

**MEETING MINUTES
COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS**

November 3, 2016

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

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Ashcraft, Brian Spitsbergen, Ed Cherkinsky, Jessica Cummings, Rebecca Dworkin, Joan McGlincy, Marla Parker, Bette Rose, Erica Saum, Laura Scott, Sandy Smith, Sharon Snodgrass and Brian Spitsbergen.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jaymi Dormaier, Bill Dwyer, Diane Hague, Josephine Hobson, Anthony Lewis, Anwar Mahmood, Jim Nash, Mike Peters, Mitch Seelye and Eugene Thomas.

OTHERS PRESENT: Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members: Todd Anderson, Matt Koehn, Todd Lipa and Jon Manier

<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>11/3/16</p>	<p>Introduction of Members.</p>	<p>MOTION BY: Bette Rose</p> <p>SUPPORT By: Erica Saum</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</p> <p>10/6/16</p>		<p>MOTION BY: Erica Saum</p> <p>SUPPORT BY: Bette Rose</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous</p>
<p>AGENDA ITEM:</p> <p>Youth Division Update</p>	<p>TODD LIPA: The numbers were up for the Summer Program. There were over 120 participants with an average attendance of 80 per day. On Mondays there were Heriitage Park activities and Educational Field Trips on Tuesday. There was the loss of the YMCA, but space was obtained at Dunkel with the help of Superintendent Heitsch. There are concerns for the Student Athletes. Tutoring is available, but not utilized. Motivators are needed to increase the use of tutoring and improved grades. It is available at the Costick Center, Ice Arena, Dunkel and the Jon Grant Center. Jessica asked to meet with Todd to discuss ideas for improving the problem. Todd, Ken Massey and Jerry Ellis are working with The Educational Foundation to improve the support given to homeless children. There is a plan to incorporate St. Al's Food Pantry and its surrounding 10 acres into St. Al's Community Center. They are</p>	

	now working with the Graham Smith Foundation to address the needs of the homeless and needy children which includes motivating negligent parents.	
AGENDA ITEM: Issues Committee Update	KATHY, ED, BETTE & JOAN: Individual High Schools are now offering their own College Nights Programs, so we want to focus on Elementary School and Middle School Parents and Students. Jon and Jessica concurred that this proposal has merit. Technical and Vocational Night is currently being planned for February 8 and we are in the process of contacting representatives of various trades and businesses.	
AGENDA ITEM: Call to Action Update	REBECCA DWORKIN: The attendance for the Annual Breakfast in October was low. They are now looking into new programs and more publicity to increase interest and participation.	
AGENDA ITEM: CYF Spotlight Show Update	ED CHERKINSKY: Sharon will be hosting with WSU Financial and Admissions Representatives in December. A Show with Jim Nash speaking about Water Quality with Bill Dwyer as host is currently on the air and on the Internet. We will be scheduling more College Representatives to do shows about their Institutions.	
AGENDA ITEM: New Business and Announcements	<p>TODD LIPA: The Farmington Hills Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner is scheduled for 11/9. On December 12, Thomas the Tank Engine will be at the Costick Center and this is sponsored by DPTV, JARC and Jack's Place Autism Foundation</p> <p>MARLA PARKER: VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION: Planning for the Volunteer Recognition Night will begin in January. Our 2016 winner of the Public Servant Public Servant Volunteer Award, Jan Dolan, has passed away. The Educational Foundation is establishing a task force to confront 10 core areas of acute needs in our Community.</p> <p>BRIAN SPITSBERGEN: He apologized for an interruption in his attendance, but he was busy leading a successful Addiction Awareness Class at Botsford Hospital, as well as being involved in a pilot project with St. Mary's Hospital and the Detroit-Wayne County Mental Health Agency which created a long term treatment program following detox. A domestic program was created to provide continuing housing and treatment for addicts and he would like to work to extend these programs to Oakland County. He is currently proposing more treatment opportunities in the Farmington Area. He is proposing more coordination among the Police, Medical Community, and the Educational Community on Addiction Issues, with the hope of including the entire region. Todd expressed his desire to join the movement to coordinate Community Resources.</p> <p>MATT KOEHN: ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF: FARMINGTON HILL POLICE DEPT.: Representatives of the DEA recently trained our Officers. Drug Cartels are moving more potent drugs into the our Communities posing as danger to users as well as responders. Narcam is becoming less helpful in dealing with overdoses. We are dealing with an increase in mental health issues. Diversity is highlighted in future hiring in order to deal with the mental health and other law enforcement issues. The</p>	

	<p>Department is looking to hire 5 new Officers and three PSAs. Several retired Detroit Police Officers have been employed. Staff is currently down and hiring has been difficult.</p> <p>TODD ANDERSON: SHIFT COMMANDE: FARMINGTON PUBLIC SAFETY: Issues facing the Department are Diversity and hiring qualified Officers. Both Departments require two years of College.</p> <p>LAURA SCOTT: FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY LIBRARY: The Events Calendar was passed out and a flyer for a Kwanzaa Program to be presented in the Library Auditorium on 12/3 at 2:00 pm. This event is co-sponsored with the African American Family Association and Laura explained Kwanzaa and invited everyone to attend.</p> <p>JESSICA CUMMINGS AND JON MANIER: FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Jessica clarified the School Board seats up for election and encouraged everyone to vote. She encouraged attendance for the Educational Foundation's "Toast to Education" scheduled on 11/4 from 7 to 9:30 pm. at the Farmington Hills Manor. Babysitting is available at the YMCA. There are upcoming Theatrical Productions at the 3 High Schools. Jon informed us that a sale at Dunkel yielded \$1400.00. There is a glut of desks and other School furniture due to refurbishing and/or closing of Schools. If it was donated to needy countries, the cost of shipping would be prohibited.</p>	
PUBLIC COMMENTS	None	
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 pm.	<p>MOTION BY: Marla Parker</p> <p>SECOND BY: Jessica Cummings</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous</p>
i	<p>Minutes Prepared By: Ed Cherkinsky, Secretary and assisted by Joan McGlinicy</p> <p>Contact Information: Ed Cherkinsky at (248) 661-5114 or echerkinsk@aol.com</p>	

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