

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

June 5, 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 6:30 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Cherkinsky, Stephanie Davis, Rebecca Dworkin, C. J. Felton, Carmen Francis, Diane Hague, Anthony Lewis, Carla Mackey, Anwar Mahmood, Joan McGlincy, Paul Melrose, Jim Nash, Michael Peters, Erica Reeves, Laura Scott, Mitch Seelye, Sandy Smith and Eugene Thomas.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kathy Ashcraft, Karen Bolsen, Bill Dwyer, Andy Nichelhoff, Leana Parker, Marla Parker and Bette Rose,

OTHERS PRESENT: Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members: Todd Lipa
Guests: Phyllis Abrahams and Katie Stack, Congressional Liaison for Gary Peters and Winsom Wang, Liaison for the Commission on Aging

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1	APPROVAL OF AGENDA 6/5/14		MOTION BY: Jim Nash SUPPORT BY: Mitch Seelye MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous
2	APPROVAL OF MINUTES 5/1/14		MOTION BY: Diane Hague SUPPORT BY: Mitch Seelye MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous
3	AGENDA ITEM: Youth Division Update	Todd Lipa: June 6 is the last After-School Program. The Summer Session begins on June 23 at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and the Ice Arena. The Church is no longer able for the After-School Program because they are redirecting their space. They will be signing a contract with the YMCA. The facility offers many resources, but it will be more difficult to monitor the students due to its size and many more building areas.	
4	AGENDA ITEM: Issues Committee Update	Erica Reeves: A meeting was held with the Sub-committee of Cyberbullying with Samantha Steckloff, Erica Reeves, Carmen Francis and C. J. Felton attending. Leana Parker and Joan McGlincy have requested inclusion in the Sub-committee. They are planning a Town Hall in Spring of 2015. They need an expert as a draw and an organizer. Contacts could include, Dondi Browner from the Michigan School of Psychology or Arlene Frank from OCC. Jim suggested contacting the City because of their prior sponsoring of bullying seminars. Chuck Nebus could also be contacted. Possible venues could be school auditoriums, stadiums (weather permitting) or the Costick Center. We could contact business sponsors and have a raffle. We should call to action at the end of the meeting. An IT expert should explain the complications of the internet to the attending adults. Carmen: Daisy Cordero from WSU has an expert available. Erica suggested an affiliation with the PTA. The College Financing Event is set for Monday, October 20. Carmen: Daisy Cordero has confirmed that there will be representatives from Henry Ford CC, OCC, U of D Mercy, Lawrence Tech, U of	

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		<p>Toledo, WSU and Oakland U. on October 20. The State will have a representative to speak about scholarships. The evaluations from the last seminar suggested more FAFSA information is needed and that there is a need for workshops for the admissions process, financial aid, and scholarships geared toward parents of 11th and 12th graders presented by a State representative. Carmen and Daisy will alert parents of 10th graders about scholarship opportunities. Dr. Gage wants to continue his involvement and Gillian Pines will be attending the next Issues Committee Meeting which is scheduled for Monday, June 23 at 8:00 am in the Conference Room at the Costick Center. Gillian will be discussing the new title of the College Financing Seminar and the best way to publicize it.</p>	
5	<p>AGENDA ITEM: Call to Action</p>	<p>Mitch: The CTA Breakfast is set for October 3. Becky will follow up on the rumor that Vladimir's (the traditional venue for the breakfast) has closed. This year's focus is on domestic violence. Beth Morrison, the Director of Haven Domestic Violence Shelter will arrange for testimonial from a victim. Mitch will arrange testimony from an Alateen member. Mitch is working to schedule a Drug Court event with 47th District Judge, Marla Parker for the benefit of Farmington Public School students. Mitch distributed a flyer on the detriments of Hookah Parlors. One hour in the Hookah Bar is the equivalent of smoking 100 cigarettes. The next CTA Board Meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm on Monday, June 16 in the Viewpoint Room at Farmington Hills City Hall.</p>	
6	<p>AGENDA ITEM: CYF Spotlight</p>	<p>Carmen: There was no show this month (May), but she did suggest a College Night Program featuring the panel members and the testimonials used in our previous College Financing Seminar. Suggestions included Amy Flynn and the Focus Hope graduate, Rshan.</p>	
7	<p>AGENDA ITEM: CYF Spotlight</p>	<p>Carmen: Chiefs Chuck Nebus and Schulz did an excellent job speaking about public safety on April 9. It is on You Tube. Erica is a new co-host and she will rotate with Carmen as host. Jacob is coming up with a new show this month and Erica or Carmen will host depending on availability. Todd suggested we could do a program with some the people that did testimonials at the Vocational and Technical Seminar. We could also have businesses talk about the need for these employees in the future. Lauren at EJH Construction could be a resource.</p>	
8	<p>AGENDA ITEM: Program on Bullying Update</p>	<p>Discussed in the Issues Committee Update</p>	
9	<p>AGENDA ITEM: Blog and Newspaper Update</p>	<p>This issue is on hold pending direction from City Attorney, Steve Joppich and Central Service Director, Mike Lasley.</p>	
10	<p>AGENDA ITEM: New Business and Announcements</p>	<p>1). Winsom Wang representing the Commission on Aging informed us that the Senior Resource directory is available on their website and at the Costick Center. A committee has been formed to do a survey to see what resources are being used and what resources are needed by seniors. The</p>	

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		<p>Senior Division is sponsoring shredding at the Costick Center.</p> <p>2). Jim Nash: The next Town Hall meeting on fracking is scheduled for June 24, from 6 to 8 pm at Farmington Hills City Hall. On June 14, there will be a fishing contest at Beaudette Park in Pontiac.</p> <p>3). Eugene Thomas: High School Coaches are often guilty of bullying their athletes and this should be considered when we plan our bullying program.</p> <p>4). Carmen Francis: There is a "Purple Out" program on the first Friday of every month in the Farmington Public Schools to denounce bullying. Students are encouraged to wear purple on that day and the program strives to empower students to extinguish bullying.</p> <p>5). Laura Scott distributed the new Library Newsletter.</p> <p>6). Todd Lipa: The next meeting is scheduled for September 4 and should be a dinner meeting. Ed was instructed to contact Ginopolis or another restaurant and request an RSVP by August 27.</p>	
11	AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment		
	ADJOURNMENT	Motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm.	MOTION BY: Mitch Seelye SECOND BY: Carmen Francis MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous
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