

**MEETING MINUTES  
COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
MAY 1, 2014**

**Farmington Hills City Hall Community Room located at:  
31555 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI. 48336**

**CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Chair, Paul Melrose at 6:00 pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ed Cherkinsky, C. J. Felton, Carmen Francis, Anthony Lewis, Carla Mackey, Anwar Mahmood, Paul Melrose, Jim Nash, Andy Nicheloff, Leana Parker, Marla Parker, Erica Reeves, Laura Scott, Mitch Seelye, Sandy Smith and Eugene Thomas.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kathy Ashcraft, Karen Bolsen, Stephanie Davis, Rebecca Dworkin, Bill Dwyer, Diane Hague, Joan McGlincy, Michael Peters, Bette Rose,

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members: Richard Lerner, Todd Lipa, Chuck Nebus, Samantha Steckloff. Guest: Phyllis Abrahams

#	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION SUMMARY/PERTINENT INFO	FORMAL MOTIONS:
1	<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>  5/1/14		<b>MOTION BY:</b> Eugene Thomas  <b>SUPPORT BY:</b> Mitch Seelye  <b>MOTION CARRIED:</b> Unanimous
2	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>  4/3/14		<b>MOTION BY:</b> Mitch Seelye  <b>SUPPORT BY:</b> Anthony Lewis  <b>MOTION CARRIED:</b> Unanimous
3	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>  <b>Youth Division Update</b>	Todd: We have completed all the presentations to the upper elementary, middle schools and Clarenceville School District. We have spoken to over 1100 students. The fifth graders are easier to talk to than the fourth graders. The summer program begins June 23 to August 15. 720 were in the After School Program this year. The amount of students registering for next year indicate the number will be more than 720 next year. We had 163 total students in last year's summer program and we averaged 110 a day. A location at Prince of Peace Church will be open to handle the overflow. The students at the Prince of Peace location will be able to participate in field trips and the other activities.	
4	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>  <b>Issues Committee Update</b>	Jim Nash requested due to his busy schedule in the next 7 to 8 months that a new chair of the Issues Committee be selected. We will discuss a new chair at the next Issues Committee meeting on Monday, June 2. There was increased participation on the issues Committee for the planning of the Vocational and Technical Seminar and Jim thought it was fantastic. The turnout was not as great as the College Financing Event, but it was not expected and there were a large proportion of younger people. Carmen informed us that 52 signed our sign up sheet and 22 turned in evaluations which were positive. Comments included focusing on adults as well as high school students. Attendees heard about the program from schools and articles and advertisements in the newspapers and respondents wanted to see the program next year. Attendees came from Troy, West Bloomfield and a few other places. All the members of Commission that participated in planning and putting on the event were recognized. Larry Gage and Amy Flynn were recognized for their efforts, knowledge and input for making it a success. The folders, pens and other equipment is being stored in the locker at the Costick Center for future use. Todd brought it to our attention that 2 female guests thought there should be more men on the panel and that EJH Construction was grateful for the opportunity to be there and for us to make the Community aware of the need for skilled workers. People	

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		<p>stayed for about 1 ½ hours after the presentation to interact with the speakers and EJH and Todd stated that he had not seen that in a long, long time. The testimonials were the strongest part of the program in advancing the benefits of a vocational and technical career. Stationary was discussed for thank you letters and how and who would write them. Kitty would receive some type of plaque for her efforts. The College Financing Seminar and the Technical and Vocational Seminar will be continued for at least one more and it will be evaluated again to determine if it should be continued.</p>	
5	<p><b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>Call to Action</b></p>	<p>Mitch: There will be a domestic violence agenda for the Call to Action Fall Breakfast schedule for Friday, October 3 at 7:30 am at Vladimirs. They are working on getting a professional, a domestic violence victim and an Alateen youth member that has lived with domestic violence to speak at the fall breakfast. Becky and Mitch will work on it through the summer. Mitch and Judge Parker have spoken about having a drug court in the spring of 2015 in the Farmington area. When it was held in Birmingham/Bloomfield, it was very powerful. Marla stated that state approval is needed, participants have to approve and you need police presence. It does take planning. Alateen meetings hit a lull during the ugly winter weather, but things are picking up in the spring with 2 new members for each of the last two weeks. There is no Call to Action meeting in May, but the next meeting is in the Viewpoint Room at Farmington Hill City Hall on June 9 at 6:00 pm.</p>	
6	<p><b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>Volunteer Recognition Committee</b></p>	<p>Marla: She thanked the Volunteer Recognition Committee. The Ceremony will be on Monday, May 12 at Farmington Hills City Hall. The reception will begin at 6:30 for nominees and their friends and family. Roll-ups, fruit, veggies, pastries, etc. Todd has a picture of a banner which will be displayed. All members of the Commission are encouraged to come to the reception and presentations. The Youth Award winner is Talise Lewis and the Youth Recognition Certificates are awarded to Sydney Smith, Shelby Smith, Breanna Carter, Amanda Freeman, Manasvini Rau, Ke'shaun Alford, Talon Glide, Marquis Eason, Veena Thamilselvan and Ashley Bartram.</p> <p>The names were blocked out on the adult and business nomination forms. The Adult Award Plaque winner is Larry Gage. The Adults receiving certificates are Alan Maxey, Sue Horner, Diane Kansier, Ruth Ann Pragg Carter and Laura Meyer. The family award winners were Sherry and Dick Orrell and their grandchildren, Sydney, Shelby and Trevor Smith. The business award winners were Terry and Tom Deichert of Roof Management. Certificates will be awarded to The Home Depot, EJH Construction, Bright House Networks and PKC Group. Plaques will be given to two organizations, Botsford Commons Senior Community and Farmington Library Quilters. The Romney Award Winner is Joan McGlincy who has been on the Commission since 1993. She has been an active volunteer for youth, students, adults and seniors and multiple organizations for many years. At the last meeting we voted to have a new category entitled "Distinguished Public Servant Award," with the first recipient being Nancy Bates. This award will continue with the name change of "The Nancy Bates Distinguished Public Servant Award." Todd requested wording and description to be placed on future awards. Gillian Pines will help with bio and wording on the Plaque. The call list was divided up and the callers with told to call the nominees and tell them they were going to be recognized at the City Council meeting and that they</p>	<p><b>MOTION BY: Marla Parker</b></p> <p><b>To approve the nominees for the CYF Volunteer Awards.</b></p> <p><b>SUPPORT BY: Leana Parker</b></p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous</b></p>

