APPROVED MINUTES

FAMRINGTON/ FARMINGTON HILLS

COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILIES

June 4th, 2026

Community Room, Farmington Hills City Hall

31555 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI, 48336

1. Call To Order

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm.

Members in attendance: Tanya Nordhaus, Manni Kohli, Bridget Gibbons, Brian Spitsbergen, Daniela Peric, Bria Lewis, Alt. Alyson Gay

Liaisons in attendance: Rebecca Brown, Sarah McCarthy, Bill Dwyer, Asst. Chief Brian Moore, Judge Marla Parker, Jim Nash, Caroline Silvagi, Kristel Sexton

2. Approval of Agenda

Tanya motioned to approve the agenda; Bria seconded.

3. Approval of May Minutes

Tanya motioned to approve the May minutes; Bria seconded.

4. Vote on Allocation of Remaining 2026 Fiscal Year Funds

In May, the group had decided to explore the costs of sponsoring/ helping with some of the events put on by the city and other local organizations dedicated to children, youth, and families. Points of contact gave the updates below:

- Tanya discussed sponsoring the Farmington African American Parent Network's monthly pizza parties via Sam's Club gift cards, which came out to $240 total.
- Manni gave updates on her research into hosting a table at Hay Day. She recommended having a prize wheel that children could spin to win various prizes and estimated the cost to be $300.
- Bridget investigated the costs of hosting a table at the Open House, recommending $300 for the total budget to be used on craft supplies to make DIY street signs.

- Tanya researched the cost of helping to pay for the Farmington Hills Police & Fire Youth Academy t-shirts, but the commission couldn't sponsor this year due to the tight turnaround. The commission will return to this topic next year.
- Caroline connected with Tanya about the chairs for the Hawk. Tanya let the group know that if we purchase five chairs, that would be $100 plus tax.
- Tanya gave updates on her research into a bulk order of branded fidget toys and stress balls to give away at events the commission will be attending. A fidget toy/ stress ball with a logo would be $1.66 per ball, plus a set-up fee of $22. 400 stress balls would cost $674 + tax.
- Daniella gave updates on the cost of acquiring polos for the commission members so that members could wear them to events. The total cost came out to $480. Bill mentioned that it could be more cost-effective to purchase the polos through the city, if possible. Caroline will follow up internally to see if we're able to find a more cost-effective option for polos.
- Daniella recommended unused budget to go towards FAAPN budget for juice boxes and treats. Group approved.
- Tanya motioned to approve the budget. Daniella seconded. Group voted in favor.

As.a.note¿All.receipts.must.be.sent.to.Caroline.by.the.evening.of.Sunday?June.70th. at.the.very.latest¡.

5. New Business & Announcements

No new business as of right now—the priority currently is to follow up on the initiatives outlined in the fiscal fund budget, as well as for the new commissioners to read through the 2024 survey data. Bridget to send along with final June meeting minutes.

6. Public Comments

- Kristel Sexton, FH Library:
    - Summer reading started June 1. Children who log reading for 10 hours can receive a free book and/or raffle tickets.
    - Read in at Riley Park will continue this summer.
    - Community kindness project is ongoing.
    - Kick-off to Summer is June 11th from 12-3 pm, next to public safety.
    - Kristel asked commissioners if they had any questions or comments.
        - Tanya made mention of the library's personal finance classes for children and suggested that we investigate supporting financial

literacy efforts for families as well in the next year—survey results indicated that it was a priority for residents. Kristel mentioned that the library works with LOC Credit Union to put on the classes.
        - Alt. Alyson asked whether we've had children serve on the commission or as liaisons. Rebecca and Kristal let us know that children would need a permit per the Youth Employment Act.
- Judge Marla Parker:
    - The annual third-grade mock trial was a success; the trial that the class participated in was Snow White V The Evil Queen. Each child had a role, and parents came to watch the kids.
    - Judge Marla also let the commission know that the 47th District Court celebrated 20 years of their DWI/ Sobriety Court program. The program benefits local families in a number of ways and has maintained a recidivism rate of zero for the past three years.
- Bill Dwyer, FH Council:
    - The police department will be getting four new personnel. There will be a study to discern how many more police officers will be needed and updates to the building. Cut was taken during COVID. The police department is moving to 12-hour shifts, which is projected to help recruitment. Fire Department will be getting 8 new members because of a recent study.
- Caroline Silvagi:
    - Kick-off for summer. Campout at Heritage Park coming up. After-school program ends next week on Wednesday. 250th anniversary celebration will be on June 25th. The Hawk is also preparing for summer camps.
- Jim Nash:
    - The Art Fish Fun Festival in Bodak Park, Pontiac, will be next week. The event is geared towards children, but all are welcome. There will be free food, jazz, and other events.

The first meeting of next fiscal year will be 9/3/2026.

7. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Brian. Seconded: Bridget