

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON / FARMINGTON HILLS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION
MARCH 4, 2024
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL – VIEWPOINT ROOM
31555 W. 11 MILE RD.
FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48336

CALLED TO ORDER BY: CHAIR WECKER AT 5:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: SWEENEY, SLOAN, HOPFE, SCHERTEL, IGWE, SIEGRIST, ECHOLS, WECKER, THOMAS, WILLIAMS

MEMEBRS ABSENT: AVIE, CIARAMITARO, FORSHEE

OTHERS PRESENT: Friess (FPS), Aldred (FH City Council), Piggot (FHPD)

CITIZENS PRESENT: Jonathan James, Cassandra Williams

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Schertel, support by Sweeney, to approve the agenda as submitted.
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Sweeney, support by Schertel, to approve January 8, 2024 meeting minutes as submitted.
Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET ITEMS:

- haven't spent any additional funds since the last meeting
- going to purchase EPC shirts for new members
- going to purchase EPC member name plates for new members

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (none)

- talked to assistant chief at FHPD and they have agreed to a small Narcan box in the lobby, large box will hopefully go to City Hall
- Self defense workshop – Bryan Pizzuti has a contract with The Hawk already and the EPC will endorse this person for any EPC hosted classes

NEW BUSINESS:

- Update on EPC outreach to community and meeting date with students to introduce youth through official school visit and procedures required. Member Thomas spoke directly with

the principal of Warner Middle School and she is interested in having an EPC member speak to the students. Thomas will contact the other middle schools and high schools.

- City-wide first aid training initiatives. There are four area-wide places that we can push first aid / CPR training: summer hiring for The Hawk and Costick Center lifeguards, YMCA lifeguards, and babysitting classes sponsored by the City. Are there any other avenues where we can be supportive?
- Is there something we can do with the press to become more engaged? The EPC used to write articles for the Observer and they lost interest. The Farmington Press is interested in what the EPC is doing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **FH Mayor (Rich)** – Emergency Preparedness is mission critical and foundational to the role of government. Thank you for your time and attendance and continued support of the EPC. How can we get Farmington Hills to be a destination City? Putting out new initiatives – vow renewals on valentine’s day, March 19 The Hawk (530-730) Farmington Hills is the only City on the list of destinations for the NFL Draft. Mayor and council are going to try to get out and about. One Tuesday a month at noon will be a walk at The Hawk with the mayor starting in April. Once a month on Saturdays will be coffee with council members starting in April. Looking at tough issues – looking at the winborn study, what can we do. Going to talk about the deer in the city. All of the Mayors of south Oakland county to talk about what they are going to do regionally about the deer. Council is really working well together. Will host a symposium in September on mental health and wellness that will hopefully bring specific, actionable items that the City can do. Changing some things in the community – for example, the development at 14 and orchard lake that will contain a mall and residential living. Doing great things for our seniors – Rose Development behind the Costick Center and will contain all 3 levels of care for seniors.
- **FPD (Friess)** – Commander Rick Friess, first meeting. Neighborhood Watch meeting March 14th at 630pm. There will be stop the bleed training during the neighbor watch meeting. This Friday is the bicentennial celebration from 5-9pm, downtown at Riley Park.
- **YMCA (Yuskawatz)** – Tomorrow is YUSA’s National Day of Giving. Any donations given tomorrow to the Farmington YMCA stays at the Farmington YMCA to provide direct assistance to the Farmington / Farmington Hills Community. Donations can be made in person or online. The annual donation breakfast is May 2. The lap pool is closed beginning to day through April 4 for major repairs. The therapeutic pool will remain open but access is through the hallway, not the locker rooms.
- **FHPD (Piggott)** – Citizens police academy is coming up – begins March 19 ends May 21st from 6-9pm. There are still spots open. Looking to hire police cadets – spots are filling up. \$20/hr and they give \$2500 for school while a cadet. There was a severe assault at the YMCA in the locker room. Braylen Edwards was in the locker room and was able to pull the offender off of the victim and slow his escape. FHPD was able to establish a perimeter

around the area and used FH Alert and they were able to get tips / reports in and were able to stop the suspect and detain him. Really pushing FH alert – you can sign up on the City’s website by creating an account, logging in, and agreeing to receive alerts.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (none)

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

- Hopfe – do the fire departments have training on electric vehicles? GM has partnered with OnStar to provide information on EV’s.
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NEXT MEETING DATE:

It was confirmed that the next meeting date is on Monday, May 6, 2024 in the Community Room.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 6:12 pm.

Minutes taken by Secretary Echols