

**MEETING MINUTES
COMMITTEE TO INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
SEPTEMBER 22, 2015 – 5:30PM
CITY HALL – FOUNTAIN VIEW ROOM
31555 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS MI**

CALLED TO ORDER BY: CHAIR KENDZIERSKI AT 5:30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: CHRISTOPH, HAYNES, HUBBARD, KENDZIERSKI AND SEELYE

MEMBERS ABSENT: GREENING

OTHERS PRESENT: COUNCIL LIAISON LERNER AND CITY CLERK SMITH

#	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION SUMMARY/PERTINENT INFO	FORMAL MOTIONS:
3	APPROVAL OF AGENDA SEPTEMBER 22, 2015		MOTION BY: SEELYE SUPPORT BY: HUBBARD TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED MOTION CARRIED: UNANIMOUSLY
4	APPROVAL OF MINUTES JUNE 23, 2015	NO CHANGES	MOTION BY: HAYNES SUPPORT BY: HUBBARD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED MOTION CARRIED: UNANIMOUSLY
5	MEMBERSHIP	Clerk Smith introduced Kerry Jackson who was in attendance and considering membership on the Committee. She also informed the Committee that Mr. George Pitchford was appointed to the Committee last night.	
6	AGENDA ITEM: OLD BUSINESS:	a. Candidate Forum for Local Candidates at schools Clerk Smith noted that North Farmington did not want to participate this year due to having no Government classes this semester and time constraints. Harrison High School would like to participate and they are flexible on the date. Clerk Smith mentioned that Councilmember Lerner had assisted with this in the past but since he is a candidate on the ballot this time he would not be able to do so.	

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		<p>Member Hubbard agreed to lead the candidate debate at Harrison.</p> <p>b. Fire Department Open House. Clerk Smith noted that the Fire Dept Open House was scheduled for Friday, October 2nd from 3-7pm. The Clerk’s Office will have a table and have Election brochures and information as well as voter registration forms to register people to vote. She added that if members from the Committee could attend they could pass out brochures.</p> <p>c. Homeowners list and voter registration information. Clerk Smith noted that she has this information and will use this list and city list serves to continue to distribute information about upcoming Elections.</p>	
7	<p>AGENDA ITEM: NEW BUSINESS</p>	<p>a. Mock Election at High Schools: Clerk Smith noted that North also would not be participating in the mock elections due to having no Government classes this semester and time constraints. He stated that she believes Harrison will still participate</p> <p>b. Voter Outreach Clerk Smith commented that she feels the Committee could do more in the area of voter outreach and passing out brochures and general Election reminders to senior facilities, high schools, interest groups, etc.</p> <p>Discussion was held on past ways the group has attempted to get more voter participation and targeting certain precincts.</p>	
8	<p>MY VOTE COUNTS:</p>	<p>a. Update on September Tapings – Mayor/Council Responsibilities and Public Safety Millage. Chair Kendzierski and Member Hubbard indicated that the taping went well. Clerk Smith confirmed that they were currently airing over cable.</p>	
8	<p>AGENDA ITEM: COHA UPDATE</p>	<p>Member Seelye noted that Candidates Night will be held October 6th at 7pm in the Council Chamber. If any members have additional questions they would like asked they could send those to him.</p>	
9	<p>AGENDA ITEM: PUBLIC COMMENTS</p>	<p>Kerry Jackson commented on the past methods the Committee mentioned to increase voter participation. He inquired about finding out who has not voted yet and how that could be done and</p>	

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		contacting those people and encouraging them to vote. Some concern was expressed by members in using that method. Chair Kendzierski stated that due to the time she would ask that this discussion is continued at the next meeting.	
	ADJOURNMENT	Motion to adjourn	MOTION BY: CHRISTOPH SUPPORT BY: HAYNES MOTION CARRIED: UNANIMOUSLY Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.
	MINUTES PREPARED BY	CLERK SMITH	