

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**COMMITTEE TO INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION**  
**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS**  
**March 23, 2021 – 5:30PM**

**CALLED TO ORDER BY:** The meeting, being held electronically, was called to order by Chair Karen Bartos at 5:30pm.

During roll call members were asked to state the city and state from which they were attending the meeting remotely.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Karen Bartos, Farmington Hills, Michigan  
Rose Christoph, Farmington Hills, Michigan  
Aimee Ergas, Farmington Hills, Michigan  
Susie Brown (Simonenko), Farmington Hills, Michigan  
Lauri Thornhill, Farmington Hills, Michigan

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dennis Hubbard and John Lawler

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Deputy City Clerk Carly Lindahl and City Council Liaison Jackie Boleware

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

MOTION by Christoph, support by Brown to approve the agenda as published.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARTOS, CHRISTOPH, ERGAS, BROWN AND THORNHILL

Nays: NONE

Absent: HUBBARD AND LAWLER

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

MOTION by Brown, support by Ergas, to approve the minutes from January 26, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARTOS, CHRISTOPH, ERGAS, BROWN AND THORNHILL

Nays: NONE

Absent: HUBBARD AND LAWLER

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**a. Monthly Committee Bulletin**

Members discussed topics for the upcoming bulletins: prospective of an election worker, importance of local elections, proposed legislation and voter registration. Deputy Clerk Lindahl suggested the committee stick to current legislation and topics. She also noted that the Clerk's office will update the City's webpage relating to the November election as information becomes available.

Members signed up to do the monthly bulletin as follows:

April – Lauri

May – Susie

June – Ruth

July – Karen

**b. School project focusing on voting/civics**

Members discussed different ways to engage younger voters by reaching out to civic teachers, various student groups and Children, Youth and Family commission. Chair Bartos suggested offering a contest to students to create a video to inform their peers on voting information, the top 3-5 videos could be voted on and winner would receive a prize and have their video aired at the Hawk. and the schools to offer a contest on voter registration/informational video.

**c. Voter Registration Drives**

Discussion was held on how to get information into the schools. Members suggested a flyer to be distributed or published in the schools newsletter on ways to register to vote. Deputy Clerk Lindahl stated she would update the Voter Information brochure to highlight voter registration.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Members discussed speaking to Special Services regarding having a kiosk at the Hawk for voter information. City Council liaison Boleware stated she would reach out to Director Schnackel.

Member Christoph discussed the homeless within the City of Farmington Hills and how to go about registering them to vote. Deputy Clerk Lindahl stated she would get information to the committee.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments

**MEMBER/LIAISON COMMENTS:** No further member comments

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by Ergas, supported by Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 6:27pm.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARTOS, CHRISTOPH, ERGAS, BROWN AND THORNHILL

Nays: NONE

Absent: HUBBARD AND LAWLER

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.