a good tie in to this item.

(B) VETERAN'S HISTORY PROJECT

The project was tabled.

(C) HERITAGE ROOM ITEM LOAN

Justin Suarez created a form for use when an item is borrowed. Roslyn Yerman recommended a week to two weeks as a loan period. It was recommended that a Driver's License number be included on the form, and that a duplicate be maintained in the rooms. New room acquisitions should also be documented.

(D) JOINT MEETING WITH ROYAL OAK HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Martha Kehoe reported that Muriel Versagi advised her that Commission members are welcome to visit the Royal Oak Historical Museum any day but Saturday, and the museum will be opened for the visit. Martha will coordinate a date for a group visit, and identify how volunteers are used.

(E) LITTLE FOOTBALL LEAGUE SPORTS DISPLAY EVENT

It was decided to cancel the event.

(F) OLD TIME RADIO BROADCASTS

Tony Bliss suggested that we purchase a CD/Cassette Player, and have it playing for visitors to the Heritage Rooms.

(G) DONATIONS

NEW ACQUISITIONS

Mary Merkel brought in a framed copy of a 1932 article about prohibition being repealed.

MONETARY DONATIONS AND SALE ITEMS

Members were reminded that all Commission members should be alerted to the physical or monetary donations, and that both should be documented. A form for this purpose should be developed and made available for use. There is a lock box for monetary donations, along with a receipt book.

(H) ROOMS' SCHEDULE

Councilwoman Scott recommended establishing a standard for the amount of time each Commission member should volunteer. The use of outside volunteers was again discussed, and Roslyn Yerman reminded the group that these individuals would need to be cleared through the City by way of a background check. Mary Merkel is in the rooms on a regular basis, but the rest of the scheduled needs to be fleshed out. The schedule was circulated for member input.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

(A) MEMORIALS

Methods of honoring the memory of noted City residents were discussed. Scrapbooks and plaques were two of the methods identified.

(B) ARCADIA PUBLICATION

This project was introduced to the Commission and general discussion took place. The Commission will serve as the author of the publication. Mary Merkel was identified as a source of history; other identified possibilities included the Hartwell, McGillivray, and Pulice families. Councilwoman Scott will chair the project, with assistance from Roslyn Yerman and the rest of the Commission. Martha Kehoe made a motion with a second by Dolly Ferries that the Historical Commission move forward with the Arcadia project.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on April 18, 2012.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn F. Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
JANUARY 16, 2013

PRESENT:	Dolly Ferries	Connie Schmelzle
	Barbara Gerald	Councilwoman Margene Scott
	Andy McGillivray	Justin Suarez
	Mary Merkel	Cheryl Suiter
	Sue Price	Jerry Van Sice
	Lila Richards	Roslyn Yerman

EXCUSED:	Tony Bliss	Martha Kehoe
GUESTS:	Joy Davids	Sue Hendricksen

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See Above

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 17, 2012

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. HISTORICAL PHOTOS IN CITY BUILDINGS

This project is on hold pending completion of the Arcadia book.

B. VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT

Andy McGillivray reported that this project is on hold.

C. ROYAL OAK HISTORICAL COMMISISON MEETING

This item was tabled in Martha Kehoe's absence.

D. COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE REPORT

Connie Schmelzle shared the program from this morning's Community Round Table General Meeting. Lion's Club Chair of Michigan Kay Furby spoke on KidSight, the vision-screening program for children six months to adult. The process was demonstrated with Rick Lewis. Discussion also took place on a 2013 Historian of the Year.

E. DONATIONS

- NEW ACQUISTIONS

Councilwoman Scott reported that the possible long missing bell Kendall School bell had been located in the basement of City resident Wayne Reif. This item is considered a true find, and will be donated to the Heritage Rooms.

- MONETARY DONATIONS

Roslyn Yerman reminded Commission members that expenses for the Arcadia book were coming from the Historical Collection Escrow Account and the Library's Office Supply Account, until royalty funds are available to reimburse these accounts.

- SALE ITEMS

F. ROOMS SCHEDULE

The schedule began circulation at the start of the meeting, in an effort to complete coverage through the 2012-13 school year.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. ARCADIA PUBLICATION

Work on this project continues. The response to the December last push was shared with Commission members. A possible extension was shared, given that the Author Guidelines and Layout Planner were not received in a timely fashion. Councilwoman Scott continues to work on pictures, now that the formatting issue has been addressed with the editor.

Guest Joy Davids shared the publication, From Italy with Love.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The third Wednesday meeting date has not proven to work for all members, so it was decided to switch to the fourth Wednesday of the month with the April meeting in hopes that it will work for everyone. A return to the 7:00 start time was also recommended.

The next meeting will be held on April 24, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn F. Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library



MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 23, 2013

PRESENT:	Tony Bliss	Connie Schmelzle
	Joy Davids	Councilwoman Margene Scott
	Dolly Ferries	Cheryl Suiter
	Martha Kehoe	Jerry Van Sice
	Mary Merkel	Roslyn Yerman
	Lila Richards	

EXCUSED: Justin Suarez  
ABSENT: Andy McGillivray  
GUEST: Jessie Giszczak

- I. CALL TO ORDER  
Meeting called to order at 7:50 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman
- II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL  
See Above. Martha Kehoe introduced Jessie Giszczak.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 24 2013
- IV. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. HISTORICAL PHOTOS IN CITY BUILDINGS  
With the draft of the Arcadia book submitted, Cheryl Suiter will meet with Margene Scott to discuss the selection of photos for the collages.
  - B. VETERAN'S HISTORY PROJECT  
There was no report in Andy McGillivray's absence.
  - C. ROYAL OAK HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING  
Martha Kehoe reported that no meeting has been scheduled at this time.
  - D. COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE  
Connie Schmelzle and Lila Richards will continue to represent the Historical Commission on the Community Round Table. The October General Meeting served as the Meet the Candidates event. There was no microphone, which made hearing the candidates difficult. Margene Scott shared her contribution of a historically themed question.

E. DONATIONS

- NEW ACQUISITIONS
- MONETARY DONATIONS
- SALE ITEMS

Margene Scott shared material received in researching the Arcadia title.

F. ARCADIA PUBLICATION

The February 3, 2014 publication date of the book was announced.

G. ROOMS SCHEDULE

The schedule was circulated at the start of the meeting and the rooms were scheduled through January ahead of the next meeting.

V. OTHER BUSINESS.

B. ELECTION DAY

A schedule for coverage was established as well as a refreshment list. Margene Scott will send both out to the membership and Roslyn Yerman will update Justin Suarez and Andy McGillivray.

VI. NEXT MEETING

Discussion took place with regard to the need for meetings to be held in a location with accessibility to the public. Roslyn Yerman will confirm with the City Clerk. Considered options were a late night at the library, or staying with Wednesday night, but in another City building.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

9:50 P.M.

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MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn F. Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
JANUARY 21, 2014

PRESENT:	Tony Bliss	Lila Richards
	Joy David	Connie Schmelzle
	Dolly Ferries	Councilwoman Margene Scott
	Bob Gettings	Justin Suarez
	Martha Kehoe	Cheryl Suiter
	Mary Merkel	Roslyn Yerman

EXCUSED: Jerry VanSice

ABSENT: Andy McGillivray  
Jessie Giszczak

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See Above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 23, 2013

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2013 meeting was made by Martha Kehoe with a second by Lila Richards.

IV. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. HISTORICAL PHOTOS IN CITY BUILDINGS

Discussion took place on this outstanding assignment, and it was decided that Cheryl Suiter would meet with Margene Scott to identify appropriate collage photos.

B. VETERAN'S HISTORY PROJECT

There was no report in Andy McGillivray's absence.

C. ROYAL OAK HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING

Martha Kehoe reported that no meeting has been scheduled at this time.

D. COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE

Connie Schmelzle focused her report on the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting at the library at 5:30 p.m. sponsored by Congressman Sander Levin on the Affordable Care Act, where people will receive assistance in enrolling for a plan. A Family Coalition seminar on drug abuse was also announced from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Macomb Community College the same day.

E. DONATIONS

- NEW ACQUISITIONS
- MONETARY DONATIONS
- SALE ITEMS

No report.

F. ARCADIA PUBLICATION

Margene Scott and Roslyn Yerman reported on the upcoming Costco book signing for Images of America – Madison Heights on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Presentations will also be made at a Chamber of Commerce After Hours Event and at the February Community Round Table Meeting.

