

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON / FARMINGTON HILLS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 1, 2021 – 5:00PM
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL – VIEWPOINT ROOM
3155 W. ELEVEN MILE RD.
FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48336

CALLED TO ORDER BY: CHAIR AVIE AT 5:03PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: ECHOLS, AVIE, SCHERTEL, SLOAN, HOPFE, CIARAMITARO, WECKER

MEMEBRS ABSENT: NONE

OTHERS PRESENT: Helen Sell (CERT), Monica Murone (CERT), Noreen Yuskowatz (YMCA), B. Houhansisin (FPD), Ken Massey (council), J. Piggot (FHPD), Renee Austin (CERT), Janet Burch (CERT)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 12, 2021

Motion by Ciaramitaro, support by Wecker, to approve the minutes as amended.
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

Motion by Ciaramitaro, support by Schertel, to approve the minutes as submitted.
Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET ITEMS:

- D. Wecker requested money, up to \$500, to purchase 10 tourniquets for the EPC supported CPR classes. The tourniquets would be for in class use and also for purchase by students who are interested.

MOTION by Ciaramitaro, support by Schertel, to approve up to \$500 to purchase tourniquets.

No additional discussion was required.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Membership vavancies – Farmington Hills has three (3) commissioner vacancies and one (1) alternate vacancy. Farmington has one(1) commissioner vacancy and one (1) alternate vacancy. Chair Avie would like to market this group more. There was no open house this year and we have not promoted in a while.

- EPC Promotional Items – Chair Avie recognizes a need to promote the EPS due to membership discussion. The EPC may need to purchase promotional items. Members will inventory current items and clean up the EPC closet at FHFDD Station 4 and provide recommendations at next meeting.
- The EPC needs to get ahold of FH/F to get a handle on the current social media situation. This will assist in promoting the EPC and our CERT team.
- We need to offer more education to the public. We have classes available (CPR, Stop the Bleed, Narcan administration, etc.) that we can teach. We can have an event at the Hawk where there are classes offered in a rotation – either one large event with rotating rooms, or regular class schedule.

MICHIGAN AND REGIONAL CERT ACTIVITIES:

- We need to revitalize the CERT team. We are in need of a CERT coordinator and looking for volunteers.
- Wecker is looking for volunteers from the CERT team to be patients for the EMT academy being held by FHFDD. Tim Tutak will be the contact for this activity.

LIAISON REPORTS:

COUNCIL – Ken Massey

- Reminder for members – at the end of your term as a commissioner, you are sent a letter asking if you would like to stay on the commission; if you reply yes, you will be reappointed at the next meeting. If you reply no, there will be a vacancy and then nominations will be taken.
- The EPC can probably use the City's list-serv to get educational information out to the public.
- There were a number of trunk-or-treat activities last weekend that were successful and well attended.
- There was a water main break on 14 mile. There is no official boil water alert, but there are other, down-stream, main breaks due to the need to increase pressure in the area to support other communities.
- There is an election coming up next Tuesday, it would be great for everyone to get out and vote.

YMCA – Noreen Yuskowatz

- Held a trunk or treat on October 22 – it was open to everyone and very successful.
- For the Thanksgiving Holiday, the YCA is collecting food to distribute to families in need. There is a link on their website where people can sign up to either donate or receive donations.
- The plan for Santa is up in the air right now due to COVID – there may be an outdoor breakfast event or other activity.

FHPD – J. Piggot

- There has been some great police work going on in Farmington Hills in the last few weeks – unfortunately there were some recent incidents (murder of a 2 year old and kidnapping of a 9 year old, and two separate shootings on Halloween) that happened in

the City, and suspects were apprehended in the murder and kidnapping in a short amount of time. The police need the continued support of the community in apprehending suspects – the use of ring (or similar) doorbell video footage is extremely helpful in identification of suspects. Reminder that if you see something, say something.

- The Department is seeing an increase in the number of calls for service and they are motivated to serve the public.
- Staff was looking forward to the open house, which had to be canceled due to weather in the area.
- We can maybe use the CERT team if we knew how to contact people / had a list of training or groups. Would be helpful for things like information distribution (boil water alerts, etc.) but since we don't know what training is held by members, they can't be activated.

FPD – B. Houhanisin

- FPS is currently working on Holly Days and Light Up the Grand parade. Permits have been pulled and everything is on schedule.
- The porch of the Warner Mansion is collapsing on the south east side. The area will be roped off due to safety concerns during the tree lighting and other events.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Renee Austin – agreed that the CERT team roles need to be defined and put into lists. She has been on CERT for a while and is also confused about her role as a member.
- Tim Tutak – has 1,500 names on an email list that people have signed up to receive emergency preparedness related information in the past – will pass the list on to the EPC. Tim would also like to be present when the CERT equipment is inventoried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

NONE

NEXT MEETING DATE:

It was confirmed that the next meeting date is on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 5pm at Farmington Hills City Hall – Viewpoint Room.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Avie adjourned the meeting at 5:58pm.

Minutes drafted by Secretary Echols