

**MEETING MINUTES
 COMMITTEE TO INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION
 CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
 NOVEMBER 24 – 5:30PM
 CITY HALL – FOUNTAIN VIEW ROOM
 31555 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS MI**

CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chair Kendzierski at 5:35pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Christoph, Haynes, Hubbard, Jackson, Kendzierski and Pitchford

MEMBERS ABSENT: Greening and Seelye

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk Smith

#	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION SUMMARY/PERTINENT INFO	FORMAL MOTIONS:
3	APPROVAL OF AGENDA November 24, 2015	Add discussion on potluck	MOTION BY: Kerry SUPPORT BY: Haynes TO APPROVE AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED: UNANIMOUSLY
4	APPROVAL OF MINUTES October 27, 2015	No Changes	MOTION BY: Hubbard SUPPORT BY: Christoph TO APPROVE AS SUBMITTED MOTION CARRIED: UNANIMOUSLY
5	AGENDA ITEM: MEMBERSHIP	<p style="text-align: center;">a. Welcome to new members</p> <p>The Committee welcomed new member George Pitchford.</p> <p>Discussion was held on the process for membership renewals, continued membership and the possibility of getting a student to serve as a liaison to the Committee. Resources included the National Honor Society and Mayors Youth Council.</p> <p>Member Christoph indicated that she would contact NHS to ask about students who might be interested in serving in this capacity.</p> <p>Clerk Smith indicated that she could contact a staff member about a student from the Mayors Youth Council if they could not obtain anyone through NHS.</p>	

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6	<p>AGENDA ITEM:</p> <p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	<p>a. Election Results/Maps from November 3, 2015 Election</p> <p>Clerk Smith presented the Committee with maps showing results from the Election showing absentee versus precinct ballots cast by precinct.</p> <p>Chair Kendzierski suggested providing the Committee with a breakdown of male versus female voters overall as well as a graph of voter turn-out following each Election.</p>	
7	<p>AGENDA ITEM:</p> <p>OLD BUSINESS</p>	<p>a. Implementation of ideas for a welcome packet for new residents/homeowners and use of social media to increase voter participation.</p> <p>Various ideas were discussed as additional ways to get information out to voters. Clerk Smith mentioned that the City has a facebook account and Election information is disseminated by that method, list serves, newspapers, etc.</p> <p>Members suggested possibly linking the My Vote Counts programs to the City Clerk’s Page and putting short clips out over social media.</p> <p>Discussion was held on a welcome packet to include an Election brochure from the Committee and how that could be disseminated.</p> <p>Member Haynes inquired if a statement could be printed on the Voter ID cards that is sent to all new voters in the City advising them to contact the Clerk for more information. Clerk Smith said she would check into that</p> <p>The Committee felt that they should first identify the existing methods being used and then discuss possibly expanding those if possible.</p> <p>Chair Kendzierski suggested putting Social Media Strategies as a reoccurring item on the agenda each month.</p>	<p>MOTION BY:</p> <p>SUPPORT BY:</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED:</p>
8	<p>AGENDA ITEM:</p> <p>MY VOTE COUNTS</p>	<p>a. Show on history of voting rights</p> <p>Members Jackson, Christoph and Kendzierski indicated that they would work on getting information to tape a show.</p> <p>Jackson suggested interviewing residents on experiences they or their relatives had with regard to voting.</p>	

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9	AGENDA ITEM: COHA	Chair Seelye was not present to provide an update. Member Haynes indicated that the last meeting included city staff that was present to talk about the Georgetown Energy Prize.	
10	ADDITIONAL ITEM: POTLUCK	The members decided to hold a potluck for the members only on December 22, 2015 with no formal meeting to be held that month.	
11	PUBLIC COMMENTS	There were no public comments	
	ADJOURNMENT	Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.	
	MINUTES PREPARED BY	Pam Smith, City Clerk	