G. ROOMS' SCHEDULE

Dolly Ferries distributed a sign-up sheet for the remainder of the school year, and the schedule was successfully completed. Dolly will mail or email the completed schedule to all members.

V. OTHER BUSINESS.

- Discussion took regarding the obituaries being clipped and copied from the Daily Tribune, as to whether it should be all obituaries, or just those of City residents. Community Service Librarian Jane Haigh has been handling this task. Margene Scott, Martha Kehoe, and Dolly Ferries also review their personal copies of the paper. Martha Kehoe volunteered to help Jane Haigh with this project for the Commission.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn F. Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
APRIL 29, 2014

PRESENT:   Alyssa Bottrell                      Lila Richards  
              Joy Davids                         Councilwoman Margene Scott  
              Dolly Ferries                      Cheryl Suiter  
              Martha Kehoe                     Jerry VanSice  
              Mary Merkel                       Roslyn Yerman  
              Andy McGillivray

EXCUSED:   Tony Bliss                         Justin Suarez

I.       CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

II.       INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See Above. Alyssa Bottrell was welcomed to her first meeting.

III.       APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 21, 2014

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2014 meeting was made by Cheryl Suiter with a second by Lila Richards.

IV.       MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

V.       UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A.       HISTORICAL PHOTOS IN CITY BUILDINGS

Councilwoman Scott recommended the Fire Department as the subject of the first collage, based on the number of available photos, and shared samples to be used. Roslyn Yerman advised the group that the completion of a single collage will remove this item from the list of Council Meeting Assignments, and allow the rest to be completed at the group's leisure.

B.       VETERAN'S HISTORY PROJECT

Andy McGillivray advised that no meetings had been scheduled for joint southeast Oakland County component of this project.

C.       ROYAL OAK HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING

Martha Kehoe reported that no meeting has been scheduled at this time.

D.       COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE

Lila Richards provided the report. Discussion took place on Historical Commission representation for the 2014-15 year beginning in September, particularly with Connie Schmelzle's move to Florida. It was decided that either Joy Davids or Mary Merkel will serve as the alternate. The group was reminded that this decision should be made at the April meeting.

## AWARDS LUNCHEON

Members were advised that long time Firefighter Tim Kennedy would be the 2014 Historian of the Year for his efforts as Fire Department historian. Joy Davids will also attend the luncheon as a guest.

### E. DONATIONS

- NEW ACQUISITIONS

Councilwoman Scott shared the receipt of items acquired in the course of research for Arcadia's Images of America - Madison Heights.

- MONETARY DONATIONS

Roslyn Yerman stated that the cash on hand in the rooms had been deposited into the Historical Commission's Escrow Account as part of the packing efforts. She advised that proceeds from the sale of the book were also being deposited in this account. However, the group was further advised that initial profits would be used to repay the City for the funds used to purchase the pre publication supply of advance copies. Sales are being sold at the library and the Finance Counter, with over 100 copies having been sold in February and March, the first two months the book has been available.

- SALE ITEMS

No Report

### F. ARCADIA PUBLICATION

Councilwoman Scott reminded members that the book was available for sale at Barnes and Noble, Costco, and Walgreen's.

### VI. OTHER BUSINESS.

#### A. HERITAGE ROOMS

Councilwoman Scott circulated two thank you cards for signatures in appreciation of the help given in packing and moving the contents of the rooms to the lower level of City Hall. The rooms will now be permanently call this location home, which will provide easier access. There will be an office, and additional file cabinets and office furniture have become available. There is an abundance of wall space, with elevator, Internet, and phone access. The need for a new brochure was also noted.

#### B. KENDALL SCHOOL 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Councilwoman Scott proposed a program to acknowledge this anniversary in conjunction with the grand reopening of the rooms. Teachers could be invited, along with Kendall family members.



VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 28th, at 6:00 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

7:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn F. Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 28, 2014

PRESENT:	Alyssa Bottrell	Lila Richards
	Joy Davids	Councilwoman Margene Scott
	Dolly Ferries	Chery Suiter
	Bob Gettings	Justin Suarez
	Martha Kehoe	Roslyn Yerman
	Mary Merkel	

EXCUSED:	Tony Bliss	Jerry Van Sice
ABSENT:	Andy McGillivray	
GUESTS:	John and Jane Mills	

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See Above. Joy Davids introduced her guests, John and Jane Mills, former City residents who have since returned to Madison Heights. John was a former Constable and City Councilman.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 29, 2014

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2014 meeting was made by Martha Kehoe with a second by Lila Richards.

IV. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. HISTORICAL PHOTOS IN CITY BUILDINGS

The January Commission Meeting was identified as the deadline for the initial Fire Station collage.

B. VETERAN'S HISTORY PROJECT

There was no report in Andy McGillivray's absence.

C. ROYAL OAK HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING

Martha Kehoe reported that while she had not yet been in touch with the Royal Oak Commission, she would be visiting the Ferndale Commission the next day, and would share her visit with the group at the January Meeting.

D. COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE

Lila Richards will serve as representative on Round Table, and Joy Davids will serve as alternate. Roslyn Yerman will process this renewal in conjunction with all of the City renewals.

E. DONATIONS

- NEW ACQUISITIONS

Dr. Feldman, a foot doctor in Madison Heights, provided Councilwoman Margene Scott with a photo of him from the early 1960's. The photo will go into the business section, with Margene noting the possibility of a professional collection.

Roslyn Yerman shared the receipt of Madison Heights' items from the Ferndale Commission, and Martha Kehoe is also in receipt of items for the museum. Alyssa Bottrell has an orange juicer to donate for use in the craft done with visiting school groups. Individuals will hold onto their items until reconstruction of the new rooms is complete.

- MONETARY DONATIONS
- SALE ITEMS

F. HERITAGE ROOMS

- NEW LOCATION – STATUS

Roslyn Yerman made a brief report on the status of construction work being done in the lower level of City Hall. Councilwoman Scott spoke at greater length about options for the rooms, and it was decided that she would approach Deputy City Manager Jeff Mueller about the possibility of a Thursday afternoon visit on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 to offer additional input.

- REPLACEMENT BROCHURE

This item was tabled, given that it will need to include room photographs in the museum's new location, which is currently on hold.

G. KENDALL SCHOOL – 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

While it was hoped to hold this event in conjunction with the actual 2014 anniversary, it too will remain on hold, with the event being recognized with the anticipated early 2015 reopening of the museum.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS.

HERITAGE ROOMS – RESTORATION EFFORTS

There was discussion about what members could do while construction was underway. Research into storage options and needed supplies was identified, with the group advised about the recent donation from the Madison Heights Intermediate Women's Club.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. April 28th and October 27<sup>th</sup> were identified as the additional 2015 meeting dates.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn F. Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
JANUARY 20, 2015

PRESENT:	Tony Bliss	Lila Richards
	Joy Davids	Councilwoman Margene Scott
	Dolly Ferries	Justin Suarez
	Bob Gettings	Cheryl Suiter
	Martha Kehoe	Marjorie Townsend
	Andy McGillivray	Roslyn Yerman

EXCUSED: Alyssa Bottrell

ABSENT: Mary Merkel

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See Above. Marjorie Townsend was welcomed to her first meeting as a member of the Historical Commission.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 28, 2014

The minutes were corrected to reflect Bob Gettings' attendance at the meeting. A motion to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2014 meeting as corrected was made by Martha Kehoe with a second by Lila Richards.

IV. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. HISTORICAL PHOTOS IN CITY BUILDINGS

The January Commission Meeting had been identified as the deadline for the completion of the initial Fire Station collage. Councilwoman Scott requested that Cheryl Suiter meet with her to discuss the selection of photos.

B. VETERAN'S HISTORY PROJECT

Andy McGillivray recommended that this project be tabled for now.

C. ROYAL OAK HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING

Martha Kehoe reported on her visit to the Ferndale Historical Museum, and stated that a meeting had not yet been scheduled with the Royal Oak Commission.

D. COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE

The next meeting on January 21, 2015 was announced.

E. DONATIONS

- NEW ACQUISITIONS
- MONETARY DONATIONS
- SALE ITEMS

No report was given.

F. HERITAGE ROOMS

- RESTORATION EFFORTS

Commission members were reminded that the trailer was scheduled to be emptied soon. Councilwoman Scott reported on the quality of the new schoolroom. Early discussion took place on restoration efforts, given space constraints as the result of less available space than in the museum's original location. Cabinets and shelving were lost and will need to be replaced before much set up can be accomplished. Andy McGillivray and Tony Bliss recommended that a wish list be created for desired items. Ample outlets in each of the rooms were also recommended as a good idea.

