

MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES  
February 6, 2020  
COMMUNITY ROOM, FARMINGTON HILL CITY HALL  
31555 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, Mi. 48336

**CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Chair Kathy Ashcraft at 6:00 pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kathy Ashcraft, Ed Cherkinsky and Bette Rose

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Diane Hague, Joan McGlincy, Anwar Mahmood, Mitch Seelye, Sharon Snodgrass and Brian Spitsbergen

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members and Alternate and Associates members: Jessica Cummings, Jeff King, Todd Lipa, Mary Newlin, Jim Nash and Marla Parker.

**PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS:** Jeff Boyle, Sean DeFour, Jordan Scrimger and Adam Whitfield

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

MOTION by Parke, support by Roseto approve the Agenda of January 9, Motion approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** -November 7, 2019:

MOTION by Rose, support by Cherkinsky to approve the minutes of October 3. Motion carried unanimously.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Everyone at the Meeting introduced themselves.

**YOUTH DIVISION UPDATE: Todd Lipa:** Todd reviewed the history of the After School Program for the prospective members including the fact that 21 after school programs were started 25 years ago with federal funds , this is the only surviving program. While the school numbers are down, the percentage of after school students are up. There are currently 3 After School Programs open. The students are transported to the Centers and are in a safe environment until they are picked up by parents at 5:30. March 13 is a half of a school day and everyone is invited to a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Program which will be held from 3:00 to 5:30 pm.

**CALL TO ACTION UPDATE:** Tabled until March Meeting.

**ISSUES COMMITTEE UPDATE: Kathy Ashcraft:** The Issues Committee and Tech Night was explained. There are 14 vendors signed up for the Tech Event, including, but not limited to FPS, Oak Tech, OCC, MITA, Pipe Fitters, Plumbing and Electrical Contracting Companies and more. It is scheduled for March 3 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. In the Shannon Room at the Costick Center. Stuffing folders is scheduled for February 27 at 10:45 am. In the Conference Room at the Costick Center.

**VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION UPDATE: Marla Parker:** Marla is the Chair and the Presenter on the night of the Awards. The program begins at 6:30 pm. On May at Farmington Hills City Council with a reception with food. Award will be presented before City Council in the categories of Adult, Youth, Families, Organizations, Business, Distinguished Public Servant and the George Romney Award. The subcommittee will met at 5:00 pm prior to the regularly scheduled meeting on March 5 in the Community Room.

**SPOTLIGHT SHOW UPDATE:** Tabled until March.

**FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Jessica Cummings:** There is a Bond Issue on the March 10 Primary Election Ballot. For more information there is a website with FAQ's explaining the bond. The new Superintendent of Schools has been going into the Schools and the Community to provide information.

**FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL: Mary Newlin:** Mary introduced herself as the new Farmington Hills City Council liaison to CYF. She gave a synopsis of her background. On Monday, Narcam training was given to 70 members of the Community by the Police and Fire personnel.

**FARMINGTON 47TH DISTRICT COURT:** Marla spoke about the success of the Sobriety Court program

and the Program to Prevent Domestic Violence.

**C.A.R.R.E.S.: Todd Lipa:** 68% of people served are from Farmington/Farmington Hills. The daily lunch program now feeds 50-60 people a day. More than 40,000 articles of clothing have been given out. There are 130 families in food peril. There were 800 visits last year. 270,000 pounds of food has been distributed. There is now a AA program being held on Sunday in the classrooms in the basement with about 30 attendees.

**OAKLAND COUNTY WATER DEPARTMENT: Jim Nash:** They have been doing a program with Oakland University and Cranbrook for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders to educate them about the environment. The schools now have a program called Blue Planet jobs. There was a program where 200 seats were filled.

**NEXT MEETING:** March 5 in the Community Room at Farmington Hills City Hall.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by Rose, support by Cherkinsky to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm. Motion carried unanimously  
Respectfully submitted by Rose/ Cherkinsky