

MEETING MINUTES  
FARMINGTON HILLS / FARMINGTON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION  
JULY 12, 2021 - 5:00 PM  
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL  
31655 W. ELEVEN MILE RD.  
FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48336

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** CIRAMITARO, TUTAK, ECHOLS, WECKER, SLOAN

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** AVIE, BIGGS, HOPFE, MOYNA, SZYMUSIAK

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Neufeld (FHFD / Staff Liaison), Piggot (FHPD), Yuskowatz (YMCA), Brian Tyler (CERT), John Schertel (commissioner applicant), Shabir Sabri (resident - FH)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

This item was postponed until the next meeting due to lack of a quorum

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MAY 13, 2021:**

This item was postponed until the next meeting due to lack of a quorum.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Founders Festival: 5 CERT members will work the parade and fun run with FPD. New shirts are coming before Friday for members to wear.
- Beaumont is hosting booth - EPC is not staffing a booth this year

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- None discussed

**MICHIGAN & REGIONAL CITIZENS CORPS COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE  
TEAM ACTIVITIES**

- Next meeting (Monday July 19, 2021) will be the first face-to-face meeting in a while.
- Tutak relayed information from the CERT leadership that they are unhappy with perceived disrespect they believe is being shown by the EPC due to the EPC not purchasing items requested last year (generator and other items). Tutak began listing issues over the last year that CERT leadership has had with the EPC. Vice Chair Wecker advised that the EPC meeting is not the correct format to air grievances. Tutak did not concede the floor and was found to be out of order by Vice Chair Wecker. Tutak continued to speak and was asked at least four times to concede the floor and Tutak continued to disrupt the meeting. Tutak then stated that he was resigning from CERT leadership and the EPC effective immediately, then clarified that he would resign on a later date (after the Founder's Festival). Tutak's resignation was accepted by Vice Chair Wecker and Staff Liaison J. Neufeld. Tutak then clarified that he only resigned from the CERT

coordinator position and not the EPC and he was informed by Vice Chair Wecker that his resignation had been accepted.

- Discussion held on defining roles within the CERT team and providing a more structured leadership.

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

### **YMCA (Yuskowatz)**

- YMCA is fully open and has begun to open up programs - 18 have resumed
- July 26th is the annual Forest Lake Country Club golf outing sponsored by Holzer Ford. Price is \$150 per golfer.
- Daycare program during the school year has been discontinued - before / after school program remains.
- Douglas Edward is the new director of FH branch.

### **FHPD (Piggot)**

- Department is hoping to interact with the public more and will start crime prevention activities again.
- Complimented the City on handling of the recent storm - Dispatch handled over 1,200 calls in the first hour. Calls were forwarded to the West Bloomfield and Novi overflow.

### **FHFD (Neufeld)**

- Complimented the City on handling of the recent storm - storm resulted in 275 being closed down. DTE was escorted through the City to handle downed lines. Public Works activated mutual aid agreements with other communities to handle debris management - will take approx 4-5 weeks to fully handle and will cost approx. 1 Million
- Public CPR classes resumed - held 3rd Thursday of every month

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Shabir - happy to see the EPC meeting in person and wanted to ensure that everyone in the City had training on COVID procedures and suggested that the City educate people on COVID more.
- Tyler - stated that CERT needs to work together with EPC and that the CERT team needs to be engaged more.
- Tyler - August 8, 2021 there is a Family Emergency Readiness Expo in Howell at Crystal Gardens.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE:**

September 13, 2021 at 5:00PM at Farmington Hills City Hall

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Vice Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 6:00pm

Minutes by Secretary Echols