

MINUTES
COMMITTEE TO INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
AUGUST 26, 2025 – 5:30PM
CITY HALL-VIEWPOINT ROOM
31555 W. ELEVEN MILE RD, FARMINGTON HILLS MI 48336

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Bartos at 5:40pm.

Members Present: Karen Bartos
Catherine Brown
Dawn Raymond
Aimee Ergas
Rose Christoph
Lauri Thornhill

Members Absent: Patricia Coleman-Burns
Thomas Engle
Dennis Hubbard
Adam Harrell
Marjorie Whittemore
Susan Brown

Others Present: City Clerk Carly Lindahl
Deputy City Clerk Ashley Hopper
Ron Gadoth, COHA President

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Thornhill, support by Ergas, to approve agenda as published.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Thornhill, support by Christoph, to approve the April 22, 2025 minutes, as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- Rose senior living has invited us for an event as well as a Hindu group
- Open House will be happening October 4th 12pm-3pm – will have leftover flyers and candy available
 - Aimee, Lauri, Dawn, and Karen volunteered to attend
- Starting to prep for the November election. September 25th is when all ballots will go out.
- Ashley will print tri-folds to be ready for pick-up on Friday, 8/29
- Ashley will also order the voter info cards for hand-out and send out the pdf version to the committee
- The communication team is also working on a banner for events

REVIEW STRATEGIC PLAN

- Apartment outreach: need to add apartment outreach to strategic plan; Catherine will send apartment spreadsheet out to group
- Remove farmers market table from strategic plan
- Engaging with schools: Aimee will try to get in touch with a student volunteers and ask them to ask their teachers about participating in a voter registration event

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- COHA Present Gadoth noted that all city council candidates have responded to participate in the candidate forum on September 16th at 7:00pm. Karen will email the committee to see who is able/willing to volunteer at the event.

MEMBER/LIAISON COMMENTS

- Bridge Detroit provided a great overview of the voting process in their recent print-out.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Christoph to adjourn meeting; Thornhill supported; meeting adjourned at 6:22pm.

Next meeting: September 23, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Brown, Secretary