

**MEETING MINUTES  
COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
January 9, 2014 – 6:00 PM  
Farmington Community Main Library Auditorium  
32737 W. Twelve Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334**

**CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Vice-Chairperson, Carmen Francis at 6:15 pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kathleen Ashcraft, Edward Cherkinsky, Rebecca Dworkin, Carmen Francis, Diane Hague, Carla Mackey, Anwar Mahmood, Joan McGlincy, Jim Nash, Michael Peters, Bette Rose, Laura Scott, Mitch Seelye and Eugene Thomas.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Karen Bolsen, Stephanie Davis, Bill Dwyer, C. J. Felton, Diane Hague, Anthony Lewis, Paul Melrose, Andy Nichelhoff, Leana Parker, Marla Parker, Carol Robb and Sandy Smith

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members: Lewis Cantor, Todd Lipa and Charles Nebus. Community member: Debbie Horner. Guest Speaker Sue Fitzsimonds.

#	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION SUMMARY/PERTINENT INFO	FORMAL MOTIONS:
1	<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>  1/9/14		<b>MOTION BY:</b> Bette Rose  <b>SUPPORT BY:</b> Laurie Scott  <b>MOTION CARRIED:</b> Unanimous
2	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>  11/7/13		<b>MOTION BY:</b> Mitch Seelye <b>SUPPORT BY:</b> Bette Rose  <b>MOTION CARRIED:</b> Unanimous
3	<b>AGENDA ITEM: Guest Speaker: Author, Sue Fitzsimonds</b>	Sue Fitzsimonds was a teacher and counselor with Utica Public Schools for 8 years. She has private counseling experience and taught “Love and Logic” seminars for 3 years. She is the author of “The Hero in Me,” which gives tips on how to handle bullying for victims, parents, teachers, students with special needs and their parents. She also described how to incorporate her material with the Common Core Curriculum. She listed three areas that are off limits: physical characteristics, family and living patterns and learning patterns. Below is the link to the PowerPoint presentation. <a href="http://www.slideshare.net/annieglass/bully-proof-powerpoint-from-the-author-of-the-hero-in-me">http://www.slideshare.net/annieglass/bully-proof-powerpoint-from-the-author-of-the-hero-in-me</a>	
4	<b>AGENDA ITEM: Youth Division Update</b>	Todd Lipa: The After School Centers resumed on 1/9, after the winter closures. The Mayor's Youth Council is initiating the U of M Entrepreneurship Program. Todd presented a handout and information on the Transforming Loss Seminar which is a documnetary film scheduled for Wednesday, February 5 at OCC Orchard Ridge Smith Theater. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15.00 at the door and Valet Parking is included. A letter was distributed with information on the Commission Budget recommendation which remains the same as the previous year. Todd suggested that Paul, Carmen and Mitch be included on the Interfaith Council monthly meeting list which meet the first Thursday of month atr 11:30 am.	
5	<b>AGENDA ITEM: Issues Committee Update</b>	The next Issues Committee meeting is scheduled for 1/13 in the Conference Room at the Costick Center. The Issues Committee Chair, Jim Nash reported that he contacted Joanne Maliszewski of the Farmington Observer to do a story on the CYF Vocational and	

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		<p>Training Seminar. A suggestion was made to invite her to an upcoming Issues Committee meeting. Jim had contact with Mark Meadows who is with the Michigan Department of Labor and he wants to represent the Veterans at the Seminar. Ed reported that Mary Kay Aukee from Oakland Schools will be at the 1/13 meeting which was rescheduled from 1/6 because of the inclement weather. Ed reported that Diane Bauman from the Farmington Public Schools would be contacted to put information on the calendar and list-serve once we have an official name for the Seminar. Gillian Pines, the Publicity Director for Farmington Hills will be asked to come in on 1/27 to help formulate a publicity strategy and catchy name for the Seminar. Ed announced that we needed to start planning the Volunteer Recognition Awards and it will be on the agenda of the next Issues Committee meeting.</p>	
6	<p><b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>Call to Action</b></p>	<p>Mitch: The President of the Interfaith Council, Greg Geiger, is attending the next Ala-teen meeting. A bowling outing is being planned for the Oakland County Ala-teen groups. Guest, Debbie Horner was given a recap of CTA's history. She works with Mitch in the Ala-teen program and was interested in Call to Action. She was encouraged to seek a seat on the CYF Commission.</p>	
7	<p><b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>CYF Spotlight</b></p>	<p>The Guest Speaker, Sue Fitzsimonds has agreed to do an interview on CYF Spotlight with Carmen Francis doing the hosting and interviewing.</p>	
8	<p><b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>Newspaper Column and Update</b></p>	<p>Stephanie volunteered to work on the Blog. Since Stephanie is absent today, the discussion is tabled until the next Meeting.</p>	
9	<p><b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>New Business and Announcements</b></p>	<p>Carmen invited Sue Fitzsimonds to do an evening seminar for CYF. Todd suggested contacting the Farmington Public School, but Laurie Scott informed us that Sue is involved with the schools. Laurie announced the "Walk for Freedom" on 1/20, MLK day, beginning at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and ending at the Library Auditorium. Bryan Collier, the Coretta Scott King Award Winner, will tell the story of Pullman Porters distributing reading material left on trains to promote literacy.</p>	
10	<p><b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>Public Comments</b></p>	<p>Ed reported receiving correspondence from Farmington Hills City Clerk, Pam Smith indicating that we should make sure guests are made to feel welcome and encouraged to make comments at the meetings.</p>	
	<p><b>ADJOURNMENT</b></p>	<p>Motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm.</p>	<p><b>MOTION BY:</b> Jim Nash <b>SECOND BY:</b> Kathy Ashcraft <b>MOTION CARRIED:</b> Unanimous</p>
	<p><b>MINUTES PREPARED BY</b></p>	<p>Ed Cherkinsky, Secretary, with assistance by Joan McGlincy Contact Information: Ed Cherkinsky at (248) 661-5114 or <a href="mailto:echerkinsk@aol.com">echerkinsk@aol.com</a></p>	