

MINUTES
COMMITTEE TO INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
NOVEMBER 26, 2024 – 5:30 PM
CITY HALL-VIEWPOINT ROOM
31555 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS, MI

The meeting was called to order by Dennis Hubbard, Acting Chairperson at 5:35 p.m.
Marjorie Whittemore volunteered to be Acting Secretary.

Members Present: Catherine Brown
Susan Brown
Rose Christoph
Dennis Hubbard
Dawn Raymond
Marjorie Whittemore

Members Absent: Karen Bartos
Aimee Ergas
Patricia Coleman-Burns
Thomas Engle
Adam Harrell
Lauri Thornhill
Jim Molnar
Jackie Boleware
City Clerk Carly Lindahl

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Christoph, supported by S. Brown to approve the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by S. Brown, supported by Christoph, to approve the minutes of September 24, 2024,
as submitted.
Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

- a. Newsletter and PSA Video updates- topics and volunteers
Dennis Hubbard and Susie Brown volunteered for public service announcements.

b. Election Update

The election went very smoothly. Both Members Raymond and Hubbard reported that their precincts had adequate staffing and that the day went very well.

Clerk Lindahl provided a report on the election.

Early voting turnout:

7929 total voters came through the Costick Center

7184 Farmington Hills voter voted early either at the Costick Center or at the Waterford Oaks site.

Absent Voter turnout:

25,659 AV ballots were issued

24,641 AV ballots returned (96%)

16,706 Precinct ballots were cast

Overall unofficial turnout was 73%

Both the Farmington Hills ballot proposals passed as well as the FPS, Library, and Oakland County Parks and Rec millages.

c. Review Strategic Plan

The discussion focused on getting more involved with the schools. Perhaps a mock election or candidate forum could be held at the high school before the mid-term elections. We should continue liaison with students, which has been productive.

New Business

a. Annual Calendar

The list of dates for 2025 committee meetings was distributed.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Member/Liaison Comments

Members are interested in a demographic breakdown of voter participation in the election by age and precinct and other demographics that could help us focus our efforts.

Adjournment

Motion by Raymond, supported by Hubbard to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting January 28, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Whittemore, Acting Secretary