

**MEETING MINUTES
COMMITTEE TO INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
SEPTEMBER 27, 2022 – 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 Marc Thomas at 5:30pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Bartos
Rose Christoph
Aimee Ergas
Dennis Hubbard
Dawn Raymond
Ashley Riley
Marc Thomas
Marjorie Whittemore

MEMBERS ABSENT: Susie Brown
Lauri Thornhill

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk Pam Smith

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Hubbard, support by Whittemore, to approve the agenda as published

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Hubbard, support by Ergas, to approve the minutes from August 23, 2022 as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW

Chair Thomas stated that the strategic plan is the big picture for the committee and he distributed the draft in place.

The committee reviewed the plan and discussed the addition of election integrity from the previously and action items to address that topic. Short social media clips and/or videos were discussed addressing facts and processes in place to educate voters.

Clerk Smith was to contact the video division on possibility of taping a couple of short video clips for the coming weeks.

Discussion was held on some of the other priorities such as recruiting election workers and the action item of recruiting 400 workers. Clerk Smith reported that the city has a good supply of workers at this time and probably about 400 in place although they are not necessarily workers that will volunteer for every election. She noted that the state has a system where voters can sign up as a worker and her office put out a press release for this

coming Election and will be able to utilize city workers as well as the city hall is closing to the public other than election-related business both Monday and Tuesday.

NEW BUSINESS

November Election Updates

- a. Workers needed
- b. Absentee Ballot mailing – postage required
- c. Pre-processing of absentee
- d. Sharing of press releases

Clerk Smith mentioned that press releases were either already sent out or will be released on workers and the absentee ballot mailing. She noted that pre-processing is being discussed by the legislators to allow for clerks to pre-process ballots both Sunday and Monday and they should hear more after the legislators meet tomorrow.

She encouraged members to share the press releases with others and with homeowners associations, etc.

MONTHLY BULLETIN

The committee determined that the short video clips would take place of the monthly bulletin until after the Election.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was none.

MEMBER/LIAISON COMMENTS:

Member Bartos mentioned the city wide open house scheduled for Saturday, October 8th from Noon-3pm and encouraged members to attend to hand out election information.

Chair Thomas stated that there would be no meeting in October and he would be unable to attend the scheduled November meeting so that meeting may be canceled other rescheduled based on attendance.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Hubbard, supported by Bartos, to adjourn the meeting at 6:17pm.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Pam Smith, City Clerk
City of Farmington Hills