

MEETING MINUTES
 COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES
 CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, 2015
 October 1, 2015

Farmington Hills City Hall Community Room located at:
 31555 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, Mi. 48336

CALLED TO ORDER BY: Secretary Ed Cherkinsky called meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Ahmed, Kathy Ashcraft, Ed Cherkinsky, Rebecca Dworkin, Carmen Francis, Diane Hague, Joan McGlincy, Leana Parker, Marla Parker, Erica Saum, Laura Scott, Mitch Seelye, Sandy Smith and Sharon Snodgrass.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jessica Cummings, Stephanie Davis, Bill Dwyer, C. J. Felton, Anthony Lewis, Anwar Mahmood, Andy Nichelhoff, Michael Peters, Bette Rose, and Eugene Thomas.

OTHERS PRESENT: Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members: Todd Lipa, Jon Manier, Lee Panoushek, Dave Stasch, Brian Spitsbergen and Samantha Steckloff.

1	APPROVAL OF AGENDA 10/01/15		MOTION BY: Mitch Seelye SUPPORT BY: Kathy Ashcraft MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous
2	APPROVAL OF MINUTES 9/03/15	Erica Saum's last name is corrected on the Final Approved Minutes.	MOTION BY: Mitch Seelye SUPPORT BY: Diane Hague MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous
3	AGENDA ITEM: Public Safety Millage Update	ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF DAVE STASCH and DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF LEE PANOUSHEK: The ballot wording was reviewed and we were informed that the current tax assessment would not change. Both departments have positive statistics. Present staffing was reviewed and police and fire sites were described. Training and Innovation Programs were reviewed, as well as combined programs between the police and fire department. There are aid agreements with other communities to aid in effective community service. If the millage is rejected, there will be losses which can result in real problems.	
4	AGENDA ITEM: Youth Division Update	TODD LIPA: Early enrollment numbers are down 5 to 10% in 7 to 8 Grade students. The numbers are the same for Grades 5 to 6. These numbers may reflect an increase in fall activities, such as sports or students finalizing their schedules. There is a \$10,000 grant from the Michigan Recreation and Park Association for their "Come Out and Play" program, which will provide the Youth Program with 150 Fitbits which will measure steps, calorie intake and sleep habits. It is now an 8 week test period which will measure before and after performance. Hopefully, it will engender interest in parents and school personnel. There is a partnership with a local tech company to assist the students in building an app. 5 centers are currently operating (Costick Center and YMCA numbers are up, but Warner and the ice arena numbers are down.	
5	AGENDA ITEM: Issue Committee and College Financing Seminar Updates	DIANE HAGUE: Guesstimate of attendance at the Seminar is 90 to 100 because often only one person in a group signs in. 49 Evaluation forms were turned in because only one person in a group filled it out. Attendees learned about the event by listserv (35), newspapers (8), Fliers (2), friends and family (5), library (1) and organization (1). There was a ratings scale from 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest score. 32 rated the program as a 5 and 17 rated it a 4. Regarding the most important program segment, 10 said everything, 18 said	

		FAFSA, 8 thought it was College Financing information, 12 thought the admissions was the most important and the question and answer session was most important to 8 attendees. All attendees would recommend our Seminar. There were suggestions, such as having laser pointers for the presenters, more scholarship information, having an open program to high school students on FAFSA information. More information on Financial Aid, more question and answer time and announcements should be made directly at school. This suggestions and more will be discussed further at our Issue Committee Meetings.	
6	AGENDA ITEM: Call to Action Update	MITCH SEELYE and REBECCA DWORKIN: The annual Call to Action Coalition Breakfast is scheduled for 10/2 at 7:00 am. In the Shannon Room at the Costick Center. The Alateen Program has a new member who is 11 years old and lives with two parents who engage in substance abuse and domestic violence. She stays up late to mediate arguments and gets up early to get two younger siblings ready for school. On Friday, October 9, an Alateen Meeting is scheduled for Heritage Park where there will be a hayride, a spiritual segment and a hot dog and s'more roast.	
7	AGENDA ITEM: CYF Spotlight Show Update	CARMEN FRANCIS: The program on Police Community Relations with Chief Nebus and Director Demers with our new permanent host, Bill Dwyer was well received. Nothing is planned at this time and a request for suggestions was made with instructions to send them to Ed.	
8	AGENDA ITEM: New Business and Announcements	<p>1. F.H. CITY COUNCIL: SAMANTHA STECKLOFF: A Brief description was given for the road assessments and the ratings system which determines repair or replacement. "Pinktober" is breast awareness month and self examination and recommended diagnostic testing is urged for both men and women.</p> <p>2. LIBRARY: LAURA SCOTT: The Library Brochure for events happening in October was distributed. The annual financial programs for kids is scheduled for October.</p> <p>3. YMCA: LEANA PARKER: The Halloween celebration at the YMCA on 10/24 is free and open to all.</p> <p>4. FARMINGTON SCHOOLS: JON MANIER: The requested millage accounts for \$40 Million Dollars or 40% of the operating budget. This is not a tax increase and this is the last millage request for 10 years. If defeated it will result in cutting resource by a third. Class size would increase, staff and compensation packages would be reduced. Buildings would have to be repurposed and early childhood programs would be absorbed into other sites. Information was distributed.</p> <p>5. SOBRIETY COURT: JUDGE MARLA PARKER: They graduated two people. The speaker was a former successful graduate. The event was also attended by 8 to 10 former graduates.</p>	
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11	Public Comments	None.	

ADJOURNMENT	Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.	MOTION BY: Diane Hague SECOND BY: Kathy Ashcraft MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous
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