

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
INNOVATION, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
AUGUST 12, 2025
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
31555 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD
FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN**

CALL TO ORDER BY: Karen Mondora at 5:01 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bernard Hooper, Matthew Strickfaden, Tony Reames, Megan Kershaw, Kotireddy Burla, Ken Snodgrass, Chandra Koganti, Tracy Collins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Taimoor Khan

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilmember Jon Aldred, Assistant City Manager Karen Mondora, Beth Saarella

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Bernard Hooper, supported by Ken Snodgrass, to approve the agenda as submitted. Unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF JULY 8, 2025 MEETING MINUTES: Motion by Matthew Strickfaden, supported by Bernard Hooper, to approve the July 8, 2025 draft minutes as submitted. Unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. REPORT OUT OF PEER COMMUNITY COMPARABLE COMMISSIONS

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF BYLAWS:** Punctuation correction on page 3 of bylaws. Motion by Matthew Strickfaden, supported by Tracey Collins, to adopt the bylaws. Unanimously approved.
- b. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Matthew Strickfaden nominated as chair by Tracy Collins, seconded by Kotireddy Burla, unanimously approved. Kotireddy Burla & Bernard Hooper are both interested in vice chair position and gave statements. Bernard Hooper nominated as vice chair by Megan Kershaw, seconded by Tony Reames, unanimously approved. Tracy Collins nominated as secretary by Matthew Strickfaden, seconded by Bernard Hooper, unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: Tony Reames notified the committee about the Climate Happy Hour event tomorrow. Karen Mondora will share details with the committee. Kotireddy Burla is interested in the Innovation in Business & Energy sector. Ken Snodgrass advised there are a lot of programs available in energy & utility to explore. Ken would like to prioritize sharing information with the community.

Chandra Koganti recommended the committee focus on 2-3 projects. Chandra also discussed concerns related to climate impacts, cost reduction, improving Heritage Park & attracting business to 12 Mile Rd. Bernard Hooper would like to identify goals the committee would like to accomplish in the coming year. Bernard also has concerns about the loss of natural areas. Matthew recommends the committee select ideas & recommendations that are easy for City Council & Administration to approve/implement.

LIAISON COMMENTS: Jon Aldred is looking forward to hearing what members are passionate about & then focusing those into action.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion approved by Bernard Hooper, supported by Matthew Strickfaden to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Minutes Drafted by Karen Mondora