

**MEETING MINUTES
 COMMITTEE TO INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION
 CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
 FEBRUARY 24, 2015 – 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 5:35 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Christoph, Greening, Haynes, Hubbard, Kendzierski, Seelye and Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT: (2 vacancies)

OTHERS PRESENT: Farmington Public School Representatives: Superintendent Dr. George Heitsch, Director of Facilities Jon Riebe, Director of School Community Relations Diane Bauman and TV-10 Sean and Farmington Hills City Clerk Smith

#	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION SUMMARY/PERTINENT INFO	FORMAL MOTIONS:
3	APPROVAL OF AGENDA FEBRUARY 24, 2015		MOTION BY: SEELYE SUPPORT BY: HUBBARD TO APPROVE AS PUBLISHED MOTION CARRIED: UNANIMOUSLY
4	PRESENTATION BY FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT, DR. GEORGE HEITSCH	Superintendent Dr. George Heitsch provided a presentation regarding the upcoming School Bond Proposal that will be on the May 5, 2015 ballot.	
5	APPROVAL OF MINUTES DECEMBER 9, 2014		MOTION BY: SEELYE SUPPORT BY: HUBBARD To approve the minutes of December 9, 2014 as submitted. MOTION CARRIED: UNANIMOUSLY
6	AGENDA ITEM: MEMBERSHIP	Chair Kendzierski welcomed new members Antoinette Wilson and Jennifer Greening. She announced that Elizabeth Merrill had officially resigned. Member Greening stated that she knows of a student who may be interested in serving on the Committee as well as a full-time member.	
7	AGENDA ITEM: COHA UPDATE	This item was moved up on the agenda for discussion as Member Seelye had to leave the meeting early. There was no objection from the members. Member Seelye noted that the next meeting of COHA was scheduled for Tuesday, March 17 th and the speakers were Superintendent Heitsch and Jerry Ellis who served as Chair	

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		<p>of the citizens committee formed to make recommendations to Farmington Public Schools on the proposed School Bond Millage.</p>	
8	<p>AGENDA ITEM: NEW BUSINESS:</p>	<p>a. Committee Officers – Chair/Secretary Discussion was held on electing a member to serve as Secretary for the Committee so this group could continue to meet even when the Clerk/Deputy Clerk were not available to attend; and also have a back-up or Vice Chair to serve in the absence of the Chair.</p> <p>b. Meeting Dates/time Discussion was held on moving the time back to accommodate more members’ schedules and if changing the date would be helpful.</p> <p>c. 2015 Calendar Clerk Smith distributed a proposed calendar of events for the groups discussion. Discussion was held on the My Vote Counts programs and need to get dates ahead of time and commitment from members to participate in tapings.</p> <p>Clerk Smith stated that she has contacted both High Schools for potential voter registration drive dates in March. Member Greening felt this was particular important since the deadline to register for the May 5, 2015 Election was April 6th.</p> <p>Chair Kendzierski suggested including applying for the Founders Festival Permit to the schedule.</p> <p>d. Committee Goals Several goals discussed included brainstorming for ideas to increase voting in general; providing for more educational opportunities on voting possibly through meetings or talks at the Library, connecting with the League of Women Voters, etc.</p>	<p>MOTION BY: HAYNES SUPPORT BY: CHRISTOPH</p> <p>To elect Dennis Hubbard as Secretary and Rose Christoph as Vice President to serve in Chair Kendzierski’s absence.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED: UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>MOTION BY: HUBBARD SUPPORT BY: HAYNES</p> <p>To move the meeting time to 6pm on the 4th Tuesday of each month.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED: UNANIMOUSLY</p>

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9	AGENDA ITEM: MY VOTE COUNTS – POTENTIAL PROGRAM TOPICS	Clerk Smith mentioned potential topics such as the upcoming School Bond Proposal and State Proposal as well as the roles of Mayor/Council, which would be timely for the November City General Election. Clerk Smith was to contact SWOCC for available dates in March to tape the programs.	
10	PUBLIC COMMENTS	There were no public comments	
11	ADJOURNMENT		Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 pm
	MINUTES PREPARED BY	Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk	