

**MEETING MINUTES
COMMITTEE TO INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
MARCH 22, 2022 2021 – 5:30PM
CITY HALL – FOUNTAIN VIEW ROOM
31555 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS MI**

CALLED TO ORDER BY: The meeting was called to order by Chair Marc Thomas at 5:32pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Bartos
Aimee Ergas
Dennis Hubbard
Dawn Raymond
Ashley Riley
Marc Thomas
Marjorie Whittemore

MEMBERS ABSENT: Susie Brown
Rose Christoph
Lauri Thornhill

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk Pam Smith

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Hubbard, 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 from February 22, 2022 as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MEMBERSHIP

Newly appointed member Marjorie Whittemore was present at the meeting and all members introduced themselves.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. COHA Letter

Clerk Smith noted that a letter was sent to the COHA President and individual homeowner associations on file with the Clerk's Office presenting them with the election brochure.

b. CARES and HAWK voter outreach

Clerk Smith stated that she contacted CARES and Director of the HAWK, both who were open to having the committee either drop off election brochures or have a table at their locations. The committee spoke about having a sign-up for CARES and the HAWK locations closer to the dates chosen.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Strategic Plan

Chair Thomas mentioned that in the past the committee had set goals and he suggested creating a strategic plan that not only outlined goals but then action items and status of each item to review monthly with the committee.

The committee discussed priorities to add to the strategic plan that included educating voters on election law changes as they occur, student leadership for high school voter registration drives and ways to recruit election workers.

Clerk Smith will reach out to National Honor Society and Mayors Youth Council regarding student leadership for voter registration drives.

MONTHLY BULLETIN

March Topic – Democracy and Voting – It was noted this has been out on the website this month.

Future Topics included election worker recruitment, redistricting and voter ID laws. Member Raymond volunteered to do an article on election worker recruitment and work with Clerk's Office on redistricting information and Member Bartos had already submitted the voter ID article.

In light of potential election law changes, it was mentioned that the committee may want to hold off on voter ID laws until closer to the election dates to make sure there are no changes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments

MEMBER/LIAISON COMMENTS: There were no member or liaison comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Bartos, supported by Raymond, to adjourn the meeting at 6:27pm.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Pam Smith, City Clerk
City of Farmington Hills