

MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES
May 2, 2019
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL, COMMUNITY ROOM

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Ashcraft, Ed Cherkinsky, Diane Hague, Anthony Lewis, Joan McGlincy, Bette Rose, Mitch Seelye and Sharon Snodgrass.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anwar Mahmood and Brian Spitsbergen.

OTHERS PRESENT: Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members and Alternate and Associates members: Todd Anderson, Amber Delind, Todd Lipa, Chuck Nebus, Marla Parker and Laurie Scott.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Hague, support by Roseto approve the Agenda of May 2, Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -March 7, 2019:

MOTION by Rose, support by Snodgrass to approve the minutes of April 4. Motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Everyone at the Meeting introduced themselves.

YOUTH DIVISION UPDATE: Todd Lipa: The Youth Program has been in existence for 24 years. The percentage of participating students has increased. The Youth Program will continue at Harrison until 2021. 70 6th graders have registered so far for the summer program.

CALL TO ACTION UPDATE: Mitch Seelye: On Monday, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital presented a Vaping Seminar at the Farmington Hills Public Library. 50 people attended. Due to scheduling problems and the fact we are getting close to the end of the school year, any vaping program at the schools will probably be scheduled in September. Sharon suggested a Spotlight Show on vaping.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION UPDATE: Marla Parker: An awards ceremony is scheduled for Monday, May 13, 2019, beginning with a 6:45 pm. Reception at Farmington Hills City Hall. The Youth Award Plaque is awarded to David Ohm and Certificates will be awarded to Kenneth Golos, Isis Messih, Linda Plunkett, Michael Lewis, Timothy Tutak, Deanne Holliday, Phyllis Abraham, Carol Posby and Robert Pettengill. The Family Award Plaque winner is the Strickfaden Family and Certificates will be awarded to the Irwin Family and the Adamowski Family. The Youth Award Plaques are awarded to Roman Buatti and Molly Rose and the Certificates are awarded to Morgan Rood and Sofia Buatti. The Business Award Plaque is awarded to CMIT and a Certificate is awarded to The Practice Zone. The Organization Award is awarded to Harrison High School honoring its final year and honoring all their school groups. The Nancy Bates Distinguished Public Servants Award will be awarded to outgoing Farmington Public School Superintendent, George Heitsch and the Romney Award winner is Walt Gajewski. We need to email Diane with the number of guests. We also need a photographer. Chuck or the Costick may be able to provide one.

MOTION TO APPROVE VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION VOLUNTEERS:

Motion by Snodgrass, support by Hague to Approve the Motion for nominated Volunteers, Motion approved.

SPOTLIGHT SHOW UPDATE: Sharon Snodgrass: She has recognized that the short show segments (8 minutes) get the most attention. Laurie did a Spotlight Show based on Storytime at the Library. The short segments are now linked to Facebook.

NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ed Cherkinsky: Two members of the Kiwanis are going to meet with him and other Commission Members that

belong to the Xemplar Club. Everyone from the Commission is invited to join us on Wednesday, May 8 at noon at Cowley's. They will meet with Todd in the morning to discuss how they can be involved with C.A.R.E.S. They will discuss what the Commission does and how they can get involved.

C.A.R.E.S.: Todd Lipa: C.A.R.E.S. is now feeding 450 families and adding 25 to 30 each month. Paulsons donated \$7,000 of audio equipment. Epic donated and will install a freezer/refrigerator. RCI Electric is updating the lighting in the building and the parking lot. They have received a grant from DTE. Home Depot gave a large donation of \$50,000 to renovate the rectory. It will be used for offices for C.A.R.E.S, Vets, etc. Veteran and American Legion are on site. The bedrooms in the Convent have been converted to facilities for a mental health facility and a home for SAFE. They are revamping the Church area by removing pews to create a "Snap Store" for Bridge Card holders. Only healthy products will be sold and it is the first store of its kind in Michigan. Youth United has donated \$20,000 and 50 students and 50 students are refurbishing the lower level of the convent into classrooms. There will be a summer reading program and lunch will be provided on Wednesdays throughout the summer feeding 25 to 30 people. There are plans to expand lunch program after the summer.

FARMINGTON HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chuck Nebus: Chuck informed us about Neighborhood Watch, the introduction of a drone program and The International Active Assailant program presented to 1800 attendees by survivors of Sandy Hook, Parkland, etc. The ALICE Program (how to react to active shooter was presented last night to a large crowd of over 200 at Adat Shalom Synagogue and has also been presented at the Tawheed Center. The annual budget was presented to City Council with information about the lowest crime rate in City History. **Todd** informed us that the juvenile crime totaled 450 in 1995 and in 2018 it was 45.

47th DISTRICT COURT: Marla Parker: The Domestic Violence High Risk Team is a model for Agencies around the country. There a discussion about Marijuana with input from Marla regarding legal problems and rom Chuck and Todd Anderson regarding the problems of detection and enforcement.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS: Tony Lewis: There is a Student Task Force program at Oakland University this summer. Students from various schools will be chosen to participate. There is a student voice addressing the challenges.

CITY OF FARMINGTON PUBLIC SAFETY: Todd Anderson: Crime is down; fraud is up especially against seniors. The App. Youmail will block most spam calls.

FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY LIBRARY: Laurie Scott: The Director of the Library, Elyse Streit resigned and today is her final day. The Library Board of Trustees meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted by Diane Hague/Ed Cherkinsky