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		should bring their family and friends.	
7	<b>AGENDA ITEM: CYF Spotlight</b>	Carmen: Chiefs Chuck Nebus and Schulz did an excellent job speaking about public safety on April 9. It is on You Tube. Erica is a new co-host and she will rotate with Carmen as host. Jacob is coming up with a new show this month and Erica or Carmen will host depending on availability. Todd suggested we could do a program with some the people that did testimonials at the Vocational and Technical Seminar. We could also have businesses talk about the need for these employees in the future. Laureen at EJH Construction could be a resource.	
8	<b>AGENDA ITEM: Program on Bullying Update</b>	Tony brought up the fact that there are other groups in the community doing programs on bullying. There is NOBLE and Farmington Empowered and we may want to tie in with them. Erica stated that there are school programs on bullying. Samantha and Carmen are working on this issue. Samantha is trying to narrow down the topic and has contacted Janet Jackson, a County Commission who has access to grants and funding. Richard Lerner: There is a anti-bullying program for K-8 called PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support). There is a social media problem at Harrison High School where Twitter is being used to bully. Social Media bullying is a good area to focus our efforts.	
9	<b>AGENDA ITEM: Blog and Newspaper Update</b>	Todd: City Policy is that employees, groups, or anyone associated with the City cannot blog. We are trying to update our activities on the web and Mike Lasley suggests we give him the information and it is treated as an update. Steve Joppich and Mike Lasley are meeting and give us guidelines.	
10	<b>AGENDA ITEM: New Business and Announcements</b>	Paul: He spoke at the Optimist Club last month and informed the member of our activities for the last 20 years and our Technical and Vocational Seminar. He thanked everyone who came to the Neighborhood House Ceremony honoring his wife, Dr. Sue Melrose. Sue is retiring from the First Presbyterian Church and the retirement party is at 6:00 pm. at a cost of \$15.00. An Organ Concert precedes the party at 4:00. Donations are accepted. Please RSVP to Jim Faile at (248) 474-6170 or <a href="mailto:Jim.Faile@farmington_Credit.org">Jim.Faile@farmington_Credit.org</a> . Eugene brought our attention to athlete bullying and entitlement will is fostered in high school and the need to address it. We are going to start a committee on bullying and members interested were encouraged to meet after the meeting. Sue Zurvalec retirement party is on Thursday, June 5 from 4 to 6:30, so were will schedule our meeting from 6:30 to 8:30. The next Issue Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 2 at 8:00 am in the Conference at the Costick Center.	
11	<b>AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment</b>	Phyllis Abrahams stated the meeting was interesting and wanted to know what Patch was.	
	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Motion to adjourn at 7:20 pm.	<b>MOTION BY:</b> Andy Nichelhoff <b>SECOND BY:</b> Carmen Francis <b>MOTION CARRIED:</b> Unanimous
	<b>MINUTES PREPARED BY</b>	Ed Cherkinsky, Secretary  Contact Information: Ed Cherkinsky at (248) 661-5114 or <a href="mailto:echerkinsk@aol.com">echerkinsk@aol.com</a>	