

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON / FARMINGTON HILLS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION
JANUARY 8, 2024
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL – VIEWPOINT ROOM
31555 W. 11 MILE RD.
FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48336

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: SWEENEY, AVIE, SLOAN, HOPFE, SCHERTEL, IGWE, SIEGRIST, ECHOLS, WECKER, CIARAMITARO, THOMAS, FORSHEE

MEMEBRS ABSENT: WILLIAMS,

OTHERS PRESENT: Houhanisin (FPS), Yuskowatz (YMCA), Pankow (FHFD), Aldred (FH City Council), Piggot (FHPD)

CITIZENS PRESENT: J. Tyler (CERT)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Sweeney, support by Schertel, to approve November 6, 2023 meeting minutes as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET ITEMS:

- Avie spent \$304.35 on an EPC sign

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (none)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Avie wanted to thank the individuals who participated in the Light up the Grand.
- Free Narcan boxes out in partnership with Oakland County Emergency Management (each library, Farmington City Hall, The Hawk are up and running so far). Would like to put a box at the City Hall complex and police department.
- 3 positions up for renewal in Farmington Hills – all three would like to remain on the commission
- Commission elections:

- Chair: Wecker nominated. Wecker was unopposed. All in favor, none opposed.
- Vice Chair: Siegrist nominated. Siegrist was unopposed. All in favor, none opposed.
- Secretary: Echols nominated. Echols was unopposed. All in favor, none opposed.
- Passion Projects discussion. Commissioners were asked for ideas for EPC to move forward.
 - Wecker – EMS and emergency response.
 - Williams – getting the EPC message out via different medias.
 - Yuskowatz – get our message out into the schools and other areas more through PSA’s and community outreach.
 - Hopfe – senior fitness program at her church
 - Sweeney – martial arts and self defense
 - Echols – update and distribute the tip of the month for the council meetings
 - Schertel – promotion of smoke, CO and gas detection and the different services that the fire department provides
 - Ciaramitaro – scout outreach
 - Forshee – electric grid concerns and cyber attacks and being able to support a family for at least a week during power outages
 - Thomas – School outreach and connecting people with the EPC
 - Avie – getting the word out about the EPC
- Review of bylaws, lead by Schertel. Will email them out to everyone with revisions for discussion at the March 4 meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Technology Committee – we have a small following on Facebook

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **FPD (Houhanisin)** – new commanders, restructuring the command staff. New FPD liaison will be commander Rick Friess.
- **YMCA (Yuskawatz)** – Downtown YMCA is having an event for MLK. Fundraising breakfast on April 25, 2024 at the Farmington Hills YMCA from
- **FHFD (Pankow)** - Station 3 is now staffed 24/7 at Grand River and Middlebelt

PUBLIC COMMENT: (none)

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

- Avie – Founder’s Day parade on July 22, 2024 – will need assistance

NEXT MEETING DATE:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Secretary Echols