

EPC Meeting Minutes
Farmington Hills / Farmington Emergency Preparedness Commission
March 3, 2025 – 5:00pm
Farmington Hills City Hall – Community Room
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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER By; Chair Sweeney at 5:01 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT; Sweeney, Avie, Schertel, Thomas, Igwe, Card, Tyler, Sloan, Ciaramitaro, Hopfe, Forshee, Dixon,

MEMBERS ABSENT; None

OTHERS PRESENT; Friess (FPS), Piggot (FHPD), Pankow (FHFD), Yuskowatz (YMCA).
Aldred (FH City Council)

OTHERS ABSENT; None

CITIZENS PRESENT: Johnathon James (Public)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA; Motion by Avie, seconded by Thomas to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES; Motion by Avie and seconded by Thomas to approve the January 6, 2025 meeting minutes as submitted.

Motion Carried unanimously.

BUDGET REPORT; EPC Budget for 2025 is still \$2,500.

- R. Avie asked what our procedure would be for an account audit. The city Liaison will inquire, and this subject is deferred to May 5th public meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS;

- None

NEW BUSINESS;

- The EPC congratulated Chief J. Piggot on his recent promotion announcement by Farmington Hills City Council.
- Election of Commission Officers;
 - There were no nominations for the EPC Commission secretary. Motion deferred to the next public meeting on May 5, 2025.
- Discussion of Commissions;
 - Introduction of New Commissioners; H. Igwe (F), R. Card (F), S. Thomas (FH), B. Taylor (FH) K. Dixon (FH-Alt)
 - K. Ciaramitaro said that due to work time constraints he may have to step down as a commissioner. This decision is still a work in progress but that if it happens, he would like to stay on as a hospital District Liaison. This action will be referred to the Farmington Hills city manager.
 - Recommendations to fill open Commissions
 - Jonathon James (FH) has submitted his applications to join the EPC. Chair Sweeney will check on his application status.
- Farmington Founders Festival, July 17 to 19.
 - Corewell Medical may not have a literature booth at this year's Founders Festival. K. Ciaramitaro to confirm and report back.
 - The EPC does want to have a presence at the festival distributing preparedness literature.

- The EPC will continue to use the QR codes for FEMA Check ready literature available through the Oakland County Emergency Management division
- At the request of our senior citizens the EPC will have some printed literature to distribute. The cost and method of printing this literature has been referred to the FH city Liaison.
- At J. Schertel suggestion, the schedule for commissioners to cover this booth will be discussed in our May 5th public meeting.
- The EPC will work with the city of Farmington Public Safety (FPS) and their 360 Productions LLC., on staging the Founders Festival Parade. Commissioners R. Avie, M. Forsee, M. Sweeney, ME. Hopfe, and H. Igwe have already volunteered to patriciate.

LIAISON REPORTS;

- N. Yuskowatz (YMCA); The Farmington Family YMCA is continuing to advertise for pool lifeguards. New hires will be taught water safety, basic first aid, AED, CPR and STP. The YMCA will be hosting their 4/24/25 Community Breakfast fund raiser. All funds raised locally will stay with the Farmington Family YMCA.
- R. Friess (FPS); The next Farmington Public Safety Neighborhood watch meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 13, 2025 at 6:30 PM. The EPC commissioners are welcome to attend.
- J. Piggot (FHPD); In this transitional period, Chief J. Piggott will continue to be the FHPD liaison to the EPC commission.
 - There are still openings in the Spring 2025 Citizens Police Academy. The EPC commissioners are welcome to apply at CPA@fhgov.com.
- B. Pankow (FHFD); Discussed the new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at Station #5 approved by FH City council and the Grant authored by Representative G. Peters. During the construction phase FHFD administration will operate out of the Hawk Community Center. No other operations will be affected.

- J. Aldred (FH City Council); Discussed the Farmington SAFE outreach and the importance of mental Health issues

COMMITTEE REPORTS;

- Communications – The EPC will need a new website committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT; None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS;

- S. Thomas expressed an interest in reaching out to the Farmington Public Schools PTA on preparedness topics.
- N. Yuskowatz asked if the Channel 8 CATV (SWACCO) Public Service Announcement videos had been archived by the Farmington Hills Video Division. Chair Sweeney to investigate,
- M. Sweeney has registered for the March 27, 2025 FHFD basic first aid class at Station #4. He asked each of the EPC commissioners to also consider taking the class. Registration is at FDEvent@fhgov.com
- M. Sweeney encouraged all the commissioners to participate in the FHPD Citizens Police Academy.
- M. Sweeney asked each of the commissioners to consider volunteering as the EPC secretary.

NEXT MEETING DATE; The next public meeting will be on May 5, 2025. A Monday evening (5:00 PM) in the Community Room of the FH city Hall.

ADJOURNMENT; Chair Sweeney adjourned the meeting at 6:05 PM.

Minutes taken by Chair Sweeney.