

MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES
JANUARY 4, 2018-6PM
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL, COMMUNITY ROOM

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Ashcraft, Ed Cherkinsky, Jessica Cummings, Anwar Mahmood, Joan McGlincy, Bette Rose, Abby Sacco, Erica Saum, Mitch Seelye and Sharon Snodgrass

MEMBERS ABSENT: Diane Hague and Jim Nash

OTHERS PRESENT: Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members and Alternate and Associates members: Todd Anderson, Mike Ciaramitaro, Todd Lipa, Laurie Scott and Samantha Steckloff..

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Rose, support by Seelye, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –November , 2017:

MOTION by Rose, support by McGlincy, to approve the minutes of September 7, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

YOUTH DIVISION UPDATE: Todd Lipa: The After-School Program is down 64 to 70 Students which is about a 25% drop from last year. This drop matches the decreased enrollment in FPS. They have engaged a marketing consultant to assess present publicity which includes ineffective Youth/Parent Program packets that are not read and therefore are ineffective. We are sponsoring open houses for fifth graders at the three middle schools and the Steam School to promote the After-School Program. Summer Program information is ready for distribution.

ISSUES COMMITTEE UPDATE: Joan McGlincy, Kathy Ashcraft and Sharon Snodgrass: Arrangements for the Tech Night with the Oakland County Resource Commission for the ecological aspect. Sharon Snodgrass indicated that per The City's IT Department Manager that there are no job opportunities for recruits without 2 or 4 years of college. Joan suggested that we check with the Chamber of Commerce for small companies who may offer internships. Mary Buchanan from the Commission on Aging is a member of a Caregivers Group and they have discussed ways CYF could incorporate the needs of caregivers in the CYF mission. She continued outlining some of the needs that could be addressed. Samantha suggested contacting U.S. Congressman Brenda Lawrence and staff member Mike McGinnis who has caregiving issues as an agenda item. Todd Lipa informed us that The C.A.R.E.S. Complex is negotiating for trade school courses and eventually a trade school.

CALL TO ACTION UPDATE: Mitch Seelye: The annual planning meeting for the CTA Breakfast is scheduled for 1/8 at 6:00 pm. The Agenda includes a discussion of modifying, changing and improving the CTA Annual Breakfast.

SPOTLIGHT SHOW UPDATE: Sharon Snodgrass: Two shows were taped in November. The first one was Debra Jay who spoke at the last CTA Breakfast The discussed restructuring the family. The other show included two UAW who presented at our last Tech Night. Shows are limited to 15 minutes because of attention spans of viewers. They are unable to get the show schedule on the City website, but the shows are available on You Tube.

NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mike Ciaramitaro, Farmington Hills Assistant Police Chief: Crime goes down in cold weather. The Police Department is constantly recruiting highly qualified officers. Out of a large number of applicants, only a few will qualify. They are nearing the ideal number of 206 officers. The Department is also losing three administrative staff members including a Dispatcher. This position requires a higher level of education. Todd Lipa added that 1/3 of the Farmington Hills work force is retiring or eligible for retirement.

Todd Lipa: CYF Reorganization: There is a new Commission roster of 11 voting members which includes 9

from Farmington Hills with one alternative and 2 from Farmington with one alternative. You need a quorum (6) out of the eleven members to vote on a motion. Sharon suggested that there is a need to have definitions of roster positions and how they are filled. Samantha informed us that City Council will meet on 3/13 to discuss these and other issues will be discussed. The Mayor will appoint all replacements.

Motion to approve the roster as presented. Motion brought by Bette Rose, support by Mitch Seelye. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to retain present Bylaws with approval for restructure to correspond with all Commission Bylaws. Motion brought by Mitch Seelye, supported by Bette Rose. Motion carried unanimously.

Erica Saum, JFS: Erica announced she will be stepping down once her term of office expires in February. The Mayor will appoint her replacement.

Laura Scott, Farmington Hills Community Library: Laurie invited everyone to the MLK day long celebration at the Library on 1/15/18. She informed us of the Red Carpet Event on 2/25/18. She distributed the following brochures: the Library Programs for January, the MLK event roster, the Red Carpet Movie Shorts and the Children's Programs occurring from 11/17 to 1/2018. Sharon praised the Shorts of the Red Carpet and extolled the services provided in the Library Heritage Unit.

Abby Sacco, YMCA: The Y Summer Camp registration is open. The Y has all new exercise equipment and the fitness center remodeling is almost complete.

Todd Lipa/Jessica Cummings: Farmington Hills and the Farmington Public Schools are meeting to discuss repurposing Harrison High School on 1/9 at 6:30 pm. In the FPS Administration Building. The earlier meeting on 1/6 should be televised, but the 1/9 meeting probably will not be televised.

Jessica Cummings: Jessica will not be able to a number of upcoming meetings, so it was decided by Todd that Jessica would become a Liaison and share duties with Jon Manier.

Todd Lipa: There are two openings on the Parks and Recreation Commission. These members will be very busy with the proposed repurposing of Harrison High School. 517 dinners were served at the Annual Farmington Hills Thanksgiving Dinner. The balance of the dinners were donated to meals on wheels, 85 delivered or picked up by families and there were donations to Goodfellows making a total of 370 recipients. Information and tours are available for C.A.R.E.S. The Senior Division is looking for nominees for their Volunteer Recognition Awards.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Saum, support by Seelye, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm. Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted by Joan McGlincy/Ed Cherkinsky