G. KENDALL SCHOOL – 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

As mentioned at the October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration will be postponed and scheduled in conjunction with the grand reopening of the Heritage Rooms. Councilwoman Scott that Julie Halpin McMillan, a Kendall family descendent was now living in Michigan again, and would be of help in the restoration efforts.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF MADISON HEIGHTS

Commission members were apprised of plans by the City to acknowledge the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Madison Heights in 2015. It was suggested that the Historical Commission might want to do a display when the rooms reopen, and further suggested that a trivia contest be established, comparable to one previously developed by Councilwoman Scott and Bob Gettings.

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on April 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn F. Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
APRIL 28, 2015

PRESENT:	Alyssa Bottrell	Mary Merkel
	Joy Davids	Lila Richards
	Rita Dickel	Councilwoman Margene Scott
	Dolly Ferries	Cheryl Suiter
	Martha Kehoe	Marjorie Townsend
	Andy McGillivray	Roslyn Yerman

EXCUSED:	Tony Bliss	Justin Suarez
	Bob Gettings	

- I. CALL TO ORDER  
Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman
- II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL  
See Above. Rita Dickel was welcomed to her first meeting as a member of the Historical Commission.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 20, 2015  
A motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting was made by Martha Kehoe with a second by Lila Richards.
- IV. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. HISTORICAL PHOTOS IN CITY BUILDINGS  
The Council Meeting assignment from April 26, 2010 remains outstanding. Councilwoman Scott indicates that she will work with Cheryl Suiter to complete it.
  - B. ROYAL OAK HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING  
Martha Kehoe reported that the joint meeting will be on hold until after the Memorial Day Parade.
  - C. COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE  
The annual awards luncheon will be held on May 20, 2015 with this year's Historian of the Year, Andy McGillivray.
  - D. DONATIONS
    - NEW ACQUISITIONS
    - MONETARY DONATIONS
    - SALE ITEMS



- E.     HERITAGE ROOMS - RESTORATION EFFORTS  
An update was provided on restoration efforts to date. The library and office have been furnished and look good. Additional furniture remains to be ordered and installed. Once that happens, members will be able to help file and set up material which is currently being organized on tables and in boxes. Lost material continues to be identified. Security cameras have been installed. Commission members were invited to view progress to date following the meeting.
  
- VI.    OTHER BUSINESS
  - A.     OAKLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL RESOURCES EVENT  
Andy McGillivray attended. Not applicable at this time.
  
  - B.     CITY'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY REQUESTS  
Discussion took place on Then/Now photos for City Hall displays.
  
- VII.   NEXT MEETING  
The next meeting will be held on October 27, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
  
- VIII.   ADJOURNMENT  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn F. Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 27, 2015

PRESENT:	Tony Bliss	Mary Merkel
	Alyssa Bottrell	Lila Richards
	Joy Davids	Pat Ross
	Rita Dickel	Councilwoman Margene Scott
	Dolly Ferries	Cheryl Suiter
	Martha Kehoe	Marjorie Townsend
	Andy McGillivray	Roslyn Yerman

ABSENT: Justin Suarez  
GUEST: Michael Pietraszewski

- I. CALL TO ORDER  
Meeting called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman
- II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL  
See Above.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 28, 2015  
A motion to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2015 meeting was made by Martha Kehoe with a second by Lila Richards.
- IV. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. HISTORICAL PHOTOS IN CITY BUILDINGS  
Councilwoman Scott has been attempting to resolve the issue of poor quality prints of the photos she has on her machine. This has been the obstacle in providing Cheryl Suiter with the photos for use in the Fire Station collage. Alyssa Bottrell offered to help in saving photos to a flash drive, and printing them commercially.
  - B. ROYAL OAK HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING  
No report.
  - C. COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE  
The October 21<sup>st</sup> Meet the Candidates event was discussed.
  - D. DONATIONS
    - NEW ACQUISITIONS
    - MONETARY DONATIONS
    - SALE ITEMS

No report was given.

E. HERITAGE ROOMS

- RESTORATION EFFORTS
- GRAND REOPENING PLANS

Members discussed restoration efforts to date, along with reopening plans. Discussion took place about the possibility of holding the reopening on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, tree lighting day. It was decided that even were the event to take place earlier in the day, and not in the evening, there would be just too much activity to make it a successful event. Discussion took place instead about a January date in conjunction with the City's January 17<sup>th</sup> incorporation date. January 17<sup>th</sup> is a Sunday, and City offices are closed on January 18<sup>th</sup>, which is MLK Day. January 19<sup>th</sup> was identified, recognizing the possible need of a snow date. Roslyn Yerman will advise the City Manager about the Commission's proposed plans.

F. CITY'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY - THEN/NOW PHOTOS

Roslyn Yerman questioned whether this item was still current, given that it was already late October. Councilwoman Scott indicated that the City still wished to see it completed.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

VII. NEXT MEETING – DETERMINE 2016 MEETING DATES

The Commission identified January 26<sup>th</sup>, April 26<sup>th</sup>, and October 26<sup>th</sup> as 2016 Historical Commission Meeting Dates.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn F. Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
DECEMBER 15, 2015

PRESENT:	Alyssa Bottrell	Lila Richards
	Joy Davids	Councilwoman Margene Scott
	Rita Dickel	Justin Suarez
	Martha Kehoe	Cheryl Suiter
	Andy McGillivray	Marjorie Townsend
	Mary Merkel	Roslyn Yerman

ABSENT:     Tony Bliss                                  Dolly Ferries

I.        CALL TO ORDER  
Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

II.       INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL  
See Above.

III.      MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

IV.      OTHER BUSINESS

A.       HERITAGE ROOMS - REOPENING

Discussion of the painted floors took place, with the possibility of them representing a trip hazard. Members like the look of the floors, and the consensus was that there no issues provided they are trimmed so as not to lay in any areas which see foot traffic.

The grand reopening will take place on Tuesday, January 19th, from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Councilwoman Scott will revise the original 2008 flyer, after which Roslyn Yerman will submit it through the City's social media. Yerman reported that interest is being generated through the City Hall display case.

A sign-up sheet for the reopening was circulated, and coverage appears to be adequate, with a number of members signing up for the duration of the open house event. Martha Kehoe reminded members to mark their calendars to remember this commitment. Roslyn Yerman stated that she would email the Intermediate Women's Club Board about providing refreshments and volunteers to serve them. Coffee and hot water for tea and hot chocolate were suggested, along with donuts. Pat Ross recommended asking if the tea left over from the club's annual tea might be available.

Discussion of handicap access was discussed, and the need to monitor the door from the lower level of City Hall. Andy McGillivray noted that this door was not routinely monitored with classes held in the lower level of City Hall. Roslyn Yerman will follow up ahead of the event.

The invitation of local dignitaries was discussed, and a ribbon cutting. Roslyn Yerman will contact Keri Valmassei at the Chamber both about providing the ribbon and scissors, along with promoting the reopening through the weekly Chamber newsletter.

The need for replacement legal hanging file folders was discussed. This exchange needs to be made in a timely manner, so that filing can be accomplished. Martha Kehoe volunteered to make the exchange.

Councilwoman Scott advised members that a computer is now set up in the office. She shared her intention of storing copies of her historical photos on the machine for access by members. She reminded the group of the need to move the display case items back to the rooms ahead of the January 19th reopening event.

**B. HERITAGE ROOMS - STAFFING**

Ongoing staffing of the rooms was discussed. Andy McGillivray suggested keeping the rooms open from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. since evening access was now an option. Alyssa Bottrell recommend that the flyer include mention of regular hours beginning in February, with the subject discussed at the January 26th Commission Meeting the week after the reopening.

**C. MADISON HEIGHTS MONOPOLY GAME**

Four copies of the City monopoly game are available. One copy will be retained for display, and one will be sold to meet the email request. Discussion took place about raffling off one of the remaining two copies at the reopening event, and retaining the last for a subsequent event. Tickets would be sold for \$1.00 or six for \$5.00, which would recognize some revenue for the Historical Commission Escrow account. Pat Ross volunteered to purchase raffle tickets. Roslyn Yerman will look into the legality of a raffle.

