

**MEETING MINUTES
COMMITTEE TO INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
JANUARY 31, 2023 – 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 5:32pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Bartos
Susie Brown
Rose Christoph
Aimee Ergas
Dennis Hubbard
Dawn Raymond
Ashley Riley
Marc Thomas
Lauri Thornhill

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marjorie Whittemore

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk Pam Smith

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Bartos, support by Brown, to approve the agenda as published

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Hubbard, support by Bartos, to approve the minutes from September 27, 2022 as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MEMBERSHIP

Chair Thomas mentioned that he was up for reappointment but could not be reappointed as he was moving soon outside of the city to neighboring Farmington. The committee members wished him well on his move and new home.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Selection of President, Vice President and Secretary

MOTION by Bartos, support by Ergas, to nominate Dennis Hubbard as President.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Bartos, support by Ergas, to nominate Lauri Thornhill as Vice President.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Bartos, support by Thornhill, to nominate Aimee Ergas as Secretary.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. Confirmation of meeting schedule

Clerk Smith distributed the meeting schedule for 2023. She mentioned that any meeting may be canceled or rescheduled or a meeting added as needed.

There was a correction to the May date and it was noted it should be May 23rd not May 24th.

MOTION by Hubbard, support by Bartos, to approve the 2023 committee meeting scheduled as corrected.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Updating/Developing Strategic Plan for 2023

The committee reviewed the current strategic plan and made the following suggestions to include in the plan:

- Social media videos
- Voter registration drives for high schools and OCC – Member Whittemore had a contact for the high schools and would be reaching out sometime in March. Chair Thomas was going to provide a contact for OCC
- Continue efforts for outreach to under-registered, including person in apartments and homeless persons
- Check into possibility of working with local printer, chamber, city PR on printing vote shirts for upcoming election or Presidential year
- Revising the plan to indicate education of voters and having short video clips for Proposal 2
- Recruitment of election workers for 2024. Clerk Smith indicated they will have sufficient workers for 2023

Chair Thomas indicated he would revise the document and send that to Clerk Smith and newly elected Chair Hubbard for future meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

MEMBER/LIAISON COMMENTS:

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Christoph, supported by Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 6:17pm.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Pam Smith, City Clerk
City of Farmington Hills