

MEETING MINUTES
COMMITTEE TO INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
MARCH 26, 2019 – 5:30PM
CITY HALL – FOUNTAIN VIEW ROOM
31555 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS MI

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Hubbard at 5:33pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bartos, Christoph, Ergas, Haynes, Hubbard and Lawler

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kendzierski, Pitchford and Seelye

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Lerner, City Council Liaison and Pam Smith, City Clerk/Staff Liaison

MEMBERSHIP:

Clerk Smith mentioned that she has received notification of interest in serving on the committee from two others and that would create a full Committee with the ability to still appoint two alternate members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Haynes, support by Bartos, to approve the agenda as published.
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Bartos, support by Hubbard, to approve the minutes of February 26, 2019 as submitted.
Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Susie Simonenko was present and expressed her interest in serving on the committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Update/Discussion on established goals

Clerk Smith reported on the response from North Farmington regarding her request for the Committee and City Clerk's Office to hold voter drives, mock elections and candidate forums. Council Liaison Lerner provided contact information for Harrison High School for the voter drives.

Member Lawler discussed the topics he outlined on the importance of voting in local elections that he is hoping to be able to share in the schools. He will send the outline to the members to add to the information so that he can create the discussion/speech.

The members discussed various organizations in which they could share information on the new legislative changes from Proposal 3 impacting voters.

MY VOTE COUNTS:

Clerk Smith stated that she contacted the video division regarding dates/times for taping various video clips on the changes brought about by Proposal 3 and the speech of member Lawler educating the students on their role and the importance of voting as discussed at the last meeting. They are targeting the week of April 15th and Clerk Smith will get back to the committee as soon as she has more specific dates/times.

Members were provided pamphlets and flyers on some of the new legislation that they agreed to distribute to different facilities.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Bartos, support by Ergas, to adjourn the meeting at 6:15pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes drafted by: Clerk Smith