

**MEETING MINUTES
COMMITTEE TO INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
APRIL 22, 2014 – 5:30 PM
CITY HALL – VIEW POINT ROOM
31555 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS, MI**

CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chairperson Kendzierski called the meeting to order at 5:35p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Christoph, Haynes, Hubbard, Kedharnath, and Seelye

MEMBERS ABSENT: Halberstadt and Merrill

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy City Clerk Brunke

#	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION SUMMARY/PERTINENT INFO	FORMAL MOTIONS:
2	APPROVAL OF AGENDA	.	<p>MOTION BY: Hubbard SUPPORT BY: Haynes</p> <p>The agenda was approved as published.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously</p>
3	APPROVAL OF MINUTES January 28, 2014		<p>MOTION BY: Hubbard SUPPORT BY: Seelye</p> <p>The minutes were approved as submitted.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously</p>
4 a	AGENDA ITEM: UNFINISHED BUSINESS UPDATE – High School Voter Registration Drives	Member Hubbard noted that the voter registration drive was held today, April 22, 2014 at Harrison HS and 57 students registered to vote. The voter registration drive will be held at North Farmington HS on April 24, 2014. Member Hubbard stated that everything went well at Harrison HS and Ms. Leach was a lot of help. She had everything organized and students knew what information was needed ahead of time.	
4 b	AGENDA ITEM: UNFINISHED BUSINESS Founders Festival Parade	Deputy City Clerk Brunke stated that the application for the Founders Festival Parade has been submitted. It was mentioned by Commission members that if it is possible to request where in the parade they can be placed, the committee would like to be behind the Historical Women from the Mansion. There was discussion regarding the theme of the parade and this year it is “Taking It Back to Where it all Began 1964”. The committee requested that the City Clerk’s Office get prices on tie-died tee shirts with the word “VOTE” on the front for them to where at the parade. There was further discussion regarding give-a-ways for the parade.	

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		<p>The committee also requested that the City Clerk's Office get prices for wristbands, the same as last year only a larger size and some type of beads that look like the 1960's era and e-mail the committee members with the prices before ordering so they can decide if they want wristbands or beads. It was decided that the committee will use the lanyards from last year and there is enough that no more will be needed. They would like to staple the 2014 Voter Guide to the lanyards to hand out. Member Kedharnath stated that the NHS from North Farmington would like to staple the guide on the lanyards and use that time as Community Service. It was decided to have the students do that job for Community Service.</p>	
5	<p>AGENDA ITEM: MY VOTE COUNTS CABLE PROGRAM</p>	<p>Deputy City Clerk Brunke indicated that Clerk Smith will be doing a program regarding election changes. Chairperson Kendzierski offered that she or one of the other members would do the program with Clerk Smith if she would like the program in an interview format. There was discussion regarding other topics for the program. It was noted that the committee would like to hold off on the issue of the Library Millage and Parks and Recreation Millage until a new Librarian is appointed. Other topic suggestions were to interview former State Representatives so they could explain the job duties of a State Representative. It was decided that they would contact Jan Dolan and Gilda Jacobs to see if they would be interested in an interview. There was discussion regarding the possibility of interviewing a representative from another district. It was decided to contact Ms. Dolan and Ms. Jacobs before they discuss if going outside the district is necessary.</p>	
6	<p>AGENDA ITEM: COHA UPDATE</p>	<p>Member Seelye commented on the offices to be included in the Candidate's night which included State Representative, State Senate, County Commissioners and possibly other offices. The dates for the debates will be October 1, 2014 and October 7, 2014 and both debates will be held in the City Council Chambers.</p> <p>Member Seelye also indicated that the next regular COHA meeting will be held on May 20, 2014 and the topic for discussion will be By-laws and Deed Restrictions.</p>	

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7	OTHER:	<p>Member Kedharnath indicated that she will be graduating this year and stated that she asked other students at school and there are a couple that may be interested in joining the Committee but she has not had any confirm.</p> <p>Member Christoph talked about Precincts 22 and 23 moving to St. John Lutheran. She stated that she is still opposed to the proposed location. It was discussed and the committee was informed that the precinct changes have been approved. Member Christoph stated that she suggested at the last meeting that she would like to track whether there was any decrease in voter participation due to the precinct location changes.</p> <p>Chairperson Kendzierski asked that the school debates be placed on the next agenda for discussion.</p>	
8	PUBLIC COMMENTS	None	
9	ADJOURNMENT		Meeting Adjourned at 6:45pm
	MINUTES PREPARED BY	Angela Y. Brunke, DEPUTY CITY CLERK	