**VII. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting will be held on January 26, 2016 at 6:30 p.m

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margie Townsend  
Acting Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn F. Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
JANUARY 26, 2016

PRESENT:	Joy Davids	Councilwoman Margene Scott
	Rita Dickel	Justin Suarez
	Dolly Ferries	Cheryl Suiter
	Martha Kehoe	Margie Townsend
	Andy McGillivray	Roslyn Yerman

EXCUSED:	Tony Bliss	Lila Richards
	Alyssa Bottrell	Pat Ross

ABSENT: Mary Merkel

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See Above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 27, 2015 REGULAR MEETING  
AND DECEMBER 15, 2015 SPECIAL MEETING

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2015 regular meeting and the December 15, 2015 special meeting was made by Martha Kehoe with a second by Rita Dickel.

IV. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. HISTORICAL PHOTOS IN CITY BUILDINGS

Cheryl Suiter presented two completed Fire Station collages. Roslyn Yerman will contact the Fire Chief, and advise the City Manager of the completion of this outstanding Council Meeting assignment.

B. ROYAL OAK HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING

Martha Kehoe anticipates arranging for a spring visit.

C. COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE

Selection of the Historian of the Year was deferred at Lila Richards' request so that she could recommend an honoree at the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting where she would be present. Lila will be coordinating this item on behalf of the Historical Commission.

D. DONATIONS

- NEW ACQUISITIONS

Martha Kehoe, Cheryl Suiter, Andy McGillivray, and Justin Suarez will make up the committee to review donations. Only Madison Heights items will be accepted for review.

A few new acquisitions were noted.

- MONETARY DONATIONS

\$69.00 was received in donations in 2015.

- SALE ITEMS

E. HERITAGE ROOMS STAFFING

The decision was made to have the Heritage Rooms open on Tuesdays, from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Martha Kehoe and Rita Dickel indicated that they could cover every week, supplemented by other Commission members. Access by way of the west and elevator entrances was discussed as part of the plan being proposed to the City Manager.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. HERITAGE ROOMS MUSEUM NAME

Confirmation of the museum name, and discussion took place on signage, as well as the need for the website to be updated.

B. GENEALOGY INFORMATION STORAGE

Councilwoman Scott addressed her thoughts on this item.

C. SCOUT TROOPS

Councilwoman Scott shared that scout troops have begun requesting tours, which she is coordinating for now. She recommended that guidelines be developed.

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on April 26, 2016.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn F. Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library



MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
APRIL 26, 2016

PRESENT:	Tony Bliss	Pat Ross
	Alyssa Bottrell	Councilwoman Margene Scott
	Joy Davids	Cheryl Suiter
	Rita Dickel	Justin Suarez
	Dolly Ferries	Margie Townsend
	Martha Kehoe	Roslyn Yerman
	Andy McGillivray	Chelsea Zuzindlak
	Lila Richards	

EXCUSED: Mary Merkel

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See Above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 26, 2016

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2016 meeting was made by Martha Kehoe with a second by Rita Dickel.

IV. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. HERITAGE ROOMS

A schedule was circulated through October 25th, the date of the next Historical Commission Meeting. Councilwoman Scott will draft tour guidelines for review by the group. The Heritage Rooms will be governed by the same inclement weather guidelines that apply to City Recreation programs. Opening and closing procedures were demonstrated to Commission members.

B. HISTORIAN OF THE YEAR

Martha Kehoe and Jack Scott will be honored as Historians of the Year. Lila Richards will make the presentations and submit the program and ticket forms. She will prepare the remarks with assistance from Councilwoman Scott.

C. DONATIONS

- NEW ACQUISITIONS
- MONETARY DONATIONS
- SALE ITEMS

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on October 25, 2016.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolly Ferries  
Secretary  
Madison Heights Historical Commission

Roslyn F. Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 25, 2016

PRESENT: Alyssa Bottrell Councilwoman Margene Scott  
Joy Davids Cheryl Suiter  
Rita Dickel Justin Suarez  
Dolly Ferries Margie Townsend  
Martha Kehoe Roslyn Yerman  
Lila Richards Chelsea Zuzindlak  
Pat Ross

**EXCUSED:** Tony Bliss                      Andy McGillivray

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

## II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See Above.

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 26, 2016

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2016 meeting was made by Lila Richards with a second by Pat Ross.

#### IV. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

## V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A. HERITAGE ROOMS

Yerman circulated a November 2016 – February 2017 schedule. Discussion resulted in a motion by Martha Kehoe with a second by Rita Dickel to not open on November 8<sup>th</sup> and December 27<sup>th</sup>. Unlike the original school location, City Hall is not a polling precinct, and the anticipated election traffic makes it unlikely the rooms will see visitors. Similarly, the week between Christmas and New Year's should be slow.

Scott will draft tour guidelines for review. Yerman solicited input on entrance signage where the doors were removed. The consensus was signage over the doorway, with the suggested wording of Heritage Rooms Museum. Yerman advised that the City sign shop might address.

The group was reminded of Scott's use of an office desk drawer for genealogy research files. She also shared her goal proposal on the Heritage Rooms, with the goal of encouraging visitors.

C. DONATIONS

- NEW ACQUISITIONS
- MONETARY DONATIONS
- SALE ITEMS

The donation policy for new acquisitions was discussed. Kehoe noted the volume of unsolicited donations being left outside of the rooms. Members of the donation committee were authorized to make independent decisions about offered items. Yerman referenced several recent donation requests for discussion, and reminded Commission members of the direct phone number for the Heritage Room.

A donation release form was discussed. Yerman noted the one currently in use, and Kehoe reminded members about the Clawson form she shared at a previous meeting. She will provide another copy to Yerman for reformatting for use by the Historical Commission, incorporating the different types of donation arrangements noted by Scott.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Yerman advised that members of City Boards and Commissions were required to be City residents in response to a question from Kehoe. However, she reminded the group that nonresidents, including former Madison Heights residents could volunteer, provided a release form had been processed and approved, and the volunteer was scheduled with a member of the Historical Commission.

VII. NEXT MEETING

January 17<sup>th</sup>, April 25<sup>th</sup>, and October 24<sup>th</sup> were identified as 2017 meeting dates.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
JANUARY 17, 2017

PRESENT:	Alyssa Bottrell	Councilwoman Margene Scott
	Joy Davids	Cheryl Suiter
	Rita Dickel	Justin Suarez
	Martha Kehoe	Roslyn Yerman
	Lila Richards	

EXCUSED:	Tony Bliss	Andy McGillivray
	Dolly Ferries	Pat Ross

- I. CALL TO ORDER  
Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman
- II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL  
See above.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 25, 2016  
The October 25, 2016 minutes were tabled.
- IV. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. HERITAGE ROOMS
    - SCHEDULING  
A schedule was routed through the April 25, 2017 meeting.
    - TOUR GUIDELINES  
This item was tabled.
    - SIGNAGE  
Interior and exterior signage was discussed, including options for the main interior entrance to the rooms. City staff has recommended and members were asked for names.
    - RELEASE FORM  
Clawson's form was recommended for use.
  - B. DONATIONS
    - NEW ACQUISITIONS
    - MONETARY DONATIONS
    - SALE ITEMS

- VI. OTHER BUSINESS
  - A. LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL REUNIONS
- VII. NEXT MEETING  
APRIL 25, 2017
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
APRIL 25, 2017

PRESENT:   Alyssa Bottrell           Pat Ross  
             Joy Davids            Councilwoman Margene Scott  
             Rita Dickel          Cheryl Suiter  
             Martha Kehoe        Roslyn Yerman

EXCUSED:   Tony Bliss           Lila Richards  
             Donna Dalling       Justin Suarez  
             Dolly Ferries

I.       CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

II.      INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See Above. A motion to excuse Tony Bliss, Donna Dalling, Dolly Ferries, Lila Richards, and Justin Suarez was made by Ross, with a second by Dickel.

Yeas: Bottrell, Davids, Dickel, Kehoe, Ross, Scott, Suiter, Yerman

Nays: None

III.     APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 25, 2016 AND JANUARY 17, 2017

Bottrell corrected the January 17, 2017 minutes to reflect the next meeting date as April rather than October. A motion to approve the October 25, 2016 minutes as written and the January 17, 2017 minutes as corrected was made by Kehoe, with a second by Dickel.

Yeas: Bottrell, Davids, Dickel, Kehoe, Ross, Scott, Suiter, Yerman

Nays: None

IV.     MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

V.      UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A.      HERITAGE ROOMS

•       SCHEDULING

A schedule from May through August was routed. Yerman to send out that schedule for review and additions, along with a template for September and October for members to sign up for additional dates ahead of the October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

•       TOUR GUIDELINES

This item was tabled.

