

MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES  
JUNE 7, 2018-6PM  
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL, VIEWPOINT ROOM

**CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Chair, Kathy Ashcraft at 6:05 pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kathy Ashcraft, Ed Cherkinsky, Anwar Mahmood, Bette Rose, Mitch Seelye, Sharon Snodgrass and Brian Spitsbergen.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Diane Hague, Anthony Lewis, Joan McGlincy and Mitch Seelye

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members and Alternate and Associates members: Todd Anderson, Amber DeLind, Jim Nash and Laurie Scott.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

MOTION by Snodgrass, support by Rose to approve the Agenda of June 7, Motion approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES –May 3 , 2018:**

MOTION by Rose, support by Snodgrass to approve the minutes of April 5, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**YOUTH DIVISION UPDATE:** Tabled until September 13.

**ISSUES COMMITTEE UPDATE:** The next Issues Committee Meeting is scheduled for August 27. Tech night is scheduled for November 7 in the Shannon Room at the Costick Center. The next General Meeting is scheduled for September 13 at the Brass Pointe Restaurant. There was a discussion to move the Volunteer Recognition to April to coincide with Volunteer Recognition Month and avoid being a victim of Volunteer Recognition burnout and conflicts with other groups giving out award.

**CALL TO ACTION UPDATE: Becky Dworkin:** They will meet this summer to determine how to increase attendance at the annual Call to Action Breakfast.

**VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION REVIEW:** The number of nominations for Student Volunteers was disappointing. We need to encourage the schools and their departments to select deserving students for recognition. The National Honor Society requires volunteering. The Volunteers for the event should be recognized. Marla Parker as chair and host was excellent as always. Diane, Joan, Sandy and Kathy for arranging the refreshments. Todd Lipa and his staff for arranging and furnishing the venue. Todd for arranging the awards. Sharon, Laurie and Dr. Mahmoud for always supporting and assisting in anyway they can. If we did have the involvement of our members, we cease to exist.

**SPOTLIGHT SHOW UPDATE: Sharon Snodgrass:** The only summer program scheduled is Laurie Scott hosting a show on Tummy Time for infants. It is important for infants to be on their stomach in order to speed development.

**NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Todd Anderson: FPS:** The Art on the Grand weekend was a big and safe success.

**Jim Nash: Water Resource Commissioner:** We were reminded of the annual fun day scheduled for June 9 from 11:00 am. To 4:00 pm. at Beaudette Park in Pontiac. It is a free event and including art, fishing, fun and dinner. It is also educational with an emphasis on education. 800 attended last year. They are expecting 1000 this year.

**Laura Scott: Farmington Hills Community Library:** Laura handed out three informational flyers. She spoke to students at Warner Middle School and she was well received. The Human Book Project was held on May 19 at the Main Library and it was a big success. The book , “Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth,” could be a tie-in to our upcoming joint program with the Commission on Aging.

**DR. Mahmood:** A discussion arose from Dr. Mahmood's question about mass shootings in small towns. There is an epidemic of gun violence in the country which is not confined to highly populated areas. We are more aware of it if it happens in a small town which we unrealistically think are immune.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by Rose, support by Dworkin, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm. Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted by Bette Rose/Ed Cherkinsky