

Meeting Minutes
Committee to Increase Voter Participation
City of Farmington Hills
January 23, 2024 – 5:30pm
City Hall-Viewpoint Room
31555 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills MI

Called to order by: The meeting was called to order by Assistant Chair Karen Bartos at 5:37pm.

Members Present: Karen Bartos
Susie Brown
Patricia Coleman-Burns
Rose Christoph
Aimee Ergas
Adam Harrell
Dawn Raymond
Lauri Thornhill

Members Absent: Catherine Brown
Thomas Engle
Dennis Hubbard
Marjorie Whittemore

Others Present: City Clerk Carly Lindahl
Deputy City Clerk Ashley Hopper

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Thornhill, support by Brown, to approve agenda as published.
Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Brown, support to support by Thornhill, to approve the minutes November 28, 2023,
as submitted.
Motion carried unanimously.

Membership

Introduction of new members Patricia Coleman-Burns and Adam Harrell.

New Business

1. Selection of President, Vice President and Secretary

The following nominations were made:

Karen Bartos as President
Laurie Thornhill as Vice President
Aimee Ergas as Secretary

Motion by Coleman-Burns, support by Brown, to close nominations.
Motion carried unanimously.

2. Confirmation of the 2024 meeting schedule

February 27 – Cancel due to Presidential Primary Election

March 26

April 23

May – No Meeting

June 25

July - No Meeting – Participate in Founders parade – July 20th

August 27

September 24

October 22

November 26

December – No Meeting

Motion by Thornhill, support by Christoph, to approve the 2024 meeting schedule as amended with the cancellation of the February meeting due to the Presidential Primary election.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Clerk update on Presidential Primary

Clerk Lindahl reported that ballot selection forms had been mailed out to all voters on the city's permanent ballot list prior to December 29, 2023 and, as required by law, the Clerk's office has been following up with emails and phone calls to voters that have not yet submitted their form.

Clerk Lindahl discussed early processing and tabulation of absent voter ballot noting that the state has not yet released instruction on how that process will work. She also mentioned that voters may now take their absent voter ballots to their early voting site or voting precincts on election day and run it through the tabulator.

Review Strategic Plan

It was determined that the items listed for 2023 were still relevant for 2024 and discussion was held on the following:

Distributing information to homeowners association and COHA

Possibility of hosting town hall Q&A's

Contacting FPS for voter registration drives

Preparing flyer with information on Election Worker duties

Update CTIVP brochure

Prepare bulletin for website

Hosting high school round tables

Invite student to become an associate member of the committee

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Member Comments

- Assistant Chair Bartos asked committee to come up with ideas for communications to discuss at the March meeting
- Member Coleman-Burns asked for voter turnout by precinct to address areas where there is low voter turnout
- Asked Clerk to provide committee with new voter registration legislation

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:38pm.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting: March 26, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Lindahl, City Clerk