

**APPROVED**

MEETING MINUTES  
COMMITTEE TO INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
APRIL 23, 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 5:30pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bartos, Christoph, Ergas, Haynes, Hubbard, Seelye and Simonenko

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kendzierski, Lawler and Pitchford

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

**MEMBERSHIP:**

The Committee welcomed new member Susie Simonenko and acknowledged Lauren Thornhill who was also present and has submitted a letter of interest to be appointed.

Joy Rich introduced herself and stated that she was also interested in being appointed.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

MOTION by Haynes, support by Ergas, to approve the agenda as published.

Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

MOTION by Seelye, support by Bartos, to approve the minutes of March 26, 2019 as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

2019 Goals

Chair Hubbard stated that the Committee at its first meeting established some goals for the year so he wanted to make sure they were making progress towards meeting the goals, which included:

- Educating the voters on the changes brought about by Proposal 3
- Creating short video clip to post to social media and list serve on changes brought about by Proposal 3
- Educating the local high school students on the importance of voting
- Continuation of Voter Registration Drives in the high schools
- Work with the high school on holding mock elections for the students

Discussion was held on ways to reach residents in their 30's about the importance of voting. Chair Hubbard indicated that the Committee has started developing short video clips to be shared on social media and that is one way to reach that age group. Further discussion was held on different venues in which to target to share information.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Founders Parade – Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>

Chair Hubbard announced that the parade is scheduled for Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> and asked who planned to participate. He noted that the theme this year was Animated/Magical Adventures and the parade started at 9:40am but participants would need to be there earlier at their spot.

Clerk Smith stated that her office would make application for the parade and notify members of their spot and time they were expected to arrive. She added that the committee had a box full of mini Frisbees left over from last year but had some money left for parade give-a-ways or t-shirts. Brochures and election information would be provided as usual.

Councilmember Lerner indicated he had a contact for car magnets if the committee was interested and they were fairly inexpensive at approximately \$40.

Chair Hubbard asked the members that if they had any ideas for the parade to pass those along to the group within the next week or two and by the next meeting the committee can make decisions to that items can be ordered if necessary in time for the parade.

Voter Registration Drives

Clerk Smith noted that the voter registration drive for North Farmington High School has been scheduled for May 22, 2019 during lunch hours. She would need 2 members to attend and assist with registering students to vote and would have one of her staff members present as well. Attendees would need to be at the school at 10:15am. Clerk Smith has emailed Harrison High School also but does not have a date at this time.

Discussion was held on voter registration drives and other possible locations. Chair Hubbard suggested that the committee focus on venues with mainly Farmington Hills residents. Clerk Smith agreed.

MY VOTE COUNTS/SOCIAL MEDIA SHORT VIDEOS:

Chair Hubbard stated that he and Members Lawler and Bartos made some short videos last week with assistance from the video division on needing election inspectors and changes in voter registration and absentee voting based on Proposal 3. Member Lawler also has submitted a proposed script regarding educating voters/students on the importance of voting and voting in local elections.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments at this time.

MEMBER/LIAISON COMMENTS:

Member Ergas indicated that she may be able to obtain some “I Will Vote” 2020 stickers. Members asked about getting some for 2019 or perhaps without a date. Chair Hubbard asked Member Ergas to get a price and perhaps they could be purchased from the committee’s budget.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Bartos, support by Ergas, to adjourn the meeting at 6:28pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes drafted by: Clerk Smith