

**Meeting Minutes -**  
**COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY HEALTH**  
**March 20, 2024 6:30 P.M.**  
**FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL- COMMUNITY ROOM**  
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**APPROVED**

**Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call:** Bernard Hooper called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM. Each member shared their name and introduced themselves to the group.

**Members Present:** Charles (Charlie) Starkman, Annemarie Diakow, Jessica Schefman, Obi Ogbonnaya, Bernard Hooper, Daniel Konja, Farah Khan, Ikramuddin Khan, Janay Hill

**Members Absent:** Molly David, Eunice Jeffries, Leon Small

**Others Present:** Kathie Brown, Alex Clar, Teresa Jergovich

**Approval of Minutes – 02/21/2024:** Charlie moved to approve the minutes, with Daniel supporting the motion. The minutes from the February meeting were approved.

**Approval of Agenda:** Jessica made a motion to amend the agenda to include the beautification committee presentation regarding the city Litter Walk, with Daniel supporting the motion. The agenda for today's meeting was approved.

**Beautification Commission Presentation:** Kathie spoke to the commission about the history of the Carol Posby Litter Walk. She outlined the process and logistics surrounding the litter walk, which will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024. Registration must be submitted by Friday, March 29, 2024 to Kathie. Bernard inquired as to whether the commission would prefer to coordinate as a group or create separate groups. Jessica discussed how the idea was generated from reflecting upon social determinants of health and how this is in line with the mission of the commission. Teresa raised the question of whether the commission is interested in doing this each year, although the commission indicated a preference to focus solely on this spring's walk. Jessica agreed to be the point person for the litter walk event. Janay suggested that in Farmington, the area near M-5 is a possible focus; however, Bernard raised safety concerns. Ultimately, Grand River and Orchard Lake was identified as the primary area of focus.

**Nomination and Election of Officers:** Bernard provided a brief overview of the various officer positions of the commission at the request of Ikram, specifically co-chair and secretary roles. Charlie and Farah indicated interest in the co-chair position, while Jessica indicated interest in the secretary position. After a vote, Jessica was approved to be the next secretary for the upcoming two-year-term. Bernard nominated Molly to be chair of the commission, and Annemarie briefly shared why she supports Molly for chair. After a vote, Molly was approved to be the chair for the upcoming two-year term. A vote via paper for co-chair was conducted, and Charlie was selected as co-chair for the upcoming two-year term. All new officers will assume their position at next month's meeting.

### **2024 Public Event Booths – Farmers Market, City Open House, Founders Festival, etc.:**

Annemarie shared that she has been in touch with Wally, the market master, who provided several dates for the commission to hold a public event booth. Several dates were offered across May, June, July, and August. Annemarie suggested that the commission select two to three dates, prioritize them based on preference, and then share the commission's preference with Wally. Bernard suggested May 18<sup>th</sup> as the commission's primary preference in order to market the summer bike ride event, with which commissioners were in agreement. Initially, commissioners thought June 29<sup>th</sup> would be a second option, but Annemarie indicated that the weekend before 4<sup>th</sup> of July historically does not have good turnout. The commissioners debated upon July 13<sup>th</sup> and July 27<sup>th</sup> as the second and third choices of dates, respectively. However, Ikram did note a potential conflict with the health fair event he is in the process of coordinating. As a compromise, Jessica suggested that June 29<sup>th</sup> be the third date the commission selects. Therefore, the commission's top three dates are as follows: May 18<sup>th</sup>, July 13<sup>th</sup>, and June 29<sup>th</sup>.

In the past, the commission has had healthy recipes, small pumpkins available for painting, flyers, and other offerings at our booth. Annemarie and Bernard emphasized the need for materials to emphasize behavioral health needs. Bernard suggested having a police officer present at the booth to talk with residents about wellness checks and how public safety provides support to the community. Other advertising possibilities include providing the location of fentanyl test strips and Narcan training, for example. Bernard shared that the Farmington Public Schools use a specific type of threat assessment that might be beneficial to have on hand during tabling presentations.

Regarding City Open House, Teresa indicated that the event will be held in early September, but a final date has not been determined.

**FHPD Bike Safety Day:** Per Teresa, the event will be held on a Saturday in May, with a date to be determined. The Easy Ride event will be held in conjunction with Bike Safety Day. Janay suggested the ride be held on a biweekly basis, and Jessica, Molly, and Farah will help Janay in planning out the routes. Teresa pointed out some possible logistical challenges if the ride is held biweekly. Janay indicated that if she received additional support with coordination, she would feel more comfortable scheduling weekly rides. Commissioners expressed their support for this endeavor. Ikram suggested Heritage Park as a potential locale for the bike ride; however, there are not many trails in the park where bikes are allowed.

Janay shared several lessons from her experience with Easy Rides last year, mainly challenges surrounding planning, advertising effectively, being mindful of children, and securing roads with bike lanes. Jessica noted that Heritage Park would be a great central location for people to meet before the ride begins. Inquiries about routes with hills were raised, with Bernard identifying safety concerns. Janay expressed a desire to coordinate with local businesses, with the first ride kickoff being a way to link up with chiropractors or other professionals.

**New Commissioner – Farah Khan:** Ms. Khan introduced herself to the commission. She currently works as an IT professional for IBM, with a background in government health and human services.

**Health Fair – Ikram Khan:** Ikram shared that he has had difficulty getting in touch with Dion Williams, the community outreach coordinator with DMC, until this past week. Per Ikram, Mr. Williams indicated that he would be able to provide residents, fellows, and other providers to work this community health fair. At this stage, a venue needs to be determined to meet the needs of Farmington and Farmington Hills residents. Ikram estimated that approximately 1,500 people would attend the health fair. July 27 was identified as a possible date for the fair. Teresa suggested OCC as a possible location for the fair, with The Hawk, Farmington Hills Manor, and Tawheed Center offered as other options. Janay and Charlie discussed the possibility of additional vendors being present at the event, as well as a possible vaccine clinic. Teresa brought up the idea of Mercedes Benz as a possible sponsor of the event and a space where the event could be held. Generally, it was agreed that further communication with Mr. Williams is needed before the commission can proceed further with event planning, with a goal that the event be set for the fall.

**Member and Public Comments/Announcements:** None noted.

**Next Meeting:** The next commission meeting will be held **April 17, 2024** at 6:30 PM.

**Adjournment:** Bernard moved to adjourn the meeting, with Daniel supporting the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.