

Meeting Minutes
Committee to Increase Voter Participation
City of Farmington Hills
April 23, 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 5:33pm.

Members Present: Karen Bartos
Catherine Brown (arrived at 5:42pm)
Susan Brown-Simonenko
Patricia Coleman-Burns
Rose Christoph (arrived at 5:38pm)
Lauri Thornhill
Marjorie Whittemore

Members Absent: Aimee Ergas
Thomas Engle
Adam Harrell
Dennis Hubbard
Dawn Raymond

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

Member/Liaison Comments

- Student Liaisons asked for the committee to get forms to them by the Monday April 29th so they can be distributed and filled out for the voter registration drive on May 1st. Member Bartos is picking up forms from Clerk's Office and dropping off.
- Flyers and Early Voting information to be distributed to the library, Hawk, Costick and CARES. Various members signed up for a location to place materials at and make sure they are continually stocked.
- Members discussed upcoming events: Juneteenth, Interfaith Council and the farmer's market.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Thornhill, support by Brown-Simonenko, to approve agenda as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Brown-Simonenko, support by Christoph, to approve the minutes March 26, 2024, as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

1. Newsletter Update

- Clerk Lindahl stated that she met with the Communications Division, and they will be updating the CTIVP brochure and flyer to look more city official. They will also work with the committee to format and distribute any upcoming newsletters. The committee discussed future topics and decided to wait until closer to the election to pick a topic.

2. PSA Video Clips

- Clerk Lindahl mentioned that she discussed the PSA videos with staff as well. The committee discussed further topics and who would be the “face” of these PSA’s.

3. Event Updates

- COHA Meeting is May 21st. Bartos, Thornhill, Ergas will be present as well as the City Clerk.
- Founders Festival Parade is July 20, 2024. The committee agreed on Frisbees and candy to pass out as well as shirts with “Vote for your Future”

New Business

1. Voter Registration Drive – NFHS

- Discussion was held on the voter registration drive taking place at North Farmington on May 1st. Clerk Lindahl stated that she and a staff member will be in attendance and will bring flyers, registration and pre-registration forms.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Motion by Brown-Simonenko, support by Christoph to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting: June 25, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Lindahl, City Clerk