

**MEETING MINUTES  
 COMMITTEE TO INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION  
 CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
 SEPTEMBER 27, 2016 – 5:30PM  
 CITY HALL – FOUNTAIN VIEW ROOM  
 31555 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS MI**

**CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Chair Kendzierski at 5:40pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Christoph, Greening, Hubbard, Kendzierski, Pitchford and Seelye

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Haynes and Jackson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Clerk Smith and Council Member Liaison Lerner

#	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION SUMMARY/PERTINENT INFO	FORMAL MOTIONS:
3	<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>  September 27, 2016		<b>MOTION BY:</b> PITCHFORD <b>SUPPORT BY:</b> SEELYE  To approve the agenda as published.  <b>MOTION CARRIED:</b> UNANIMOUSLY
4	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>  August 23, 2016	No Changes	<b>MOTION BY:</b> PITCHFORD <b>SUPPORT BY:</b> HUBBARD  To approve the August 23, 2016 minutes as submitted.  <b>MOTION CARRIED:</b> UNANIMOUSLY
5	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>  <b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<p><b>a. Registration at Fire Dept Open House</b>            City Clerk Smith stated that the Fire Dept Open House is being held Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 3pm to 7pm. The Clerk’s Office will have a table and will be registering people to vote and suppling information on the upcoming Election. She asked for a few committee volunteers to help pass out brochures.</p> <p><b>b. Assisting with getting information out vis social media</b>            Clerk Smith explained that she is releasing bits of Election information as it becomes timely to be released through the city’s listserve, Facebook, etc and asked that a way for members to help would be to sign up for the listserve or if they are friends on Facebook to like or share that information as printed by the Clerk’s Office. She confirmed that the members could share as a member of the Committee since the information has been approved by the Clerk’s Office already.</p> <p><b>c. General Election Dates and Deadlines</b>            Clerk Smith noted the following deadlines:            The last day to register to vote for the November 8, 2016 Election is Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. The last</p>	<b>MOTION BY:</b> GREENING <b>SUPPORT BY:</b> PITCHFORD  Motion to have Clerk Smith inquire about the use of Instagram by the City.  <b>MOTION CARRIED:</b> UNANIMOUSLY

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		<p>day to request a ballot to be mailed is Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> up until 2pm. She added that the Clerk's Office will also have extended/additional hours for this Election as follows:            Saturday, Oct 29<sup>th</sup> – 8:30am to 12noon            November 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> – 7:30am to 6:3pm            Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> – 8:30am to 2pm</p>	
6	<p><b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>OLD BUSINESS</b></p>	<p><b>a. Status of legislation on Elimination of Straight Party Ticket</b>            Clerk Smith stated that the straight party ticket is on the November 8, 2016 ballot; but discussion on this issue will most likely continue after the election.</p> <p><b>b. Selfie stations at polling locations</b>            Clerk Smith explained that she received an email from the State Bureau of Elections indicating that the issue of taking “selfies” at the polling locations, particularly in the voting booths is in court. While it is a topic in other states, there is also a case in Michigan. The concern is over people taking “selfies” inside the voting booths and taking pictures of their ballot and exposing their votes to other through social media, which is illegal in some states. She stated that this is probably not the time to be pushing this type of program even though idea was for the Committee to promote taking a selfie OUTSIDE of the polling facility just to state that they had voted. Promoting cell phone use at all at this time would not be appropriate. Farmington Hills does not allow cell phone use within the voting room.</p> <p>Councilmember Lerner asked if there are signs that no cell phones are allowed in the precincts. Clerk Smith stated that at one time they had signs indicating it was State Law; but the state clarified that wording was not entirely correct. The Committee members suggested signage from the city at the door to the voting room. Clerk Smith stated that this could easily be done. She stated that exceptions are made for media but they must remain in the space designated as the public area of the voting room.</p>	<p><b>MOTION BY:</b> HUBBARD  <b>SUPPORT BY:</b> SEELYE</p> <p>Motion to postpone further discussion on this issue until the first official meeting following the November 8, 2016 Election.</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED:</b>            UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p><b>MOTION BY:</b> ROSE  <b>SUPPORT BY:</b> HUBBARD</p> <p>Motion to suggest that the Clerk post signs at the precincts stating “No Cell Phone/Camera use beyond this point”</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED:</b>            UNANIMOUSLY</p>
7	<p><b>MY VOTE COUNTS</b></p>	<p><b>a. Program Ideas</b>            Clerk Smith indicated that she is submitting information on the Election to various sources and this is an opportunity for the Committee to put some information out over their program such as voter registration deadline, absentee ballot information and some other general information. She stated that she would type up some information if she could get a volunteer to do the program. She</p>	

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		<p>spoke to the video division who had openings to tape the show this Thursday and Friday and early next week.</p> <p>Member Hubbard volunteered and said he was available this Thursday. Clerk Smith stated that she would notify the video division.</p>	
8	<b>AGENDA ITEM: COHA UPDATE</b>	<p>Member Seelye stated that the candidate forum is tonight at 7pm.</p> <p>Chair Kendzierski stated that candidates would be present representing the offices of County Executive, State Representative and the 3 County Commissioner Districts. She asked members to provide her with any questions they would like to include in the debate.</p> <p>The next COHA meeting is scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in November and a speaker has not yet been scheduled.</p>	
9	<b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>	<p>Councilmember Lerner inquired if there would be a committee meeting in October. Clerk Smith stated that the committee members could still meet but she could not attend as she has trainings in the evening that week.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the next couple of meeting dates did not see a need to meet in October. The November meeting fell just before Thanksgiving and some members would not be able to come and the Committee typically does not meet in December.</p> <p>Chair Kendzierski mentioned that the Committee usually meets for a holiday get-together in December.</p>	<p><b>MOTION BY:</b> HUBBARD <b>SUPPORT BY:</b> SEELYE Motion to cancel the next 3 meetings and plan to meet again at their normal date/time in January.</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED:</b> UNANIMOUSLY</p>
	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.	<p><b>MOTION BY:</b> HUBBARD <b>SUPPORT BY:</b> KENDZIERSKI To adjourn the meeting at 6:19pm</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED:</b> UNANIMOUSLY</p>
	<b>MINUTES PREPARED BY</b>	Pam Smith, City Clerk	