

**MEETING MINUTES
COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
September 4, 2014**

Brass Pointe Restaurant, 24234 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington Hills, Mi. 48336

CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chair, Paul Melrose at 6:30 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Ashcraft, Ed Cherkinsky, Stephanie Davis, C. J. Felton, Carmen Francis, Diane Hague, Anthony Lewis, Joan McGlincy, Paul Melrose, Jim Nash, Andy Nichelhoff, Leana Parker, Erica Reeves, Laura Scott, Mitch Seelye, Sandy Smith and Eugene Thomas.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Karen Bolsen, Rebecca Dworkin, Bill Dwyer, Marla Parker and Bette Rose,

OTHERS PRESENT: Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members: Todd Lipa and Charles Nebus. **Guests:** Elyse Streit, Director of the Farmington Hills Public Library and Daisy Cordero, Senior Financial Counselor at Wayne State University

#	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION SUMMARY/PERTINENT INFO	FORMAL MOTIONS:
1	APPROVAL OF AGENDA 9/4/14	Introduction of Commission members and guests Elyse Streit, the new Director of the Farmington Hills Public Library and Daisy Cordero, Senior Financial Counselor at Wayne State University	MOTION BY: Jim Nash SUPPORT BY: Mitch Seelye MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous
2	APPROVAL OF MINUTES 6/5/14		MOTION BY: Diane Hague SUPPORT BY: Stephanie Davis MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous
3	AGENDA ITEM: Youth Division Update	Todd Lipa: 190 Youth were served in the Summer Program and that is the largest enrollment in 18 years. 24 educationally needy kids were assisted by staff member, Ron Johnson. There were 24 field trips and most were educational. There is concern that there is a higher number of students being dropped off at 7:30 am, but the official program is scheduled from 10 am to 5 pm which means that these dropped off Youth are spending almost 12 hours at the Program Site. The program is financially profitable but the dropped off students can suffer physically and emotionally. Todd praised the staff and he indicated that he is working hard to have the makeup of the staff match that of the Youth in the program. He commended staff member Solomon for helping a group of Youth run a Lemonade Stand using established business models. They made \$400+. There were 742 Students in the After-School Program last year and 450 are signed up so far this year. They are examining ways to increase the educational component of the After-School Programs. Prince of Peace withdrew as a program site, but the YMCA has replaced it. Farmington's After-School Program is the largest in the US. Todd has made contact with the Farmington Public School's Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent. In response to Erica Reaves inquiry, we were informed that OCC and the Michigan School of Psychology are supplying their work/study to aid the After-School Program. Todd is looking for community partners to kids and supplement their family activities.	
4	AGENDA ITEM: Issues Committee Update	Carmen Francis and Daisy Cordero: Agenda is in place for the October 20 College Night at the Costick Center. The participants and speakers are confirmed. There will be 3 speakers and the program will include a walk through the FAFSA form for parents. Daisy and Carmen will present a segment on how to research and find scholarships. The University of Toledo and representatives from local colleges will be present. Daisy will offer help for parents of seniors in completing FAFSA forms on 2/18/15 at the Library on Twelve Mile	

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	ADJOURNMENT	Motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm.	MOTION BY: Eugene Thomas SECOND BY: Carmen Francis MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous
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