

**MEETING MINUTES
COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
November 6, 2014
Farmington Community Library located at:
32737 W. Twelve Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, Mi. 48334**

CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chairman, Paul Melrose at 6:05 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Ashcraft, Ed Cherkinsky, Rebecca Dworkin, C. J. Felton, Carmen Francis, Carla Mackey, Joan McGlincy, Paul Melrose, Anwar Mahmood, Leana Parker, Laura Scott, Mitch Seelye, Sandy Smith and Eugene Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT: Karen Bolsen, Stephanie Davis, Bill Dwyer, Diane Hague, Anthony Lewis, Jim Nash, Andy Nichelhoff, Marla Parker, Michael Peters and Bette Rose.

OTHERS PRESENT: Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members: Frank Demers, Josephine Hobson and Kitty Ostach for Todd Lipa.

#	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION SUMMARY/PERTINENT INFO	FORMAL MOTIONS:
1	APPROVAL OF AGENDA 11/6/14	Introduction of Commission members and Liaisons including Kitty Ostach appearing for Todd Lipa.	MOTION BY: Leana Parker SUPPORT BY: Joan McGlincy MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous
2	APPROVAL OF MINUTES 10/2/14		MOTION BY: Mitch Seelye SUPPORT BY: Leana Parker MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous
3	AGENDA ITEM: Youth Division Update	Kitty Ostach: Todd met with Farmington Public School representatives including Superintendent, George Heitsch and Diversity Tutor, Naomi Khalil to promote the need for the After School Program. Todd cited the increase in the needs of students including more subsidized lunches and after care resources. The After School Program answers some of these needs. The result was positive support for and collaboration with Farmington Public Schools. Kitty promoted the Annual Free Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner scheduled for Wednesday, 11/12 which is held from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at the Costick Center. Donations are accepted and the Sponsors include include Farmington Hills Special Services, Adults 50 and Better and Youth and Family Services. Volunteers are needed and their dinner is provided. Josephine Hobson, our Liaison from the Commission on Aging encouraged our Commission members to volunteer citing that it is a positive experience. 400 to 500 diners are expected and proof of residency is required.	
4	AGENDA ITEM: Issues Committee Update	Carmen Francis: The committee outlined issues that may have affected a low attendance. There were 29 attendees with 14 filled out evaluations. Farmington Public Schools Listserve generated the most referrals. Proposed changes included changing the program's title to reflect information on College financing and not as a College Fair, schedule it before the other College Fairs begin and consider forming a publicity sub-committee to work with Gillian Pines on College Night and Vocational Ed. Night. We received a Vocational Ed. Program from Dr. Gage promoting the introduction of a Keynote Speaker, Michael A. Finney, President and CEO of Michigan Economic Development Corporation. Tentative dates for the Vocational and Technical seminar are Monday, April 20 or 27 at the Costick Center. Middle School Students and Parents are to be included in the Seminar's outreach. A \$400 ad buy in the Farmington Press was discussed and tabled for further study at the Issues Committee.	MOTION BY CARMEN FRANCIS: To approve inviting President and CEO of Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Michael A. Finney to be the Keynote Speaker at the upcoming Technical and Vocational Seminar. SECOND BY: Mitch Seelye MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous

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5	AGENDA ITEM: Call to Action	Mitch Seelye: 1). The Call to Action Breakfast held on October 3 was successful. Highlights from the event included a discussion on the increased potency of the chemicals in Marijuana today. The Keynote Speaker was from Haven Domestic Violence Shelter with a testimonial from the daughter of CYF member Kathy Ashcraft. CTA took 48 Alateens to the Halloween Celebration at Greenfield Village. On 12/4, the Families Against Narcotics Organization scheduled Judge Adams from Macomb County to speak on the topic at Farmington Hills City Hall. The Healthy Families Organization provided CTA with 150 information packets alerting the Community of the issue of older youths buying alcohol for minors. CTA in collaboration with the Farmington Public Schools will distribute the packets to local party stores.	
6	AGENDA ITEM: CYF Spotlight	Carmen Francis: She is awaiting a response from Todd Lipa regarding a program about the After School Program. A tentative program is being planned with Wayne State Senior Financial Counselor, Daisy Cordero to discuss CYF College Night.	
7	AGENDA ITEM: Program on Bullying Update	C. J. Felton: Samantha and he attended a meeting with PTA representatives. On 10/29, the PTA is presenting a program proposal to Farmington Public Schools in which Students present their issues to Parents. The Issues Committee has tabled this project for the time being.1;;;	
8	AGENDA ITEM: Election of Officers	Paul Melrose is leaving the State in January and replacements for Chair and Vice-Chair are needed. Ed nominated Kathy Ashcraft for the position of Vice-Chair and Carmen Francis for the position of new Chair. No one else was nominated due to outstanding qualifications of the nominees.	MOTION BY MITCH SEEYLE: To elect Carmen Francis as the new Chair and Kathy Ashcraft as the new Vice-Chair. SECOND BY: JOAN MCGLINCY MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous
9	AGENDA ITEM: New Business and Announcements	1. Leana Parker from the YMCA: The Halloween Program was very successful and there were 250 attendees. All classes at the "Y" are free with a membership. "Girls on the Run" is a program to empower girls from the Farmington Public Schools and they will participate in the upcoming 5K run scheduled for December 16. 2. Frank Demers from Farmington Public Safety: The School Liaison will introduce a program in the Farmington Public Schools that was success in the South Lyon Schools. The program featured two speakers: 1. An Undercover Narcotics Officer and 2. A Substance Abuse Clinic Program from St. Joseph Hospital showing Parents how narcotics can be hidden in the home. The program is tentatively set for late Spring 2015. 3. Laura Scott from the Farmington Community Library: There were 220 attendees at the Halloween activity at the Main Library and 170 at the Farmington Branch. 600 children attended the Story Time Program and 160 attended the Star Wars Activity. The Library has mentors working with the Dunkel students who come to the Library after School. Dunkel students are not exposed to the older students who are at other schools and they retain their innocence much longer. They are more youthful and adapt more readily to Library Rules. 4. Announcements: There is no December meeting. The Issues Committee is meeting on Monday, 12/1 at 8:00 am in the Conference Room at the Costick Center to continue the Vocational and Technical Seminar planning.	

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		George Heitsch , Farmington Public School Superintendent will be our guest at our next Meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2015.	
	PUBLIC COMMENTS	None.	
	ADJOURNMENT	Motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm.	MOTION BY: Eugene Thomas SECOND BY: Sandy Smith MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous
	MINUTES PREPARED BY	Ed Cherkinsky, Secretary, with assistance by Joan McGlincy Contact Information: Ed Cherkinsky at (248) 661-5114 or echerkinsk@aol.com	