

**MEETING MINUTES
COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, 2015
May 5, 2016**

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

CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chair Carmen Francis called meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Cherkinsky, Jessica Cummings, Rebecca Dworkin, Carmen Francis, Josephine Hobson, Anwar Mahmood, Joan McGlincy, Leana Parker, Marla Parker, Bette Rose, Erica Saum, Laura Scott, Mitch Seelye, Sandy Smith and Sharon Snodgrass.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kathy Ashcraft, Bill Dwyer, Diane Hague, Anthony Lewis, Jim Nash, Leana Parker, Mike Peters, Mitch Seelye, Brian Spitsbergen and Eugene Thomas.

OTHERS PRESENT: Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members: Todd Lipa, Jon Manier and David Stasch.

GUEST SPEAKER: Greg Geiger, Bishop of the Church of Latter Day Saints and Church Members, Gloria Jensen and Will Barber.

<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>5/5/16</p>		<p>MOTION BY: Joan McGlincy</p> <p>SUPPORT By: Bette Rose</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</p> <p>4/7/16</p>		<p>MOTION BY: Bette Rose</p> <p>SUPPORT BY: Laurie Scott</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous</p>
<p>AGENDA ITEM:</p> <p>Youth Division Update</p>	<p>TODD LIPA: Todd passed out programs for the Summer Field Trips which are being promoted and offered to 5th graders for Mid-June to Mid-August. They have been sponsoring monthly Friday Night Dances and All Night Parties for several months at the Costick Center. The events have been well received and it includes the use of the gym, pool, bouncers and various crafts. DTE has been providing Energy Saver Boxes on a random basis and they include light bulbs, pipe insulation and shower faucets. The After School Program has over 300 students daily and the population will probably drop due to school changes. The 6th graders use it the most. Todd and his Staff are preparing for the school changes.</p>	

AGENDA ITEM: Issues Committee Update	ED CHERKINSKY: The College Financing Seminar is scheduled for September 28 which is prior to the Schoolcraft College Fair. Daisy Cordero will again coordinate the Seminar. The Committee will meet on May 31 to begin planning for the event.	
AGENDA ITEM: Call to Action Update	This Agenda item is being tabled until the June 2 Meeting due to illness.	
AGENDA ITEM: CYF Spotlight Show Update	ED CHERKINSKY: Bill Dwyer will host Jim Nash, Oakland County Water Commissioner regarding water safety and Jeffrey Amo, from Cummins-Bridgeway about opportunities in the trades. SWOCC is auctioning their asset and is still in the moving process which should be completed by the end of May. The shows should be taped in June.	
AGENDA ITEM: Volunteer Recognition Update	MARLA PARKER: The nominees have been contacted and one will not be able to and sadly one died prior to receiving the award. Joan will provide a bio for Jan Dolan. Todd reported that the plaques and certificates have been completed and one certificate will be corrected. Snacks will be ordered to 75 and Diane Hague and Kitty Ostach will meet at Gordon Foods to pick it Farmington Deli will deliver a tray at 6:00 pm. Members will set up tables, distribute name badges and greet guests.	
AGENDA ITEM: Guest Speaker	GREG GEIGER: Bishop Geiger is promoting a free web site, www.justserve.org which he described as non-denominational, non-political and non-fundraising. It is meant to connect potential volunteers to resources looking for volunteers. It is being introduced in Michigan and has been successful in other States. This website is currently being administered by Church Member Gloria Jensen. Dave Boyer, Farmington Hills City Manager has been contacted and he indicated that the City would explore the concept further. Greg was advised to contact Mike Lasley from Central Services who would be in charge of putting a link to the JustServe.org website on the City website. Greg is also contacting the Inter-Faith Council. JustServe.org resources can ask potential volunteers to contact them directly on their website or register on the JustServe.or website. The Resource may administer their own website or use the Church Administrator, who is currently Gloria Jensen. The CYF members will list their questions and concerns and pass them onto the Issues Committee to research further for a determination of support or non-support by the Commission.	
AGENDA ITEM: New Business and Announcements	VISIONS UNLIMITED PROM: Erica Saum and Becky Dworkin volunteered to be chaperones at the Visions' Prom scheduled for June 3 at the Embassy Suites in Livonia. FARMINGTON HILLS POLICE DEPT.: DAVID STASCH. ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF: Their is an application for a Federal Grant that will be awarded to only 7 Police Departments in the U.S. The money will be used to establish a bi-weekly 8 week Police Academy which will introduce a career in law enforcement to teens. The Department collected unused	

prescription drugs at the Botsford Senior Housing Center. There is a suggestion that funeral homes to announce to the families of the deceased to dispose of unused drugs. Both Farmington Hills and Farmington provide a full time service that accepts drugs for disposal in a safe manner. Erica Saum informed us that the FHPD has a Domestic Violence Task Force that will be speaking locally and at a program in Philadelphia.

FPS: JESSICA CUMMINGS and JON MANIER: Jessica detailed the decision to subcontract the FPS Maintenance Unit and retain the Transportation Service. There will be a final decision at the June Meeting. Howard Wallach, Board President, will retire and replacements will be vetted and the process will be publicized. 26% of kindergarten enrollees speak English at any level outside the home, but converse in their parents' native language in the home. Jon informed us that about 85 languages or dialects are spoken in the district. Todd informed us that the InterFaith Council has a program presented by 7th graders that have completed cultural studies. It is very impressive and suggested it for a Spotlight Show. May 12. a program for English as a 2nd language will be presented at Dunckel. Jon updated us the lead study that disclosed 5 buildings (2 Elementary Schools, Visions, a Science Room and a Gym) which had sinks or drinking fountains with low lead above the safe level. Some sinks were designated for hand washing only, some fountains were affected due to lack of use, but all were well below dangerous levels. It is also affected by the number of aging buildings. FPF will be graduating 1000 seniors in 2016.

YMCA: LEANA PARKER: Laura Perlowski, Executive Director, will retire in 7/16 and the process to replace her has been initiated. On 5/15, Swim for Kids has been scheduled with the proceeds to go to the Annual Fund. On 5/22, Girls on the Run is scheduled and races will include various distances. On 6/3 the annual Cipriano Classic will be held with proceeds going to Salvatore Cipriano who is now walking and getting treatment at a Canadian facility. Salvatore still has verbal issues.

COMMISSION OF AGING: JOSEPHINE HOBSON: Josephine informed us of two upcoming programs: The first is on 5/19 at the Costick Center and will feature the State Attorney General, Bill Schuette, who will speak on scams focusing on seniors. The second is at the Costick on 5/26 from 9:30 am. To 1 pm. which is the Senior Health and Fitness Day and is free. A survey was conducted by the Commission to determine the most important and essential programs for seniors in case cuts were implemented. Meals on Wheels, in home care, prevention of elder abuse, legal aid grandparents raising grandchildren, eye/ear services and education classes were most important.

LIBRARY: LAURA SCOTT: Laura noted that diverse English language learning students are motivated to learn. Musicale is scheduled for Sunday, May 8 at 2 pm. in the Main Library. There

	will be a June/July reading program. Laura distributed a flier. Laura informed us how important the CYF Recognition Certificate was to a longtime library volunteer who died recently. ANNOUNCEMENTS: CARMEN FRANCIS: City of Farmington will assist a student(s) to get part time employment with the City. Todd gave information of Diane Powell who has had a similar program. Carmen announced she will resign from the Commission after the June Meeting.P	
PUBLIC COMMENTS:	None	

ADJOURNMENT:	Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 pm.	MOTION BY: Laura Scott SECOND BY: Marla Parker MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous
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