

**APPROVED**

MEETING MINUTES  
COMMITTEE TO INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 – 5:30PM  
CITY HALL – FOUNTAIN VIEW ROOM  
31555 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS MI

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Hubbard at 5:30pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bartos, Carney (Alternate member), Ergas, Lawler, Pitchford, Seelye, Simonenko and Thornhill

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kendzierski and Christoph

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Lerner, City Council Liaison and Carly Lindahl, Deputy City Clerk/Staff Liaison

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

MOTION by Seelye, support by Simonenko, to approve the agenda as published.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

MOTION by Thornhill, support by Seelye, to approve the minutes of May 28, 2019.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Founders Parade Follow Up

Deputy Clerk Lindahl thanked those that participated in the parade. She stated that the flyer give-a-way seemed to once again to be a hit and 500 brochures were distributed. The committee agreed that the flyers should be passed out again next year.

Citywide Open House Follow Up

Deputy Clerk Lindahl stated that her and Clerk Smith took in about 4 voter registrations as well as request for AV ballots and signed some residents up for the permanent AV list.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Election Information Permanent list/AV mailings

Deputy Clerk Lindahl explained that the permanent AV list is now over 18,000 and requests are still coming in. She stated that her office has issued approximately 9,500 absentee ballots to be mailed out in the bulk mailing the first week of October, which is 2,000 over what they would normally issue for this type of election and those requests are also still coming in. She noted that AV ballots are now available over the counter.

Community Events – Distribution of Information

Special Events – Committee members noted that they have attended a few community events in the last month and passed out brochures and provided information on the permanent AV list.

Homeowner Associations – Member Thornhill suggested that they contact COHA to get information on HOA events and contact information.

Deputy Clerk Lindahl mentioned that she attended a Voter Registration Drive hosted by Oakland County at OCC and took in a few registrations.

Deputy Clerk Lindahl noted the dates of the Mayor's quadrant meetings and asked if any members were interested in volunteering to pass out information at those meetings. Chair Hubbard suggested that an email be sent out to the committee so that members can share their availability for each meeting. Deputy Clerk Lindahl stated that an email would be sent in the next couple of days.

Change in next meeting date

Deputy Clerk Lindahl noted that the November meeting is the week of Thanksgiving and asked if the committee would like to reschedule. Chair Hubbard asked the committee members if they would be available this week and discussion was held on whether or not to reschedule. The committee came to a consensus to keep the meeting date as is.

**MY VOTE COUNTS/SOCIAL MEDIA INFORMATION:**

Reminders on voting absentee

Deputy Clerk Lindahl stated that the committee's video will be reposted this week and asked members to share on social media.

Importance of local government

Chair Hubbard discussed potential topics for videos and asked if members were interested in volunteering for tapings. Members Lawler, Bartos and Simonenko mentioned that they would be interested. Deputy Clerk Lindahl stated that they would reach out to the video division on dates and get back to the committee.

OCC Millage

Chair Hubbard mentioned that a short informational video could be taped on this proposal as well.

Review of 2019 Goals

Chair Hubbard reviewed the committees list of goals noting what they have accomplished so far and stated that they seem to be actively out in the community providing information. Discussion was held on ideas and suggestions in order to stay on task as well as what goals they should focus on moving forward. The committee agreed that the voter registration drives were important and perhaps looking into candidate forums for state office candidates next year.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments at this time.

**MEMBER/LIAISON COMMENTS:**

Chair Hubbard noted that Hayes has resigned from the committee as she is moving to Florida. Deputy Clerk Lindahl asked if the committee would be interested in presenting her with a proclamation for her years of service. The committee agreed that would be a great idea.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Seelye, support by Thornhill, to adjourn the meeting at 6:06pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes drafted by: Deputy Clerk Lindahl