

**MEETING MINUTES
COMMITTEE TO INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
FEBRUARY 25, 2014 – 5:30 PM
CITY HALL – VIEW POINT ROOM
31555 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS, MI**

CALLED TO ORDER BY: City Clerk Smith called the meeting to order at 5:36p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Christoph, Haynes, Hubbard, Kedharnath, Merrill and Seelye

MEMBERS ABSENT: Halberstadt and Kendzierski

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk Smith and Council Member Liaison Lerner

#	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION SUMMARY/PERTINENT INFO	FORMAL MOTIONS:
2	APPROVAL OF AGENDA	.	MOTION BY: Seelye SUPPORT BY: Hubbard The agenda was approved as published. MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously
3	APPROVAL OF MINUTES January 28, 2014		MOTION BY: Hubbard SUPPORT BY: Seelye The minutes were approved as submitted. MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously
4	AGENDA ITEM: NEW BUSINESS CALENDAR UPDATE – High School Voter Registration Drives	The committee reviewed the annual calendar of events/goals for 2014. City Clerk Smith noted that the High Schools wish to hold the voter registration drives on April 22, 2014 at Harrison HS and April 23, 2014 at North Farmington HS. Member Hubbard volunteered to help at Harrison and Members Kedharnath and Haynes volunteered to assist at North Farmington HS	
5	AGENDA ITEM: NEW BUSINESS: a. Polling Location Changes b. Founders Festiveal Give-a-ways	<u>Polling Location Proposed Changes</u> City Clerk Smith reviewed the proposed precinct changes that would be necessary due to the closing of one of the churches that were being used. Member Christoph suggested tracking whether there was any decrease in voter participation due to the precinct location changes. Members requested maps showing a break down of voter participation by age groups for each General Election. <u>Founders Festival Give-a-ways</u> The members felt the lanyards were still a good idea but would prefer the word VOTE on them. It was noted that the Founders Festival was July 19, 2014. Member Hubbard indicated that he had the extra shirts for the parade.	

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6	AGENDA ITEM: MY VOTE COUNTS CABLE PROGRAM	<p>Members Hubbard and Kedharnath indicated that their tapings went well. Clerk Smith will check on air times and get a copy of the shows.</p> <p>Ideas discussed included notification of upcoming registration drives at the high schools.</p>	
7	AGENDA ITEM: COHA UPDATE Candidates Night-Committee Role	<p>Member Seelye commented on the offices to be included in the Candidate's night which included State Representative, State Senate, County Commissioners and possibly other offices.</p> <p>He noted that the several Committee members have taken an active role on the panel and typically the Committee has submitted questions to ask the candidates</p> <p>The next regular COHA meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2014 at which Director Ed Gardiner will be speaking.</p>	
7	OTHER:	<p>Member Kedharnath indicated that she will be graduating this year and stated that she would inquire at school to see if there are any students that would be interested in joining the Committee</p>	
8	PUBLIC COMMENTS	None	
9	ADJOURNMENT		<p>MOTION BY: Seelye SUPPORT BY: Kedharnath</p> <p>To adjourn the meeting at 6:11pm</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously</p>
	MINUTES PREPARED BY	PAM SMITH, CITY CLERK	