

MEETING MINUTES
COMMITTEE TO INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
JANUARY 23, 2018 – 5:30PM
CITY HALL – FOUNTAIN VIEW ROOM
31555 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS MI

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Kendzierski at 5:30pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Christoph, Haynes, Hubbard, Kendzierski and Pitchford

MEMBERS ABSENT: Greening and Seelye

OTHERS PRESENT: Pam Smith, City Clerk/Staff Liaison and Richard Lerner, City Council Liaison

Chair Kendzierski welcomed newly appointed member Aimee Ergas to the meeting. Clerk Smith stated that Aimee was appointed to the Committee by City Council last night and her term will officially begin February 1, 2018.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Pitchford, support by Christoph, to approve the agenda as published.
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chair Kendzierski indicated that there were two election dates noted in the minutes that said 2017 and should be 2018.

MOTION by Hubbard, support by Kendzierski, to approve the minutes as amended.
Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Discussion of new appointment process for Officers

Clerk Smith confirmed that appointments could take place at the next meeting. Chair Kendzierski stated that the appointments will be for Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. Chair Kendzierski stated that the next meeting is February 27, 2018.

b. Community voter registration drives/information distribution

Clerk Smith suggested that the Committee members reach out to various organizations, homeowners groups, senior facilities, etc. to ask about hosting voter registration drives and then closer to the elections, information could be distributed by members to these same groups. She felt this was a great opportunity to not only accomplish some goals of the committee by obtaining more registrations and disseminate information, but also to publicize the committee by reaching out and being more involved in the community.

MY VOTE COUNTS:

Chair Kendzierski stated that from the last meeting it was mentioned that the committee would discuss possible topics and then assign those at the next or subsequent meetings.

The topics mentioned included: Various millage proposals – pending if they appear on the Aug or Nov ballot
New Voting Equipment
Segment about the Committee and what it does

COUNCIL OF HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (COHA) UPDATE:

Member Haynes stated that the Mayor and City Manager spoke at the last meeting and presented the city's proposal for Harrison High School once that closes, roads and the possible local road millage and general information about the city.

The next COHA meeting is March 20, 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Aimee Ergas stated that she is learning a lot about the committee and looks forward to being more involved.

MEMBER/LIAISON COMMENTS:

Chair Kendzierski inquired about the article that Member Pitchford wrote and possibly using that for a My Vote Counts segment.

Member Pitchford commented that the article was about voter apathy and he would send it to all members and the City Clerk again for review. He welcomed suggested changes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Kendzierski adjourned the meeting at 6:15pm.

Minutes drafted by: City Clerk Smith