- SIGNAGE

Interior and exterior signage was discussed. Yerman to contact DPS Director Vitale about the status of the paint signage recommended for the interior entrance to the rooms. Signage was also suggested by the elevator door.

- RELEASE FORM

Yerman will run the Clawson donation by DPS Director Vitale, per City Manager Myers suggestion, given that a form for taking donations is already in place at the Nature Center.

B. DONATIONS

- NEW ACQUISITIONS
- MONETARY DONATIONS
- SALE ITEMS

Donations were review, along with donation committee procedures. Yerman will advise Kehoe and Scott of donations for review.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. SELECTION OF HISTORIAN OF THE YEAR

Scott made a motion to honor Geri and Gary Easton as Historians of the Year for their work on redoing the Wall of Heroes with a second by Ross.

Yeas: Bottrell, Davids, Dickel, Kehoe, Ross, Scott, Suiter, Yerman  
Nays: None

Yerman will submit the program form. Richards will present, with Kehoe and Scott preparing the remarks. Kehoe will arrange for Geri and Gary Easton's tickets.

B. YOUTH INPUT

Scott suggested that youth input on the Heritage Rooms was invaluable, sharing that she had sounded out this year's Mock Council participants. Discussion followed on age requirements for Board and Commission membership, and possible ordinance revisions to accommodate school district seats comparable to other Boards and Commissions.

C. JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> RETIREE TOUR

Scott will handle a requested tour by City Manager Myers by City retirees on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m.



D. 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DISPLAY

Yerman announced the upcoming 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the GFWC Madison Heights Intermediate Women's Club, and suggested a display in the rotating case. Kehoe and Ross volunteered to put in the display with assistance from Suiter. With the anniversary in the fall, there was consensus for the display to replace the current George the Animal Steele display following the fall memorial for Jim Myers at Madison High School.

Kehoe raised liability concerns should a child be injured in the rooms. She shared her experience with unsupervised youngsters in the rooms while siblings are attending gymnastics classes. She also shared her visit to the Hazel Park museum.

Yerman updated the group on Scott's goal proposal to increase Heritage Rooms' use with a strategic work plan draft to set the goal in motion. Bottrell and Scott will complete the brochure revision for Commission review.

VII. NEXT MEETING  
OCTOBER 24, 2017

VIII. ADJOURNMENT  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 24, 2017

PRESENT:   Jennifer Ballantine   Lila Richards  
             Joy Davids           Pat Ross  
             Rita Dickel         Justin Suarez  
             Dolly Ferries       Councilwoman Margene Scott  
             Martha Kehoe       Cheryl Suiter  
             Deliza Lee         Roslyn Yerman

EXCUSED:   Tony Bliss           Donna Dalling

I.       CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

II.       INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See Above. Jennifer Ballantine and Deliza Lee were welcomed.

III.      APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 25, 2017

A motion to approve the April 25, 2017 minutes as written was made by Kehoe, with a second by Scott.

Yeas: Ballantine, Davids, Dickel, Ferries, Kehoe, Lee, Richards, Ross, Suarez, Scott, Suiter, Yerman

Nays: None

IV.      MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

V.       UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A.       HERITAGE ROOMS

•       BREHMER CONCEPT

A motion to approve the Brehmer concept for the mural at the entrance to the Heritage Rooms at a cost of \$350.00 was made by Richards with a second by Scott. Suarez recommended a change from Heritage Room to Heritage Rooms Museum. Richards made an amended motion to approve the Brehmer concept at a cost of \$350 with the change of Heritage Room to Heritage Rooms Museum with a second by Scott.

Yeas: Ballantine, Davids, Dickel, Ferries, Kehoe, Lee, Richards, Ross, Suarez, Scott, Suiter, Yerman

Nays: None

- **RELEASE FORM**

Yerman reported that no Nature Center release form for use as a template had been located and for comparison against the Clawson form. Discussion took place on the need to address different kinds of donations. A release form will be drafted for review and discussion at the January meeting.

- **40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY DISPLAY**

Discussion continued on use of the rotating display case celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Women's Club. Kehoe will explore the availability of items for display.

Discussion turned to an exhibit honoring the memory of Mayor Edward C. Swanson in the City Hall lobby display case to reach more visitors. The idea of a reception to honor the family was raised, as was done with previous displays when the rooms were located in their original location. Scott shared the status of her project to collect Swanson memories and the time needed to coordinate photos for an exhibit. Yerman will check on the availability of the City Hall display case for some time after the first of the year.

**B. DONATIONS**

- **NEW ACQUISITIONS**
- **MONETARY DONATIONS**
- **SALE ITEMS**

Commission members were reminded of the plan for donated items to be reviewed by a subcommittee for consideration. Calls will be directed to Kehoe, who will contact Suarez. Lee will draft a sign regarding donations. There is an existing typewriter donation to be placed.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE REPRESENTATION**

Yerman reported that City renewals had been processed for the Community Round Table, including the Historical Commission's membership, with Richards serving as representative and Davids as alternate.

**B. HERITAGE ROOMS**

- **SCHEDULING**

A schedule was routed for April through October.

- **WORK**

Discussion took place on work to be done while volunteering in the rooms. Discussed items included filing, cleaning, and thank you notes for donations.

Discussion took place on the concept of a free or complementary admission ticket to encourage traffic, even while there is never a charge for admission. Lee and Suiter will draft something for review at the January meeting.

Kehoe reported that she had been contacted about a request by Councilman Soltis to display the Wall of Heroes in the lobby at City Hall in November. There was no objection to the temporary relocation in comparable fashion to the way in which the Wall is used for the Memorial Day Parade and Service.

Signage was discussed, with a recommendation for portable signage comparable to what existed in the rooms' original location. In the current location, the sign would be placed outside by the elevator door during the Heritage Rooms operating hours on Tuesdays between 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. Yerman will contact Joe Vitale to see if the Department of Public Services can assist.

Yerman reminded the Commission about the FY 2018 goal to increase use of the Heritage Rooms.

**VII. NEXT MEETING**

January 16<sup>th</sup>, April 24<sup>th</sup>, and October 30<sup>th</sup> were identified as 2018 meeting dates.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
JANUARY 16, 2018

PRESENT:	Jennifer Ballantine	Deliza Lee
	Joy Davids	Lila Richards
	Rita Dickel	Councilwoman Margene Scott
	Martha Kehoe	Roslyn Yerman

EXCUSED:	Tony Bliss	Justin Suarez
	Donna Dalling	Cheryl Suiter
	Pat Ross	

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See Above. Yerman stated that there are currently three vacancies on the Historical Commission, with an anticipated fourth vacancy, as Donna Dalling does not intend to continue when her current term expires on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 24, 2017

The October 24, 2017 minutes were approved as drafted.

IV. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. HERITAGE ROOMS

- TOUR GUIDELINES

This item was tabled.

- RELEASE FORM

This item was tabled.

- PORTABLE SIGNAGE

Public Services Analyst/Planner Sean Ballantine's sign proposal was discussed, including placement, storage and wording. The decision was made to go with a single sign outside of the elevator door entrance as was originally discussed. Basic wording was recommended:

Heritage Rooms Museum  
Open Today

Not including hours will allow the Commission the flexibility of using the sign whenever the rooms are open, for regular hours or a special event.

- COMPLIMENTARY PASS

The draft was discussed. Lee will make the discussed revisions for a second review by Commission members.

- EDWARD C. SWANSON DISPLAY

Discussion took place regarding the establishment of a display in the rotating case, possibly in conjunction with a special event. Yerman told the group that the contents of the City Hall Display Case needed to be emptied by January 19<sup>th</sup>. Kehoe and Scott volunteered to remove the contents the next day following the Community Round Table Meeting. Scott recommended deferring the new display until more memories and photos were available.

B. DONATIONS

- NEW ACQUISITIONS

Scott shared the story behind a 1959 yearbook, and Richards shared a 1973 hockey team photo.

- MONETARY DONATIONS

- SALE ITEMS

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE

- REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- HISTORIAN OF THE YEAR

Rita Dickel was selected as Historian of the Year. Kehoe will submit the form, and Richards will order the plaque. Scott will assist in drafting the narrative.

B. HERITAGE ROOMS

- SCHEDULING

The January through April schedule (and next Historical Commission Meeting) was routed. The schedule was mostly filled in through March. Discussion will take place at the April meeting as to whether open hours will be adjusted to every other week.

- WORK

Discussion resumed as to work to be completed when members were volunteering in the Heritage Rooms. Two identified projects were computer input and photo work. Scott agreed to train several members on the former.

