

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON / FARMINGTON HILLS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION
AUGUST 5, 2024
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM
31555 W. 11 MILE RD.
FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48336

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: SWEENEY, IGWE, SIEGRIST, SCHERTEL, WILLIAMS, WECKER, AVIE, SLOAN

MEMEBRS ABSENT: FORSHEE, ECHOLS, CIARAMITARO, THOMAS, HOPFE

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

OTHERS ABSENT: Yuskowatz (YMCA)

CITIZENS PRESENT: Jonathon James

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Avie, support by Siegrist, to approve July 1, 2024 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET ITEMS:

- Purchase order for 4 CPR mannequins approved. Requisition approved for 2023 budget year ending June 2024.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion: EPC proposed Web page reviewed. Landing Page sample, (in print), provided to members by Schertel. Information to be reviewed and updated as necessary. Materials to be submitted to liaisons for review and additional suggestions. Commissioners to review when they are ready, which will be prior to submission to the Farmington Hills City Public Information Office for posting as an EPC Landing Page. Motion by Wecker to move forward with the webpage development, supported by Schertel. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion on holding an EPC Emergency Preparedness expo/event open to the public. Avie indicated high interest by various venders in participating and assisting with an event of this

type. The EPC and Vendors participating in the event would assemble on site information about their services, resources, materials and equipment available to the public to assist them pre and post emergencies - tornado and storm damage, flooding, prolonged power outages etc.. Schertel suggested EPC members consider attending the 9th Annual Livingston County Family Emergency Readiness Expo August 24th to observe the event and develop ideas for a similar event. Avie to provide a proposal for an EPC hosted event at the October 7th meeting.

- Wecker proposed the EPC take the lead in working with area community organizations, FHFD, FHPD, FPS, the city of Farmington and Farmington Hills to facilitate Farmington and Farmington Hills being designated/recognized as a “Heart Safe Communities.” The goal being to get the cities better prepared to respond to cardiac emergencies. Motion by Wecker, seconded by Schertel. Motion approved by unanimous vote.
- Sweeney to put together a proposal to present at the October 7th meeting on what to assemble and include in an Emergency Prep Kit to be displayed as a demo at public events.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (none)

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **FPD (Friess)** – The world’s largest duck, (6 stories tall), is coming to Shiawassee Park for the annual duck race and family fun day. The event is August 6 & 7 and includes a bounce houses, petting zoo, games, food vendors face painting and more both days. Duck Races start at 6:30 pm on the 7th. Fifty-thousand people are expected to attend over the two-day event. Sgt. Miracle is the contact at FPS.
- **YMCA (Yuskowatz requested it be noted)** – The YMCA will be holding a golf outing, their biggest fundraiser of the year, on August 13th at Northville Hills. They are accepting donations of items to auction... Gift Certificates for food or services and money. Interested parties should contact the YMCA.
- **FHPD (Piggott)** – Commented on the sale of CPR/STB materials by the EPC at the Founders Festival or other public events. Suggested the EPC direct people to FHFD directly to purchase items. Wecker to follow up with FHFD.
- **Aldred (FH City Council)** – City Counsel liked the EPC information packets assembled and distributed at the Founders Festival.
- **Pankow (FHFD)** Nothing to report

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

- **Sweeney** – Congratulated FHFD Fire Marshall Jason Baloga for being recognized by the US Consumer Product Safety Division for a fire investigation that led to the recall of faulty power banks, “The Base’s Magnetic Wireless Charging Power Bank.” This resulted in the recall of over 130,000 defective chargers potentially preventing future fires and injuries nationwide.
- **Avie** – thanked members for their participation in the EPC booth at the Farmington Founders Festival. Also thanked members who volunteered to assist with the Founders Festival Parade.

- **Williams** – mentioned a lack of certainty about how to handle cash transactions for CPR & STB items, where the funds went and a lack of “hands on” CPR training.
- **Wecker**- Noted all funds are turned over to FHFD and are used to replenish CPR & STB items sold. Also reminded the EPC commissioners that everyone is eligible to take the CPR / AED / Stop the Bleed class offered by FHFD. The next class is August 22nd, 2024 at Station 4 (28711 Drake Rd.) at 5:30 pm in the training room.
- **Siegrist** – mentioned people visiting by the EPC booth at the Founders Festival showed a high degree of interest in learning CPR. Many requested a demonstration using the mannequin on display. Many more indicated they would like to take the classes offered by FHFD and were provided information on how to register as well as when and where the classes take place.
- **Sloan** – reported having good interaction with 35 plus people while in the EPC booth at the Founders Festival. People were informed on how to assemble and what to include in an emergency preparation kit.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

It was confirmed that the next meeting date is on Monday, November 4, 2024 in the Community Room.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 6:08 pm.

Minutes taken by T. Siegrist, drafted by Secretary Echols