

**MEETING MINUTES
COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL, COMMUNITY ROOM
LOCATED AT 31555 W. ELEVEN MILE RD., FARMINGTON HILLS, MI. 48336**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Ashcraft, Ed Cherkinsky, Diane Hague, Bette Rose, Mitch Seelye, Sharon Snodgrass and Brian Spitsbergen.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jessica Cummings, Amber DeLind, Jaymi Dormaier, Rebecca Dworkin, Anthony Lewis, Anwar Mahmood, Joan McGlincy, Jim Nash, Marla Parker, Abby Sacco, Erica Saum, Laura Scott and Eugene Thomas.

OTHERS PRESENT: Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members: Todd Anderson, Todd Lipa, Jon Manier and Chuck Nebus.

GUEST SPEAKERS: Mayor Ken Massey and City Clerk Pam Smith.

AGENDA ITEM: APPROVAL OF AGENDA: 09/07/17		MOTION BY: Mitch Seelye SUPPORT BY: Bette Rose MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous
AGENDA ITEM: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: 06/01/17		MOTION BY: Mitch Seelye SUPPORT BY: Sandy Smith MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous
AGENDA ITEM: Youth Division Update	TODD LIPA: Almost 100 Students participated in the summer program which included field trips sponsored by local business donations. Changes were presented at Warner Middle School. There is a great opportunity to work with teachers Monday through Friday. The students will stay at the school after sports. 95% of the students attending the After School Program will come from East Middle School. 95% of the students attending the After School Program at the Ice Arena are from Power Middle School and the Jon Grant Center is the quieter center for the students. The transportation provided for the After School Program is probably the only one in Michigan and this is what makes the program so great. Todd complimented the School District on its cleanliness. Sharon inquired about parents visiting the program, but was informed that it was during the weekday making that difficult. Diane suggested putting a video touting the After School	

	Program in the weekly school email.	
AGENDA ITEM: Issues Committee Update	DIANE HAGUE: Khalfani Stephens, Farmington Hills Economic Development Director volunteered to partner with the Commission in order to develop programs to ensure that the students are aware of the opportunities in technical fields and skilled trades. He envisions visits to manufacturing plants, internships, apprenticeships, etc. Our ideas include producing short five minute videos to put on the weekly school site directed at parents touting the benefits of a vocational and technical career. We would have several videos taking at different manufacturing and industrial work sites with an emphasis on young employees and the benefits of their career. Mr. Stephens will contact companies for commitments and present the idea of videos to the school district.	
AGENDA ITEM: Call to Action Update	MITCH SEELYE: 46 kids from the Michigan area attended the Tri-State Alateen Conference in Indiana. The Annual CTA Breakfast is scheduled for October 6 at the Costick Center.	
AGENDA ITEM: Spotlight Show Update	SHARON SNODGRASS: Four Spotlight Show are being planned. There is no directory for Channel 8 and the Mayor informed us that the directory was was part of SWOCC and it did not continue with Farmington Hills. There is a link in the City website, but it is hard to find. A show is being planned with Joan focusing on families and Meals on Wheels.	
AGENDA ITEM: Guest Speakders Mayor Ken Massey and City Clerk Pam Smith	PRESENTATION-OVERVIEW ON ORDINANCE ON COMMISSIONS: (1). Goals: Identify gaps and/or duplicity amongst Boards and Commissions. Standardize the number of members (11 voting members), appointments, meeting process, agenda, minutes and bylaws. Outline roles of officers, associates members and liaisons. Re-establish the focus of each Board/Commission. (2). Membership: Members include members, alternative members and associate members. Members and alternative members are appointed by the Mayor. Associate members are appointed by the Commission and are not eligible to vote and do not count toward a quorum. (3). Liaisons: Includes city staff and other city employees. (4). Templates will be coming for Bylaws.	
	JON MANIER: FPS: There was \$35 Million spent for school improvements. This year has the largest kindergarten class in school system. The old Dunckel Middle School is now the new STEAM School and there is an open house scheduled for October 12. CARES OF FH.: Per Todd anyone needing clothing can go to Cares of Fh., located off Shiawassee Rd. between Middlebelt and Inkster Roads. CHUCK NEBUS: FHPD: According to a research company that compiles crime data and ranks safe cities, Farmington Hills is the 44 th safest City in the Country. Recruiting qualified and interested police candidates is very difficult and programs are being instituted to resolve the problem. There is a program on	

	9/13 where the public can meet Canine Argos and learn how to be extra eyes and ears to report crime while walking the dog. DIANE HAGUE: NORTH FARMINGTON GARDEN CLUB: There is a Blue Star Memorial dedication on Saturday September 9 at noon in Heritage Park which honors the fallen Veterans.	
PUBLIC COMMENTS:	None	
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 pm.	MOTION BY: Bette Rose SECOND BY: Sharon Snodgrass MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous
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