Kehoe shared that child supervision during gymnastics classes is still a significant issue. Yerman will share with City staff that this remains an issue despite the addition of signage reminding parents and caregivers of the need for child supervision.

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on April 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

April 24, 2018

PRESENT:   Jennifer Ballantine                      Lila Richards  
              Joy Davids                                Pat Ross  
              Rita Dickel                             Councilwoman Margene Scott  
              Bernadette Gutowski               Cheryl Suiter  
              Martha Kehoe                         Roslyn Yerman

EXCUSED:   Tony Bliss                             Justin Suarez  
              Deliza Lee

I.       CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:38 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman

II.       INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See Above.

III.      APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 16, 2018

The January 16, 2018 minutes were approved as drafted, with a motion by Richards with a second by Scott.

IV.      MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

V.       UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A.       HERITAGE ROOMS

- TOUR GUIDELINES

Tour guidelines remain in process. Suiter raised the possibility of self-guided tours. Discussion took place on traditional tours vs. the self-conducted variety. Scott and Suiter will work on developing options for review by the Commission.

- RELEASE FORM

In Suarez's absence, this item was tabled.

- PORTABLE SIGNAGE

Yerman reported that the sign was complete and in place for use. Members were shown its location to put out when scheduled.

- COMPLIMENTARY PASS

Discussion took place about the complimentary pass becoming a pass for a complimentary tour. Lee will contact Scott for additional revisions to the pass for review by the Commission.



- EDWARD C. SWANSON DISPLAY

A display is in place in the rotating case. The possibility of augmenting the display with a family event has not been ruled out.

B. DONATIONS

- NEW ACQUISITIONS

Scott shared Kendall family photos, and spoke about an online contact with Solberg descendants. Kehoe shared a photo of Baron's Market.

- MONETARY DONATIONS

- SALE ITEMS

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE

- REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- HISTORIAN OF THE YEAR

Rita Dickel was selected as Historian of the Year. Kehoe will submit the form, and Richards will order the plaque. Scott will assist in drafting the narrative.

B. HERITAGE ROOMS

- SCHEDULING

Discussion took place about having the rooms open every other Tuesday instead of every Tuesday, given that most room traffic takes the form of special appointments and tours, along with current coverage challenges. Kehoe made a motion with a second by Ross to have the rooms open on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Yeas: Ballantine, Davids, Dickel, Gutowski, Kehoe, Richards, Ross, Scott, Suiter, Yerman

Nays: None

- WORK

Discussion resumed about work to be completed when members were volunteering in the Heritage Rooms. Photograph was highlighted.

Child supervision during gymnastics classes is still an issue, as was illustrated during the meeting. Kehoe shared a visit by City administration (unfortunately at a quieter time) and Richards shared a visit by gymnastics staff with an interest in addressing this ongoing issue.

C. ARTS & CULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD EVENT

The new Arts & Cultural Advisory Board has an evening event scheduled on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. The Heritage Rooms will be open, allowing an additional opportunity for room access, and to highlight the entrance mural.

D. MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND FESTIVAL IN THE PARK

Historical Commission participation in the Memorial Day Parade was discussed. Ballantine and Suiter expressed an interest in carrying or riding with the Commission banner, and will see Yerman to look at the banner. Pending completion of the revised banner for distribution, Gutowski stated that she would be willing to take on that task. Yerman reminded the group that parade registration would have to be done soon. Interest was also expressed in manning a table at the June 24<sup>th</sup> Festival in the Park.

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on October 30, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
October 30, 2018

PRESENT:	Jennifer Ballantine	Pat Ross
	Rita Dickel	Councilwoman Margene Scott
	Bernadette Gutowski	Justin Suarez
	Martha Kehoe	Cheryl Suiter
	Deliza Lee	Roslyn Yerman
	Lila Richards	

EXCUSED: Tony Bliss

- I. CALL TO ORDER  
Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Roslyn Yerman
- II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL  
See above.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - APRIL 24, 2018  
The April 24, 2018 minutes were approved as drafted, with a motion by Kehoe.
- IV. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. HERITAGE ROOMS
    - TOUR GUIDELINES  
This item was tabled.
    - RELEASE FORM  
This item was tabled.
    - COMPLIMENTARY PASS
      - The decision was made for the document to be a complimentary tour. Lee will circulate a draft prior to the January meeting with final approval taking place at that time.
    - EDWARD C. SWANSON DISPLAY  
Scott made a motion to maintain the Swanson display and not hold a family event, with a second by Richards.

Yeas: Ballantine, Dickel, Gutowski, Kehoe, Lee, Richards, Ross, Scott, Suarez, Suiter, Yerman  
Naes: None

B. DONATIONS

- NEW ACQUISITIONS  
Richards shared a photo of Mark Howe, her husband Jim Richards and Monte Gerald
- MONETARY DONATIONS
- SALE ITEMS

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

Scott shared her plans for getting youth involved in the Heritage Rooms. Minors must complete a volunteer application. Three have been received to date. Scott has distributed an initial task list for members to review and revise ahead of the January meeting. Yerman spoke about the library's new volunteer program, noting that one of the tasks was assistance with the Historical Commission and in the Heritage Rooms. Volunteers wear special shirts, identifying them as such while working

B. COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE

- REPRESENTATIVE REPORT  
Yerman will follow up as to whether an alternate was included with the 2018-19 Historical Commission membership.

C. HERITAGE ROOMS

- SCHEDULING  
The November through January schedule was circulated. With an awareness of the holidays, the rooms will be scheduled on November 6th and 20th, December 11th, and January 8th and 22nd.
- WORK  
Tasks were discussed
- Honoring Joy Davids' memory was discussed at an event including her family was discussed. Scott will speak with the family about some dates in the new year.

VII. NEXT MEETING – IDENTIFICATION OF 2019 MEETING DATES

Meetings will be held on January 15, 2019, April 16, 2019, and October 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

**MINUTES  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING  
JANUARY 15, 2019**

**Call to Order**

Roslyn Yerman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Present: Jennifer Ballantine, Lila Richards, Margene Scott, Justin Suarez, Cheryl Suiter,  
Roslyn Yerman  
Absent: Tony Bliss, Rita Dickel, Bernadette Gutowski, Deliza Lee, Pat Ross  
Guests: Mary Davids Willer, John Davids, Doug Willer, Judy Davids, Lee Davids, Harley  
Modarski, Cory Johnston

No business was conducted because a quorum was not present.

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

April 16, 2019

PRESENT:   Jennifer Ballantine                      Pat Ross  
              Tony Bliss (late)                      Councilwoman Margene Scott  
              Rita Dickel                           Justin Suarez  
              Martha Kehoe                      Cheryl Suiter  
              Deliza Lee                           Roslyn Yerman

EXCUSED:   Bernadette Gutowski              Lila Richards

- I.      CALL TO ORDER  
Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Yerman.
- II.     INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL  
See above.
- III.    APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 30, 2018 AND JANUARY 15, 2019  
The October 30, 2018 and January 15, 2019 minutes were approved as drafted.
- IV.    MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- V.     UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A.     HERITAGE ROOMS
    - TOUR GUIDELINES  
This item was tabled.
    - RELEASE FORM  
This item was tabled.
    - COMPLIMENTARY PASS  
Edits are in process. Discussion focused on completion ahead of the parade and festival for distribution at both events.
    - YOUTH INVOLVEMENT  
Scott will work to get more students involved. Yerman reminded the group about the Library's Volunteer program.

- JOY DAVIDS MEMORIAL EVENT

Discussion took place about the event in memory of Joy Davids, tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Scott will arrange for a framed 8X10 photo of Joy, with the possibility of an accompanying plaque. Refreshments were discussed, as well as tangible ways of honoring Joy's memory within the civic center complex. A butterfly bush was one idea.

- SHIRTS

Additional Heritage Room shirts were discussed for volunteers to wear when working in the rooms.

B. DONATIONS

- NEW ACQUISITIONS

A few items were shared.

- MONETARY DONATIONS

- SALE ITEMS

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. MADISON HEIGHTS BUSINESS INFORMATION DATABASE

Scott spoke to the need for this information.

B. OAKLAND COUNTY PRESENTATION

This presentation will be scheduled toward the end of the year.

C. COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE

- REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

The next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.

- HISTORIAN OF THE YEAR

Kehoe nominated Ballantine to be awarded Historian of the Year with a second by Dickel. Kehoe will draft the narrative, and Richards will be asked about presenting.

