

MINUTES
FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS
COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH and FAMILIES
October 5, 2023
Community Room, Farmington Hills City Hall,
31555 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48336

- 1) Call to Order 6:00 pm.

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Snodgrass at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Tammy Luty, Rod Wallace, Tanya Nordhaus, Sharon Snodgrass, Jordan Scrimger, Marie Sarnacki, Brian Spitsbergen, Ashley Gabb

Members Absent:., Adam Whitfield, Colleen Coogan, Alisa Valden

Others Present: Andy Raoze, Kristel Sexton, Matt Gale, Pat Spellman

- 2) Approval of Agenda

Rod Wallace approved the agenda, Brian Spitsbergen seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

- 3) Approval of September 5, 2023 Minutes

Jordan Scrimger approved, and Brian Spitsbergen seconded, motion carried unanimously.

- 4) FH City Master Planning Review Feedback

Jordan gave an update on the feedback that was submitted through our survey sent out to members and liaisons after the last meeting. We had 6 submit responses and she highlighted the common themes that came up in comments. The themes were 1) support for additional housing of families, 2) support for mental health/childcare programs, 3) Support for plans around public transportation, green park spaces, biking paths, climate projects, and surface parking lots.

- 5) Youth Division Update

The after-school program currently has 255 students enrolled. They are adding more programs for the students and currently have fitness programs twice a week as options including yoga and circuit training. They have added archery training as well. They have about 100 students show up every day. No issues around transportation to the center from the middle schools. They are excited and working on the open house on October 11 which will be in partnership with our game night.

- 6) Issues Committee Update

Sharon reviewed the CYF Commission bylaws so all members are reminded that we are a

commission of the city. Ashley Gabb introduced herself as a new member that was just submitted to join our commission representing Farmington Hills.

Jordan discussed the resolution of International Day of the Child which is November 20th. She has written a resolution that can be shared with the city of Farmington and city of Farmington Hills councils to recognize this day. The resolution will be sent to everyone to review and give feedback to Jordan and we will vote on it at the November meeting.

We discussed our game night event which will take place in coordination with the ASYP open house on October 11th. Matt was able to secure free popcorn from the concession stand and they have extra hot dogs, chips and drinks left from Hay Day that will be available for attendees. They are working to get students currently in the program to come and have sent home the flyer with the ASYP members. We did discuss that advertising for the event has been a struggle as we have not seen it go out through the schools and in city newsletter, social media pages. Tammy will map out the game room layout and drop that and the games to Matt before the event for setup. We will also have large white papers where students can answer questions 1) one word to describe game night, 2) as a youth in the community what type of events or things would you like to see. These questions might be used to help guide our work going forward.

Marie gave an update on wait until 8th she will give more details at the November meeting.

Sharon mentioned the election of officers will happen in January. We then reviewed the 2023-2024 Quarterly Planning Timeline and asked for leads on the different activities on the timeline. We did discuss the mental health tasks and Tammy mentioned that she attended the event that was held by the FH Police department at The Hawk and that this event was very good. Brian and Rod will brainstorm ideas for what to do in this area and be the lead on that task. Marie will be the lead for career night. Ashley will be the lead for the award night. Tammy will be the lead for the Kindness Rock garden and Tanya will be the lead for the end of year reflection.

7) New Business and Announcements

Pat Spellman – Saturday the Farmington Public Safety is doing Cops with Pancakes at the Farmer's Market. He invited everyone down to enjoy some pancakes from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Andy Raoze – Gave information about the Farmington Hills police department Trunk or Treat Event on Saturday afternoon from noon until 3 p.m at the Costick Center. He also discussed the city open house on Sunday at the City Center/Fire Department off Orchard Lake Road.

Tanya Nordhaus – She gave a special thanks to the library for all the programs and great things they are doing for kids in the community, as they have a lot of events going on.

Kristal Sexton – Mentioned the upcoming parent workshop with Michigan Learning Channel about K-12 grade resources. She mentioned checking the library calendar for lots of other events that are happening for all ages.

Matt Gale – He mentioned working on the Open House for the ASYP and that Sunday is the HAWK 5K run. The after-school program also recently received a donation from the Xemplar Club.

Tammy Luty – Tammy thanked the police for hosting the great event around mental health and suicide awareness that was held at The Hawk. She also mentioned that after 2 plus years as secretary that when the election comes in January she will not be seeking another term as secretary but will continue to work on projects for the commission.

8) Public Comments

None

9) Adjournment

7:00 pm.

Brian Spitsbergen, motioned to adjourn, and Tanya Nordhaus seconded, motion carried unanimously at 6:53 p.m.

All other meetings will start at 6 p.m. in the Community Room, Farmington Hills City Hall.

November 2, 2023
March 7, 2024
June 6, 2024

January 4, 2024
April 4, 2024

February 1, 2024
May 2, 2024

Minutes drafted by: Secretary Tammy Luty