



FARMINGTON HILLS WATER SYSTEM ADVISORY COUNCIL (WSAC) MEETING
Tuesday, October 15, 2024 – 1:00PM
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS – COMMUNITY ROOM
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APPROVED – 02/04/25

SUMMARY:

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Chairperson DiCea at 12:59 p.m.

2. Roll Call

- Members Present:
 - Kate DiCea, Chairperson - WRC Water Systems Engineering
 - Tammy Gushard, Vice Chairperson - Farmington Hills Engineering
 - Joe Del Morone, Oakland County Neighborhood & Housing Development
 - Erin Quetell, Farmington Hills Resident
- Members Absent:
 - Tony Drautz, Secretary - Oakland County Health Division
- Attendees:
 - Teresa Newman, WRC Consultant

3. Approval of Agenda

- Motion by Quetell to approve the agenda as published. Support by Gushard.
 1. Ayes: 4
 2. Nays and Abstentions: 0
 3. Motion Carried

4. Approval of February 6, 2024 Minutes

- Motion by Gushard to approve the minutes as distributed. Support by Quetell.
 1. Ayes: 3
 2. Abstentions: 1 (Del Morone)

3. Motion Carried

5. Public Comment - No public in attendance.

6. New Business

- Statewide Drinking Water Advisory Council (SDWAC) Update
 - Kate provided that the SDWAC is looking at local councils to do short presentations, particularly by WSACs with lead service lines.
 - Lead action levels will decrease from 15ppb to 12ppb on January 1, 2025.
 - There is a new requirement for lead testing in children 12-24 months. Oakland County Health Division is working on an education program to promote more lead testing in children.
 - Joe explained that risk assessments for lead are performed by Oakland County Neighborhood & Housing Development during home improvements to address lead abatement related to dust, paint and soil. Water is not currently included in the assessment.
 - Erin reported that there is a new proposal related to an Oakland County whole healthy home program.
- Farmington Hills Lead and Copper Compliance Sampling for 2024.
 - 33 homes were sampled between June and September.
 - Lead results ranged from non-detect to 3.9 ppb. Four homes had lead results less than or equal to 3.9 ppb. The four homes were built prior to 1988. The lead action level is 15ppb.
 - Copper results ranged from 2.1 to 190 ppb. The copper action level is 1300ppb.
 - It has yet to be determined whether Farmington Hills will be required to continue sampling every year.
- Complete Distribution System Materials Inventory (CDSMI) Update
 - In Farmington Hills, all 23,250 service lines have been determined to be lead-free.
 - The service line inventory for Farmington Hills was derived from reviewing plan sets and tracking previous ordinances prohibiting the usage of lead in plumbing.
 - Based on the Complete DSMI, Farmington Hills will no longer need to verify inventory.
 - Information regarding Farmington Hills Water Quality can be found at: [Farmington Hills | Oakland County, MI \(oakgov.com\)](#) A map depicting service line materials is available at www.oakgov/watermap.

- Farmington Hills Public Education and Awareness
 - The FH WSAC had previously discussed focusing on education and outreach to school age children. After the last meeting in February, a group was formed to develop an education and outreach program. Farmington Hills applied for and received a \$14,000 EGLE grant for public education on water quality.
 - The group worked over the last several months to create a program that included the following items to be used at public education activities focusing on children:
 1. A home model was made using a doll house showing water lines coming into the home and connecting to a water meter and indoor plumbing fixtures.
 2. A mascot image was created to engage children. Banners and branding with the “Captain Splash” image were created for events.
 3. A branded give-away bag was compiled for the Farmington Hills’ Open House on October 5 that included Water Quality Quest brochure, water bottle, sticker, paint-by-numbers with crayons, faucet aerator tool, flashlight with a magnet to help identify whether plumbing lines are lead or copper. Approximately 400 bags were distributed at the Open House.
 4. A Water Quality Quest was developed that can be accessed via a QR code and completed online. Quest participants can submit an email address to be placed in a raffle to win one of two gift baskets. At present, 31 submissions were received. Tammy will ask the city communications team to send out the QR code to further promote the water quality quest.
 5. Two xylophones were made and displayed showing copper and galvanized steel types of plumbing materials.
 6. Erin mentioned that the Oakland County Green Schools would be a good contact to promote this activity and future events.

7. Next Steps

- Bylaws and Roster of Officers
 - In January 2025, two members must be re-appointed by the Farmington Hills City Council. Joe Del Morone and Tammy Gushard will need to submit an email stating their interest in being re-appointed.
 - The reappointment terms are staggered:
 1. Tammy Gushard and Joe Del Morone terms expire on 2/1/2025.

2. Kate DiCea term expires on 2/1/2026.
 3. Tony Drautz and Erin Quetell terms expire on 2/1/2027.
- The proposed 2025 meeting schedule was reviewed.
 - February 4, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Farmington Hills City Hall
 - October 14, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Farmington Hills City Hall
 - Motion by Quetell to approve the meeting schedule. Support by Del Morone.
 1. Ayes: 4
 2. Nays and Abstentions: 0
 3. Motion Carried
 - Erin complimented the group on the outcome of the Open House and suggested that the group re-purpose the great work for upcoming events.
 - It was agreed that “Captain Splash” temporary tattoos would be a great addition.
8. Meeting Adjournment – Chairperson DiCea called for the meeting to be adjourned at 2:02 p.m.
- Motion by Del Morone and seconded by Quetell.
 - Ayes: 4
 - Nays and Abstentions: 0
 - Motion Carried