Yeas: Ballantine, Bliss, Dickel, Kehoe, Lee, Ross, Scott, Suarez, Suiter, Yerman

Nays: None

D. HERITAGE ROOMS

- SCHEDULING

A May through October schedule was routed.

- WORK

Room tasks were discussed. When working, members should ensure the elevator door is unlocked, and the portable sign is out. Ballantine, Kehoe, and Lee will represent the Commission at the Festi



VII. NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019

The decision was made to move the start time from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. going forward to accommodate Tony Bliss' schedule.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

October 15, 2019

PRESENT: Jennifer Ballantine                      Pat Ross  
             Tony Bliss                                      Councilwoman Margene Ann Scott  
             Bernadtte Gutowski                      Justin Suarez  
             Anna Janik-Shaw                              Cheryl Suiter  
             Martha Kehoe                                  Roslyn Yerman  
             Lila Richards

EXCUSED: Rita Dickel                                  Deliza Lee  
GUESTS: Jack Scott                                      Jennifer Wright

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Yerman.

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 16, 2019

Kehoe made a motion to approve the April 16, 2019 minutes as drafted.

IV. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Jennifer Wright shared her John R Trail Project with the Commission, and plans to establish a phone app identifying historical landmarks on the route. Plans call for the incorporation of nature. The idea was initially presented to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), who is already on board. Wright suggested interviewing families for inclusion as well. Yerman shared an ongoing Historical Commission project which has oral histories and transcripts of the same currently accessible on the history pages of the City website, accessible from the library page. Wright answered questions from Commission members.

Room scheduling was brought forward and the November through January schedule was routed while the meeting continued.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. HERITAGE ROOMS

- TOUR GUIDELINES  
This item was tabled.
- RELEASE FORM  
Suarez, Kehoe and Janik-Shaw to work on.
- COMPLIMENTARY PASS  
Lee and Scott to work on.

- YOUTH INVOLVEMENT  
Scott and Janik-Shaw to work on recruitment of more youth volunteers.
- SHIRTS  
The Davids family is willing to make additional shirts.

B. DONATIONS

- NEW ACQUISITIONS
- MONETARY DONATIONS
- SALE ITEMS

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. OAKLAND COUNTY PRESENTATION

The book donation will be made at the end of the year.

B. COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE

- REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

C. HERITAGE ROOMS

- SCHEDULING

The November through January schedule was reviewed for coverage.

VII. NEXT MEETING – IDENTIFICATION OF 2020 DATES

2020 meeting dates were identified as January 21<sup>st</sup>, April 21<sup>st</sup>, and October 27<sup>th</sup>.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

January 21, 2020

EXCUSED: Jennifer Ballantine Deliza Lee  
Rita Dickel Pat Ross  
Bernadette Gutowski  
GUESTS: Jack Scott

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Yerman.

See above. Richards made a motion to excuse Ballantine, Dickel, Gutowski, Lee and Ross with a second by Kehoe.

Bliss noted that he was present at the meeting. Suiter made a motion to approve the October 15, 2019 minutes as corrected with a second by Suarez.

Room scheduling was brought forward and the January through April schedule was routed while the meeting continued.

### A. HERITAGE ROOMS

- Scott and Suiter will continue to work on physical and virtual tour guidelines with assistance from Janik-Shaw.

- Janik-Shaw reviewed revisions on the release form. Bliss made a motion to approve the form with a second by Suiter.

Yeas: Bliss, Corbett, Janik-Shaw, Kehoe, Richards, Scott, Suiter, Suarez, Yerman

Nays: None

Donations will be reviewed on a case by case basis. The Commission's mission statement was discussed. Yerman

referenced its inclusion in the City Charter, as with other City Boards and Commissions.

- COMPLIMENTARY PASS  
The phone number on the pass will be confirmed.
- YOUTH INVOLVEMENT  
Scott and Janik-Shaw to work on recruitment of more youth volunteers.

B. DONATIONS

- NEW ACQUISITIONS  
Scott shared the donation of a SEMCOG Pewabic tile.
- MONETARY DONATIONS  
Donations were received in honor of Scott's retirement.
- SALE ITEMS

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. OAKLAND COUNTY PRESENTATION

A joint Library and Commission program will be scheduled.

B. MUSEUM OPERATIONS

Janik-Shaw is working on ideas.

C. COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE

- REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

D. HERITAGE ROOMS SCHEDULING

The January – April schedule was reviewed for coverage.

Discussion took place on further promoting the rooms. Corbett made a motion to create a Heritage Rooms Facebook page with a second by Janik-Shaw.

Yeas: Bliss, Corbett, Janik-Shaw, Kehoe, Richards, Scott, Suiter, Suarez, Yerman

Nays: None

Programming opportunities were discussed including partnerships with other Boards and Commissions.

VII. NEXT MEETING – April 21, 2020

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

November 5, 2020

PRESENT:   Jennifer Ballantine                   Lila Richards  
              Tony Bliss                           Pat Ross  
              Kymm Clarke                   Jack Scott  
              Bob Corbett                   Margene Scott  
              Sean Fleming                  Justin Suarez  
              Eric Graettinger             Roslyn Yerman

EXCUSED:   Deliza Lee                       Cheryl Suiter

I.       CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:19 p.m. by Yerman.

II.      INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above. Kehoe made a motion to excuse Lee and Suiter with a second by Richards.

III.     APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 21, 2020

The minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting were approved.

IV.     MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

V.      UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A.      HERITAGE ROOMS

- TOUR GUIDELINES
- RELEASE FORM
- COMPLIMENTARY PASS

The group brainstormed on the Heritage Rooms and associated activities. Kehoe asked about Commission access during the pandemic and Yerman advised that it was permissible with masks and social distancing. Hand sanitizer was also recommended. Yerman did advise that it was likely only daytime access would be allowed, possibly later, if Commission members were already in the rooms at City Hall's 4:30 p.m. close of business.

An introduction to the rooms for Fleming and Graettinger was discussed. Fleming advised that he is currently only available on Mondays. Janik-Shaw's schedule is currently more flexible. The need to catalog the rooms' holdings was discussed, including the need to scan newspaper clippings, given their fragility over time. Bliss stated that he had ordered a scanner wand which could be used by the Commission.

Social media was discussed to promote the rooms and activities. Janik-Shaw brought up the previously mentioned idea of a Heritage Rooms Facebook page. She and Clark volunteered to help set it up. Clark further recommended the idea of a separate website, illustrating its effectiveness with one set up for the Arts Board. Content could be gradually rolled out on both pages at the same time.

Scott and Corbett voiced concerns about the administration and moderation of City connected social media. Yerman will follow up on how these social media efforts should be handled before the Commission proceeds. Janik-Shaw shared the trend in the museum world for virtual tours, and recommended the creation of a general virtual tour of the rooms to educate the public about the museum.

Yerman spoke to the frequency of City history related questions on Madison Heights forum pages, illustrating the existing need for such education. Promotion is key, including making sure the public is aware of events and programs. Expansion of the oral history project was also discussed. Additional ideas were a public discussion of civil unrest and all that is going on in the Madison Heights community and how it is being addressed. Janik-Shaw suggested a meeting in the rooms to identify a few topics on which to focus, which could then be divided up among the members.

#### VI. NEXT MEETING – TBD

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library



MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

October 6, 2021

PRESENT: Jennifer Ballantine Kelly Ording  
Rebecca Chambliss Pat Ross  
Adam Diemond Margene Scott  
Sean Fleming Justin Suarez  
Tanya Graettinger Cheryl Suiter  
Martha Kehoe Roslyn Yerman

EXCUSED: Bob Corbett Lila Richards  
Deliza Lee  
GUEST: Bob Gettings

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Yerman.

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above. Ross made a motion to excuse Corbett, Lee and Richards, with a second by Suarez.

Yeas: Ballantine, Chambliss, Diemond, Fleming, Graettinger Kehoe, Ording, Ross, Scott, Suarez, Yerman

Naes: None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 5, 2020

The minutes of the November 5, 2020 meeting were approved as drafted with a motion by Kehoe and a second by Ross.

Yeas: Ballantine, Chambliss, Diemond, Fleming, Graettinger Kehoe, Ording, Ross, Scott, Suarez, Yerman

Naes: None

IV. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. HERITAGE ROOMS

- TOUR GUIDELINES
- RELEASE FORM
- COMPLIMENTARY PASS

Yerman introduced these items for the benefit of the newer members. Suiter gave background information on the Complimentary pass as a way

of promoting the museum. Yerman added that the Commission has been brainstorming promotion, but given the number of new members, the first order of business should be familiarizing the Commission's new members with them.

