

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE TO INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 – 5:30PM
CITY HALL-VIEWPOINT ROOM
31555 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS MI**

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Bartos at 5:35pm.

Members Present: Karen Bartos
Catherine Brown
Susan Brown
Aimee Ergas
Dawn Raymond
Marjorie Whittemore

Members Absent: Patricia Coleman-Burns
Rose Christoph
Lauri Thornhill
Thomas Engle
Adam Harrell
Dennis Hubbard

Others Present: City Clerk Carly Lindahl
Deputy City Clerk Ashley Hopper

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Whittemore, support by S. Brown, to approve agenda as amended to add New Business: North Farmington High School registration event and Mosque event.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Raymond, support by S. Brown, to approve the June 25, 2024 minutes, as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by C. Brown, support by S. Brown, to approve the August 27, 2024, as amended to correct Susan Brown's name and to add date of letters under member comments.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- Newsletter & PSA Video Updates – Topics & Volunteers
Member Raymond provided 4 different topics to include in the newsletters: Absentee Voting, Early Voting, Transparency, and Polling Locations.

Clerk Lindahl discussed the different public notices and press releases that have been sent out so far regarding the November 5th election. Also discussed was the possibility of a press release with an interactive polling

location map – “Know Before You Go” to help voters that may only vote every four years and to alleviate calls to the Clerk’s Office on Election Day.

- Event updates – COHA Candidate Forum, September 24th
Members Bartos, Ergas and Whittemore will be attending the forum and handing out material.

Event updates – City Wide Open House

Clerk Lindahl provided information that the City wide open house will be held on October 5th from 12pm to 3pm. The committee will have a table in the fire bay. Members Bartos, S. Brown and Ergas volunteered to pass out brochures and flyers at the event.

- Review Strategic Plan
Members reviewed the strategic plan. Items to note: flyers have been updated, the Roller-Party was cancelled, committee members have been assigned to all upcoming events.

NEW BUSINESS

- North Farmington High School registration Event, October 8th
It was the consensus of the committee that members S. Brown and Whittemore would attend and possibly member Thornhill. Discussion was held regarding mock elections in schools. Clerk Lindahl provided a link to the Mock Election portal through the State of Michigan’s website.
- Mosque event, September 27th
This event will include passing out materials as members of the mosque enter/exit the facility. It was noted that members Bartos and Thornhill would be attending this event.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Member/Liaison Comments

- Member Raymond commented on the Hillside registration event.
- Member Bartos commented on the YMCA registration event.
- Discussed the possibility of joining the Trunk or Treat event put on by the Farmington Hills Police Department. Clerk Lindahl is checking with PD if that is an option.
- Members discussed upcoming events.

Adjournment

Motion by Whittemore, support by S. Brown to adjourn the meeting at 6:32pm.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting: October 22, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Lindahl, City Clerk