

MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES  
JANUARY 3, 2019-6PM  
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL. COMMUNITY ROOM

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

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Anwar Mahmood, Mitch Seelye

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

MOTION by Hague, support by Snodgrass to approve the Agenda of January 3, Motion approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** –November 1, 2018:

MOTION by Hague, support by Rose to approve the minutes of April 5, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**YOUTH DIVISION UPDATE:** Tabled until the next meeting.

**ISSUES COMMITTEE UPDATE: Diane Hague:** There was a discussion about a possible program on Aging and Caregivers. After reviewing all the programs already being planned and done, the group decided not to go ahead with developing a program at this time. The group will instead focus on the upcoming Vocational and Technical Night. We will put two evaluation forms in the front of the folders and emphasize that they need to be filled out. Jennifer K from Oakland Schools would like to collaborate with us and she should be invited to the April Meeting. We have to determine the maximum amount of attendees. Prudence Rose from MUST would like to participate and will check with Nick Capital from the IBEW Union to see if they are still interested. If not have another person from IBEW attend. We should follow up with Ford to get a representative. In a review of 9 evaluations from our previous Tech Night, the program was rated excellent or above average. All answered yes to the question did it meet the goal of offering an alternative to a four year degree. The best part of the Event was the opportunity to meet face to face with representatives. Participants suggested asking medical and DNR to appear at future events. We will discuss how to formulate requests to appear and participate at our future events. The next Issues Meeting is scheduled for March 4 at 8:00 pm. in the Conference Room at the Costick Center.

**CALL TO ACTION UPDATE:** Tabled until the next meeting.

**VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION UPDATE:** Ed sent out proposed forms for the upcoming Volunteer Recognition Event. Todd Anderson reformatted the form so that it could be put online and filled out. The City would not allow forms to be filled out online for security reasons. We will check to see if the City has changed its policy. Jill Pines was requested to look at the forms to see if they can be improved. Another request for additional resources to seek volunteer referrals was made and it should be sent to Cherkinsky.

**SPOTLIGHT SHOW UPDATE: Sharon Snodgrass:** Sharon met with the new Video Division Head and Jacob Nothstine. They discussed redoing the program intro with new background screen and information on CYF. All the shows should be listed on the CYF website and the outdated shows should be deleted. Sharon is seeking Commission Members to do show and host shows. She wants to update a show on addiction with Brian and a show with Laurie focusing on the Children's Programs at the Library. CYF shows can be seen on ATT Channel 99, Spectrum Channel 203 and on You Tube.

**NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Laura Scott: Farmington Hills Community Library:** Laura passed out three flyers for programs and events at the Library. Laurie invited the Commission Members to the Library on January 21 for an all day celebration of Martin Luther King Day. The next Library Board Meeting is scheduled for January 10 and on February 11, the

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Library Board meets with City Councils of both Cities. There will be three Board vacancies due to the expiration of Members' terms. If anyone is interested, please send the application to Mayor Ken Massey.

**FARMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT: Todd Anderson:** Violent Crimes (Type A) are down 16% and Serious Crime (Type B) is down 25%.

**FARMINGTON HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chuck Nebus:** Crime stats are down. Both Cities received accreditation by the Police Chiefs Association. In 2019, Farmington Hills will provide a new training program called Fair and Impartial Policing. The use of drones is being formally introduced for things such as monitoring for fires and flooding. Body cameras for officers will be completed in 2019. The department provided ALICE Training to all public school teachers to prepare them to react in the event of an active shooter. The Inter-Faith Community Council assisted the police department provide the same ALICE training to 277 persons from various Houses of Worship at Adat Shalom.

**FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL: Samantha Steckloff:** She is advocating for a dog park for small dogs in Pioneer Park. The Council is discussing monitoring marijuana dispensaries in view of legalization. Teresa Rich, Janet Jackson (Oakland County Commissioner) and Samantha are doing studies of topics such as human trafficking and infant mortality rates. There is concern for plans for senior housing at the Costick/Mercy location (if purchased from the Sisters of Mercy). The property could be developed for EG colonial homes which are 2 stories or what is considered affordable. They are advocating for ways to encourage more young people to move to Farmington Hills.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

### ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Rose, support by Snodgrass, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm. Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted by Joan McGlincy/Ed Cherkinsky