Kehoe volunteered to coordinate orientations. Members were informed that Kehoe, Scott and Yerman will be in the Heritage Rooms on October 15<sup>th</sup> for a portion of a civic center tour by Madison Elementary School 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes, and that the afternoon would be an opportunity for an orientation for those available.

B. DONATIONS

- NEW ACQUISITIONS
- MONETARY DONATIONS
- SALE ITEMS

This standing item was tabled ahead of the Scott donations discussion.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE

- REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE

Kehoe made a motion to appoint Scott as the Historical Commission Community Round Table representative with a second by Yerman.

Yeas: Ballantine, Chambliss, Diamond, Fleming, Graettinger Kehoe, Ording, Ross, Scott, Suarez, Yerman

Naes: None

B. HERITAGE ROOMS - SCHEDULING

- This item was tabled until later in the meeting.

C. SCOTT DONATIONS

Discussion took place regarding the donations made to the museum in memory of Jack Scott. A final total was not yet available.

Discussion took place on reopening the Heritage Rooms. Kehoe made a motion to resume hours on the first and third Tuesdays of the month beginning on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. with a second by Scott.

Yeas: Ballantine, Chambliss, Diamond, Fleming, Graettinger Kehoe, Ording, Ross, Scott, Suarez, Yerman

Naes: None

Kehoe will coordinate the room schedule, pairing new members with old for orientation.

Kehoe asked about the status of the addition of Brian Hartwell's biography to accompany his photo on the Wall of Heroes. Scott replied that she is in receipt of the information and will work on ensuring an abridged version is created for the addition.

Kehoe additionally requested that museum donations go through the acquisitions subcommittee as discussed. The group was reminded that the focus is on historical items only from Madison Heights, given limited apce.

Scott noted a missing bookcase, which was donated by the Eastons. It was determined after the meeting that DPS staff is already trying to locate it.

Bernie Gonzalez was inducted into the Michigan Wrestling Hall of Fame. Museum items were part of the display for the ceremony, and Gonzalez donated a framed photo of Jim Myers (George the Animal Steel) with their return.

Scott share that Tanya Graettinger and her husband Eric (former Commission member) purchased the oldest home in the City.

Kehoe proposed a display featuring Tony Bliss and Jack Scott with a second by Scott.

Yeas: Ballantine, Chambliss, Diemond, Fleming, Graettinger Kehoe, Ording,  
Ross, Scott, Suarez, Yerman  
Naes: None

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

MADISON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

January 26, 2022

PRESENT: Jennifer Ballantine                      Martha Kehoe  
             Rebecca Chambliss                     Margene Scott  
             Adam Diemond                           Cheryl Suiter  
             Tanya Graettinger                       Roslyn Yerman

EXCUSED: Bob Corbett                           Pat Ross  
             Mark Bliss                                Lila Richards  
             Kelly Ording                                Justin Suarez

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Yerman

II. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

See above. Suiter made a motion to excuse Corbett, Bliss, Ording, Ross, Richards and Lee with a second by Ballantine.

Yeas: Ballantine, Chambliss, Diemond, Graettinger, Kehoe, Scott, Suiter and Yerman

Naes: None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 6, 2021

The minutes of the October 6, 2021 meeting were approved as drafted with a motion by Kehoe and a second by Scott.

Yeas: Ballantine, Chambliss, Diemond, Graettinger, Kehoe, Scott, Suiter and Yerman

Naes: None

IV. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. HERITAGE ROOMS

- TOUR GUIDELINES
- RELEASE FORM
- COMPLIMENTARY PASS

The complimentary pass was discussed. Scott will follow up with Lee to get this item completed in a timely fashion. The physical template was reviewed, and the final corrections identified. These included confirmation of the room email address and phone number.

Tour guidelines were discussed as another outstanding item, with a possible distinction between general youth and scout tours to assist in meeting badge requirements. Graettinger will assist Scott in this item.

Members were reminded to keep the elevator doors unlocked to facilitate handicap accessibility. An additional reminder was made to place the sandwich board sign on the sidewalk at this location upon arrival to attract attention.

B. DONATIONS

- NEW ACQUISITIONS
- MONETARY DONATIONS
- SALE ITEMS

Scott shared a list of supply needs, which she will send to the members. Promotion of supply needs on social media was also discussed.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE

- Scott provided the report.

B. HERITAGE ROOMS - SCHEDULING

- The schedule for February and March was distributed and filled in.

C. SCOTT DONATIONS

Scott proposed renaming the sports area of the rooms in memory of Councilman Bob Gettings. Such a naming opportunity would have to be in accordance with a recently adopted City policy.

Scott spoke to the work of Madison School District Historian Nathan Simas. She stated that the joint memorial display for Jack Scott and Tony Bliss is pending information from the Bliss family.

Kehoe asked about the possibility of publicity in the local paper. Yerman will reach out to Andy Kozlowski at the Madison-Park News.

Chambliss shared the possibility of providing missing year books from items found stored at the Madison District.

The difference between Commission members and volunteers was discussed, with a desire to facilitate volunteer use in the Heritage Rooms.

VII. NEXT MEETING

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chambliss made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. with a second by Graettinger.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roslyn Yerman  
Library Director  
Madison Heights Public Library

Historical Commission Meeting  
Madison Heights, Michigan  
May 26, 2022

A Historical Commission Meeting was held on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 6:30 PM at Library - Breckenridge Room, 240 W. 13 Mile Rd.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Verdun-Morris called to order at 6:32 PM.

### **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Margene Scott, Tanya Graettinger, Cheryl Suiter, Jennifer Ballantine, Patricia Ross, Martha Kehoe, Deliza Lee, Council Representative Mark Bliss

ABSENT: Kelly Ording, Rebecca Chambliss, Lila Richards, Justin Suarez, William Mier

### **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

None.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1. Approve Minutes from January Meeting. Motion by Kehoe. Second by Scott. Passed.**

### **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

None present.

### **REPORTS**

Scott and Lee reported that complimentary passes were printed, but incorrect information was included, and they need to be reprinted. Lee will reprint after contact information is corrected.

Scott reported that [HeritageRooms2@madison-heights.org](mailto:HeritageRooms2@madison-heights.org) is not receiving incoming mail. Verdun-Morris will request I.T. support.

Scott reports the current sign is too heavy for many volunteers to move during shifts at the Heritage Rooms. A rolling cart is needed to move it. Verdun-Morris will find out what plans are for post-renovation Heritage Rooms signage on the main floor of city hall.

Scott reported that previous director Yerman was supposed to contact Madison-Park News. Bliss reported articles are typically run with current events, so the Heritage Rooms may need an event or promotion to be featured.

Scott reported the wood finish display shelves disappeared from hallway by museum; security cameras did not appear to be working; and doors by elevator were locked preventing guest entry the last time she volunteered. Verdun-Morris will ask IT to check on whether cameras are working and whether training on the cameras can be arranged.

Scott requested a report from Verdun-Morris on the Escrow account balance and transactions. Verdun-Morris will obtain and send to commission. Scott reported she donated erasers and has ordered school-sized 8"x10" chalkboards, which she will donate once they arrive.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2. Heritage Rooms Volunteer Schedule**

Dates on the sign-up sheet listed every other Tuesday, when they should have listed only the first and third Tuesday of each month. After dates were corrected, the sign-up sheet was passed around.

### **3. Research Request**

Kehoe will check with members of the Gerald's family, who may have been around during the Bunker Hill re-enactment in 1975.

Members related anecdotal information regarding the naming of the Rosie's Park. Rosie Etoff (spelling unknown) was a local businesswoman who used the site of Rosie's Park for waste disposal but was not fined for improper waste disposal. She subsequently donated the land to the City with the stipulation that the land always be named after her.

### **4. Set date for October Meeting**

Tentative date is set for Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

**Motion to create a subcommittee to investigate the naming of parks, city rooms and buildings, and conduct fundraising for signage. Motion by Council Representative Bliss. Second by Graettinger. Passed.**

Subcommittee will consist of Council Representative Bliss, Graettinger, and Lee. Bliss reported they will begin interviewing people to obtain information, but any fundraising events will be planned to occur after the Civic Center Complex renovation is at or near completion.

Bliss will also provide artifacts to Scott for display on Jack Scott & Tony Bliss in the near future.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned by Verdun-Morris at 8:03 PM.

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