

**MEETING MINUTES  
COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
March 6, 2014  
Farmington Hills City Hall Community Room located at:  
31555 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI. 48336**

**CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Chair, Paul Melrose at 6:00 pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kathy Ashcraft, Stephanie Davis, C. J. Felton, Diane Hague, Carla Mackey, Joan McGlincy, Paul Melrose, Leana Parker, Marla Parker, Bette Rose, Mitch Seelye, Sandy Smith and Eugene Thomas.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Karen Bolsen, Ed Cherkinsky, Rebecca Dworkin, Bill Dwyer, Carmen Francis, Anthony Lewis, Anwar Mahmood, Paul Melrose, Jim Nash, Andy Nichelhoff, Michael Peters, Erica Reaves and Laura Scott.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members: Todd Lipa, Chuck Nebus, Robert Shulz and Winson Wang and Guests: Lew Cantor and Sarah Rogers

#	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION SUMMARY/PERTINENT INFO	FORMAL MOTIONS:
1	<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b> 3/6/14	Introduction of new liaison Winson Wang from the Commission on Aging, Sarah Rogers, a Mercy High School teacher auditing the Meeting as part of a graduate course study on communities and Guest, Lew Cantor.	<b>MOTION BY:</b> Mitch Seelye <b>SUPPORT BY:</b> Bette Rose <b>MOTION CARRIED:</b> Unanimous
2	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b> 2/6/14	Paul expressed gratitude to Carmen Francis for chairing the last two meetings.	<b>MOTION BY:</b> Mitch Seelye <b>SUPPORT BY:</b> Diane Hague <b>MOTION CARRIED:</b> Unanimous
3	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>Youth Division Update</b>	Todd passed out information sheets titled “Youth & Family Services—After School Program. It includes goals for the After School Program and Summer Programs showing the links to the City goals. <u>Performance Objectives</u> mark an increase of 10% in daily visits at the After School Youth Centers. Total number of hours spent by youth members in the After School Program and Summer Drop-In Program equals 122,102 hours. Graphs show that the largest group continues to be 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> graders with an equal distribution of boys and girls. Next year funding will be raised for summer programs. There will be a New--”Crescendo Program with Intercity Churches bringing a program for the Arts (Music, Poetry, etc.). It will be held in the Jon Grant Center from September to December. Todd commented on the declining school census which will affect the stats for the After School Program in the future.	
4	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>Issues Committee Update</b>	The April 29 Seminar for Vocational and Technical Training will have the title: “ <i>Surprising Pathways to Career Success.</i> ” The News Release prepared by Jill was distributed to the members with the request to review it and contact Diane or Ed with changes and/or additions by the weekend. Jill recommended that the Press Release be distributed by next week and the Flyer would be available for the Monday Morning Issues Committee Meeting. The Program is focused on High School Students—Sophomores and up. Options will be presented and dispelling the stigma of Tech Careers that parents have felt. Amy and Jill both recognized that to dispel this stigma, our Program should not have the majority presenters as 'academics.' It should showcase those who have done well in the Trades and how to accomplish that. Todd suggested bringing in a spokesperson from a construction company, such as EJH Construction, to speak on needs. Nancy Cappola (Economic Development Director) should be contacted. For publicity, Todd suggested calling Dennis, the Manager at Home Depot to post a flyer on the event.	
5	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>Call to Action</b>	Mitch: There will be no Call to Action Board Meeting on Monday, March 10. Instead, there will be a Drug Presentation at North Farmington H.S. At 6:30 pm. (paid for by confiscated drug dealer money.) 32 kids participated in a bowling outing and it was very	

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		successful. There was a AA/Alateen presentation in Dearborn composed of a panel discussing self and family abuse (burners, attempted suicide, etc.) Mitch spoke about a young man who did not trust males based on alcoholic father and brother. He now has had some great experiences and has found a male mentor. Chuck congratulated Mitch for saving Call to Action from extinction. Without Mitch, it would have folded.	
6	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>Volunteer Recognition Committee</b>	Marla: The Committee met for breakfast, which was well attended and the event was planned. The format will be the same with the same categories—Youth, Adult, Family, Business, Group and the George Romney Award. We will have a CYF banner and an informational handout about CYF. There will be a <b>New Special Award--"Nancy Bates Distinguished Public Servant Award"</b> and the first recipient will be Nancy Bates. The date of the Awards is May 12 and nomination forms need to be submitted by March 28. The Committee will meet one hour before our April 3 Meeting.	<b>MOTION BY: Mitch Seelye to approve the establishment of "Nancy Bates Distinguished Servant Award"</b>  <b>SUPPORT BY: Kathy Ashcraft</b>  <b>MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous</b>
7	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>CYF Spotlight</b>	Paul complimented Carmen for her great job of hosting the show on Bullying. Chuck and Bob will present the next topic on the Annual Report indicating decreased crime numbers and he will contact Jacob to set a date for production. Chuck spoke about NIXLE which are emergency notifications. They are available to residents through Google and all you do is sign up and you will receive emergency messages.	
8	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>Newspaper Column and Update</b>	Stephanie and Kathy are working on the site.	
9	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>New Business and Announcements</b>	Erica is working on a new tri-fold for CYF. Mitch: The Exemplar Club is holding their annual Euchre Night Fund Raiser at the Costick Center on March 22. Paul: The MCMR Rainbow Breakfast celebrating diversity is scheduled for March 22 (Contact Cheryl Poole at: <a href="mailto:cpoole@ci.farmington.mi.us">cpoole@ci.farmington.mi.us</a> ). Winson: 1). The Commission on Aging Volunteer Recognition Breakfast is scheduled for April 9 and will recognize two age categories; 50 years old+ and 75 years old+. Please call the Senior Division at the Costick Center to register. 2). Project Living Healthy is scheduled for April 4 from 9:00 am. to 2 pm., please call 313-531-9108 or 248-473-1830. It was created by the United Health Organization and there is pre-registration at the Costick Center. Free height, weight and blood pressure will be taken, but there is a fee for blood tests. 3). There is a new website on the city website which has a press release with the City's Annual Report. There was a request for the link on information on crime statistics and Chuck gave information on how to access the press release and annual reports on the City Website.	
10.	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>Public Comments</b>	None	
	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm.	<b>MOTION BY: Mitch Seelye</b> <b>SECOND BY: Eugene Thomas</b> <b>MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous</b>
	<b>MINUTES PREPARED BY</b>	Ed Cherkinsky, Secretary, with assistance by Diane Hague  Contact Information: Ed Cherkinsky at (248) 661-5114 or <a href="mailto:echerkinsk@aol.com">echerkinsk@aol.com</a>	