

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE TO INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
FEBRUARY 25, 2025 – 5:30PM
CITY HALL-VIEWPOINT ROOM
31555 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS MI**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Bartos at 5:33pm.

Members Present: Karen Bartos
Susan Brown
Patricia Coleman-Burns
Aimee Ergas
Dennis Hubbard
Dawn Raymond
Lauri Thornhill
Marjorie Whittemore

Members Absent: Catherine Brown
Rose Christoph
Thomas Engle
Adam Harrell

Others Present: City Clerk Carly Lindahl
Councilmember Boleware

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Hubbard, support S. Brown, to approve agenda as published.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Ergas, support by S. Brown, to approve the January 25, 2025 minutes, as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Community Outreach

Discussion was held on how to reach the 31-40 age group and the precincts that have lower voter turnout. Ideas were more social media presence, distributing information apartment complexes to post in their clubhouse or portal and attend local events.

Clerk Lindahl noted that she has reached out to North Farmington High School to schedule a voter registration drive.

Discussion was held on updating the 2023 flier prepared by Member Hubbard and the vote local flier prepared by Member Raymond to pass out along with the updated brochure.

Vice Chair Bartos noted that there was a Rock the Vote YouTube video regarding the importance of local elections.

REVIEW STRATEGIC PLAN

- Video series on educating voters. Clerk Lindahl noted the three topics:
 1. Ways to Vote: Absentee, early voting or election day
 2. Know before you go
 3. Permanent Ballot list vs Permanent application listShe will reach out to video to get these scheduled. Member Hubbard and Chair Harrell will participate.

- Events the committee wishes to participate in this year:
 - Art on the Grand – looking to have information at the info table
 - Founders Parade – Movie Mania is the theme – 7/19/2025
 - Farmers Market – Will reach out to City of Farmington
 - State of the Cities – have a table – 4/1/2025
 - City Hall open house - will have a table – 10/4/2025
 - Stars in the Park – look into

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

MEMBER/LIAISON COMMENTS

- Clerk Lindahl noted the Candidate forum is set for September 16, 2025.
- Councilmember Boleware she will reach out to the school's curriculum advisor and see if they would be interested in hearing about mock elections.
- Discussion was held on the SAVE Act.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:29pm.

Next meeting: March 25, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Lindahl, City Clerk