

MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES  
JANUARY 9, 2020  
FARMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY, MAIN BRANCH, CONFERENCE ROOM A. located at  
43737 W. TWELVE MILE RD. 48334

**CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Chair Kathy Ashcraft at 6:00 pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kathy Ashcraft, Ed Cherkinsky, Joan McGlincy, Anwar Mahmood, Bette Rose, Sharon Snodgrass and Brian Spitsbergen.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Diane Hague and Mitch Seelye

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members and Alternate and Associates members: Todd Anderson, Mary Newlin, Dan Rodriguez, Lauren Savage and Kristel Sexton.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

MOTION by Rose, support by McGlincy to approve the Agenda of January 9, Motion approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** -November 7, 2019:

MOTION by Rose, support by Snodgrass to approve the minutes of October 3. Motion carried unanimously.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Everyone at the Meeting introduced themselves.

**YOUTH DIVISION UPDATE:** Tabled until February Meeting.

**CALL TO ACTION UPDATE:** **Tabled** until February Meeting.

**ISSUES COMMITTEE UPDATE:** Kathy Ashcraft: The Issues Committee and Tech Night were explained. There are 14 vendors signed up for the Tech Event and a final list will be furnished to City Council liaison, Mary Newlin. Assignments and commitments were confirmed. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 3 in the Conference Room at the Costick Center.

**SPOTLIGHT SHOW UPDATE:** **Sharon Snodgrass:** The Spotlight show was described. The shows can be accessed through the CYF website and some shows have a short excerpt posted on Facebook. The current shows including vaping which was filmed at St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center and its Health Exploration Center and another on Fire Safety featuring Todd Anderson, Commander at Farmington Public Safety and Detective James Wren, Fire Marshall of City of Farmington Public Safety Operations Bureau.

**NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**FARMINGTON POLICE DEPT.:** **Todd Anderson:** Todd and Dan Rodriguez answered questions about Narcam.

**FARMINGTON HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT:** **Dan Rodriguez:** A training session was given on November 19 to 60 attendees on the use of Narcam. Both Police Departments are responding to repeat overdose emergencies. This has resulted in an increase of deaths.

**WELLSPRING:** **Brian Spitsbergen:** **1.** There us a pilot program with Wellspring and the schools for substance abuse recovery in a daytime High School students. This is a new concept and only 40 schools in the U.S. have this program. **2.** There is a proposed inpatient detox program for older adults working with Livonia Woods Nursing Facility. Senior substance abuse is an unexplored but real problem.

**FARMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY:** **Kristel Sexton:** Kristel is the new head of the Main Branch Children's Library Services. There are two programs sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the first being at the Riley Skating Rink in downtown Farmington with a Star Wars theme and the second in February with a "Frozen" theme. There are all day celebration events on Martin Luther King Day, 1/20 at the Library including the annual

walk, entertainment and a keynote address by Gertrude Croom, who is a noted freedom activist.

**Y.M.C.A.: Lauren Savage:** Lauren is the Youth and Family Director at the Y. Lori Mabee is the new director and Lauren's predecessor Abby Secco has been promoted. There is a new focus on families and youth and less focus on fitness programs in an effort to boost membership.

**FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL: Mary Newlin:** Mary introduced herself as the new Farmington Hills City Council liaison to CYF. She gave a synopsis of her background and impetus to run for Council. She asked basic questions about the Commission and was encouraged to attend the Issues Committee Meeting on 2/3.

**WEBSITE: Ed Cherkinsky:** Ed passed out copies of the website and requested that updates be ready to be presented by the 2/3 Issues Committee Meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 6 at 6:00 pm. in the Community Room at Farmington Hills City Hall.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by Rose, support by McGlinchy to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted by McGlinchy/ Cherkinsky