



MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON HILLS WATER SYSTEM ADVISORY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, October 5, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.
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Approved on 2/8/22

1. Call to Order
 - A. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Drautz at 1:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call
 - A. Members Present:
 - I. Tony Drautz, Chairman - Oakland County Health Division;
 - II. Tammy Gushard, - Farmington Hills Public Services;
 - III. Mike Pucher, Vice Chairman - Oakland County Neighborhood & Housing Development and Farmington Hills Resident;
 - IV. Erin Quetell - Farmington Hills Resident;
 - V. Connie Sims, Secretary - WRC Water Systems Engineering;
 - B. Members Absent:
 - I. NONE
 - C. Attendees:
 - I. Katie Kennedy, WRC Water Systems Engineering
 - II. Teresa Newman, WRC Consultant
3. Approval of Agenda
 - A. Motion by Erin Quetell; support by Connie Sims, to approve the agenda as published.
 - B. Abstentions: None
 - C. Motion Carried 5-0
4. Approval of March 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes
 - A. Motion by Pucher; support by Sims, to approve the minutes as published.
 - B. Abstentions: None
 - C. Motion Carried 5-0



5. Public Comment

- A. No public comment was received.

6. Unfinished Business

A. Translation of Informational Materials

- I. Tony spoke with the O.C. Health Division Educators and found that the OCHD currently translates to Spanish, Arabic, and Chinese. Three other languages were noted for Farmington Hills as Hindi, Russian and Japanese. Interpreters from the Health Division are available to translate materials upon request. WRC also has translation services available.
- II. Erin asked if it may be feasible to use QR codes on informational materials and the website since QR codes have become more widely used with COVID protocols. She suggested that a QR code on printed material would direct residents to a website offering various translated materials.
- III. Tammy will check with City IT to understand if this would be a possible option. Connie will check with OC IT to see if it is an option on WRC material.

7. New Business

A. State Drinking Water Advisory Council (SDWAC) Update - Connie Sims

- I. The SDWAC held a working meeting on September 10, 2021. They have hired GUD Marketing to handle public education,
- II. The SDWAC is looking for other WSACs to present on their programs.

B. Farmington Hills Public Education and Awareness - Tammy Gushard

- I. A City of Farmington Hills Open House was scheduled to be held on October 3 but was cancelled due to potential inclement weather. Tammy and Connie had planned to hand out pipe material magnets and printed water quality information. A board with different piping materials to easily identify in-home plumbing materials was going to be displayed.
- II. A water quality article was placed in the Farmington Hills Focus in Spring 2021.

C. EPA Lead and Copper Rule Update - Connie Sims



- I. The new Rule has been updated but placed on hold for review by the Biden Administration. The Rule takes effect in Jan. 2024. Annual sampling of 30 homes is required in Farmington Hills based on the population served. Sampling of schools and daycare facilities is new.
 - II. The current Michigan requirements and guidelines for Michigan Water Systems are being followed by community water systems.
 - III. Distribution System Materials Inventory (DSMI) - the preliminary inventory has been submitted. The final inventory is due in 2025. OCWRC and FH continue gathering inventory information and storing field verified information in GIS. Public, private, and in-home materials are being noted as new information is verified. Farmington Hills Plumbing Inspector is noting materials as inspections occur. WRC field verifies materials during water system work including main and meter replacement projects.
 - IV. Mike Pucher asked if there were known lead service lines in Farmington Hills. Connie explained that there are no known lead lines however during the previous water main replacement projects there were lead lines observed and replaced in Section 36 of the city. Tammy and Connie noted that this section is the oldest area in Farmington Hills.
- D. Appointment of New Members
- I. New WSAC members must be appointed and approved by Farmington Hills City Council. Katie Kennedy of OCWRC will be appointed in 2022 as a WRC representative to replace Connie Sims when she retires May 2022.
 - II. The WSAC Bylaws identifies the election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary to serve a one-year term. Each year, the officers shall be chosen by a vote of the WSAC members within 30-days of the Farmington Hills City Council appointments for Commissions and Councils.
 - III. Officers cannot serve more than two successive years in one position. WSAC members are appointed or re-appointed by Farmington Hills City Council for a term of 3 years.
- E. Farmington Hills Lead and Copper Compliance Sampling for 2021.
- I. The requirement for Farmington Hills is 30 water quality samples to be analyzed annually. There were 36 sample kits distributed and 31 sample kits collected.



II. The results of the analyzed samples were:

1. Lead; non-detect to 1.3 parts per billion (ppb), lead action level is 15 ppb.
2. Copper; 4.7 ppb to 140 ppb, copper action level is 1300 ppb.

F. Establishment of Meeting Dates for 2022

- I. The Council adopted two meeting dates for 2022 – February 8th and October 4th at 1:00 p.m. in the City of Farmington Hills Community Room.

8. Next Steps and Action Items:

- A. Tammy will discuss the path forward for translation of water quality materials into additional languages and the method of distribution with City Staff.
- B. Connie will discuss the option for QR codes being utilized on WRC materials and website.

9. Adjournment - Chairperson Drautz adjourned the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

- A. Motion by Gushard; support by Quetell, to adjourn.
- B. Abstentions: None
- C. Motion Carried 5-0