

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON HILLS / FARMINGTON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION
JANUARY 6, 2025 – 5:00PM
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM
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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER By; Acting Chair Sweeney at 5:05 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT; Sweeney, Avie, Igwe, Schertel, Sloan, Thomas, Ciaramitaro,

MEMBERS ABSENT; Forshee, Willians, Hopfe, Siegrist

OTHERS PRESENT; Friess (FPS), Piggot (FHPD), Yuskowatz (YMCA).

OTHERS ABSENT; Pankow (FHFD), Aldred (FH City Council)

CITIZENS PRESENT: Messrs. B. Tyler, and J. Blasius,

APPROVAL OF AGENDA; Motion by Avie, Second by Schertel to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES; Motion by Avie and second by Schertel to approve the November 4, 2024 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion Carried unanimously.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS;

- The EPC was well represented in the City of Farmington Holly Days parade. The parade went smoothly with no incidences.

NEW BUSINESS;

- Election of Commission Officers;
 - M. Sweeney was nominated to be the EPC Chair for 2025. There were no other nominations. Motion was carried unanimously.
 - R. Avie was nominated for Vice-chair for 2025. There were no other nominations. Motion carried unanimously.
 - There were no nominations for the EPC Commission secretary. Motion deferred to next public meeting on March 3, 2025.
- Discussion of Commissions expiring 2/1/25
 - Siegrist has said he does not wish to be reappointed.
 - Ciaramitaro said that due to time constraints he will have to step down as a commissioner. But that 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
 - Harrison Igwe (FPS), Bryan Tyler (FH) and James Blasius (FH) have submitted their applications to join the EPC.

LIAISON REPORTS;

- Yuskowatz (YMCA); The 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 Community Breakfast fund raiser, with the date and time TBD.
- Friess (FPS); In 2025 Farmington Public Safety will host 3 meetings of their Neighborhood watch group. The EPC commissioners are welcome to attend.
- Piggot (FHPD); In this interim period, he will continue to be the FHPD liaison to the EPC commission.
 - Discussed the recent incident in New Orleans and the use of Archer Barriers to protect the public from vehicles. He reminded the commission

that the Costick Center is hosting a Red Cross Blood drive this Wednesday (1/8/25). That the FHFD is conducting car seat inspections, by appointment, on Sunday 1/12/25.

- Discussed Lt. J. McDonalds pending reassignment as the FHPD community out reach officer as Lt. M. Flatt retires.

COMMITTEE REPORTS;

- Communications – Schertel and Ciaramitaro discussed the next follow up action items on the new city website.
 - There was also a discussion on the 2025 monthly preparedness guidance’s that FEMA has posted on Facebook.

PUBLIC COMMENT; None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS;

- Sweeney asked each of the commissioners to attend one of the FHFD basic first aid classes that are offered at Station #4 on the 3rd Thursday even of each month. These classes could improve our personal skill sets and are free to the commissioners.
 - Ciaramitaro added that the commissioners should also take the on following “Train the trainer’s” class. Both to improved our basic skills and to facilitate more community classes on basic first aid.
 - Thomas asked if these classes could be extended into the PTA.
- Sweeney asked each of the commissioners to consider volunteering as the EPC secretary.

NEXT MEETING DATE; The next public meeting will be on March 3, 2025. A Monday evening (5:00pm) in the View Point conference room of the FH city Hall.

Approved

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

Minutes taken by Chair Sweeney.