

APPROVED

**MEETING MINUTES
COMMITTEE TO INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
NOVEMBER 23, 2021 – 5:30PM
CITY HALL – FOUNTAIN VIEW ROOM
31555 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS MI**

CALLED TO ORDER BY: The meeting was called to order by Chair Karen Bartos at 5:35pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Bartos
Susie Brown
Rose Christoph
Aimee Ergas
Lauri Thornhill
Dawn Raymond
Marc Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dennis Hubbard
OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy City Clerk Carly Lindahl

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Brown, support by Christoph, to approve the agenda with the addition of item #5a: Old Business.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A typo was noted as to the location of the meeting being at City Hall rather than being held electronically.

MOTION by Christoph, support by Brown, to approve the minutes from September 28, 2021 as amended.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MEMBERSHIP:

Discussion was held on how many vacancies the Committee currently has.

Chair Bartos introduced potential member in attendance, Marjorie Whittemore who spoke about herself and her interest in the committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Update on voter registration drives and other activities in the schools

Chair Bartos mentioned that she had spoken to the League of Women Voters, and they have a Voter Registration Power Point presentation in which they have shared with teachers in the area. She thought this may be a good alternative if the committee cannot get into the schools for voter registration drives. She will request a copy of the presentation to share with the committee and Clerk for approval.

Chair Bartos noted that there are two high schools in the City; North Farmington and Farmington Central and there is a new FPS superintendent. It was suggested that the

committee reach out to see what the schools' thoughts would be on voter registration drives next year.

Deputy Clerk Lindahl mentioned that the students at Farmington Central may not all be from Farmington Hills.

Member Thomas stated that OCC could host a drive and suggested that a laptop be available for those students who are non-residents the ability to register online. He also stated that Farmington High has an early college program within OCC and he will look into contacting that program.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Monthly Bulletins

Topics for upcoming bulletins were discussed, AV ballot process, Voter ID, democracy and voting and election workers. Chair Bartos stated she would stop by and discuss the January topic with the City Clerk. Member Thomas passed out a draft of democracy and voting and noted that he will work on that for the February issue.

The committee members stated that they want a wider distribution of the bulletins, and it was suggested that they look into HOA's, churches, etc. Deputy Clerk Lindahl noted that distribution to other entities was fine as long as the information being shared had been approved by the Clerk's office.

b. Approval of 2022 Meeting Dates

Discussion was held on possibly having a meeting in early October. Deputy Clerk Lindahl noted that if the committee planned to meet in October, there would be no one in attendance from the Clerk's office as we will be busy preparing for the November election.

MOTION by Thornhill, supported by Brown, to approve the 2022 meeting dates as submitted by the Clerk.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

c. Establishing calendar of events

Discussion was held on the addition of the OCC voter registration drive to possibly May and/or August. Member Thomas will look into this and let the committee know what he finds out.

d. Selection of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary

Discussion was held amongst the members on the interest in the positions.

MOTION by Brown, support by Christoph to elect the following officers:

Marc Thomas, Chair
Lauri Thornhill, Vice Chair
Aimee Ergas, Secretary

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments

MEMBER/LIAISON COMMENTS: Members of the committee introduced themselves to interested committee member Whittemore.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Thornhill, supported by Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 6:28pm.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Pam Smith, City Clerk
City of Farmington Hills