

BOARD FOR REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

MEET: Time 6:00 2/4/2020

Where: Community Room, Police Department

Present: Elisabeth Mickenberg, Michelle Lefkowitz, Larry Granillo, Jim Rader, Kate Baldwin, Lenore Broughton, Mohamed Jafar, Annie Schneider, Weiwei Wang (phone)

Absent: Martha Gile, Helen Rock, Charles Cashatt, Youth Member Rebecca Cunningham

Also Present: Amy Bovee, Assistant City Clerk

Meeting called to order by Chair Lis

Agenda: The agenda was accepted as presented.

Meeting Length: The meeting length was set for 1 hour.

Minutes: Jim Rader made a request that C/T be spelled out to read Clerk/Treasurer, and that the names of local newspapers be italicized. Motion made by Jim Rader to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Kate Baldwin. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Applications: Amy Bovee submitted: January: new voter registrations 341, purged 35, transferred out of town 166.

Michelle Lefkowitz made a motion to accept the numbers, seconded by Annie Schneider. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report: Amy Bovee announced that the City would be providing translated sample ballots for its local election in addition to the translated sample ballots for the Presidential Primary which will be provided by the State. She stated that early voting for the Presidential Primary has begun, and local ballots will be arriving in the next week.

Prepare for March Election: Amy Bovee reminded all Board members to make sure that they are able to access their VEMS accounts. The Board agreed to the following Ward assignments:

Ward 1 – Lenore/Kate, Ward 2 – Helen, Ward 3 – Michelle, Ward 4 – Martha, Ward 5 – Jim/Mohamed, Ward 6 – Weiwei, Ward 7 – Larry, Ward 8 – Charles, Float – Lis & Annie

Member's Reports:

Oath Subcommittee: The Board reviewed the final letter and agreed that it is ready to be sent out.

Procedures Subcommittee: The Board agreed to review the draft procedures, bring a copy to the Election with them, and make any edits they felt needed. The edits will be compiled into a final document after the March election.

Outreach Subcommittee: Annie Schneider announced that she had attended the Board of Finance meeting and the Mayor had agreed to find funding to publish sample ballots in the *North Avenue News*. Lis Mickenberg stated she would touch base with Helen Rock to find out the status of the *Seven Days* project.

Absentee Ballot Envelopes Subcommittee: Michelle Lefkowitz noted that they had not yet made revisions to the State Primary ballot envelope. Amy Bovee said that there is still an opportunity to do this in time for the August election. She agreed to send the Board a copy of the current envelope so they can begin thinking about how they would like to redesign it.

Other Updates: Lenore Broughton distributed an article titled “Von Spakovsky: The double voting problem”. The Board agreed to discuss it at its next meeting.

Review/Re-do Application signing schedule

Feb 7 – Mohamed, Feb 11 – Kate, Feb 14 – Michelle, Feb 18 – Annie, Feb 21 – Larry, Feb 25 – Kate, Feb 28 - Jim

On a motion by Weiwei Wang, seconded by Jim Rader, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Amy Bovee, Assistant City Clerk