

**MEETING MINUTES
 COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES
 CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
 March 5, 2015
 Farmington Hills City Hall Community Room located at:
 31555 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, Mi. 48336**

CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chairperson Carmen Francis at 6:07 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jessica Cummings, Stephanie Davis, C. J. Felton, Carmen Francis, Diane Hague, Tony Lewis, Joan McGlinicy, Marla Parker, Bette Rose, Laura Scott, Mitch Seelye, Sandy Smith and Eugene Thomas.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kathy Ashcraft, Ed Cherkinsky, Rebecca Dworkin, Bill Dwyer, Carla Mackey, Anwar Mahmood, Leana Parker, Michael Peters, Jim Nash and Andy Nichelhoff

OTHERS PRESENT: Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members: Frank Demers, Joseph Hobson from the COA, Todd Lipa and Chuck Nebus.

GUEST: Jermain Jackson

#	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION SUMMARY/PERTINENT INFO	FORMAL MOTIONS:
1	APPROVAL OF AGENDA 3/5/15		MOTION BY: Bette Rose SUPPORT BY: Marla Parker MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous
2	APPROVAL OF MINUTES 2/5/15		MOTION BY: Diane Hague SUPPORT BY: Bette Rose MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous
3	AGENDA ITEM: Youth Division Update	Todd Lipa: They have been training with FPS homeless representatives to assist youth division staff to understand the needs and issues of homeless kids in the 350 kids in the After School program. There is a total of 180 homeless kids from 122 families. There are no resources available for housing. St. Alexanders is the primary support for food. Todd is always looking for more programs that provide alternative forms of education and more funding to offer the students. There is a meeting with FPS staff to discuss the number of kids struggling in the present education system. Alternative programs: (1). Crescendo which is a music and dance program (cost is \$4000). (2). Boys to Men which is run by Lou Brucker (cost is \$2000). (3). Girl Power which is an outdoor program run by an Outdoor Ed. Certified Teacher (funding is needed for next year). If mileage is approved, expect discussion on enhancing After School Programs. A packet of information has been prepared for the 4 th graders regarding after school opportunities. Marla reported that the Community Foundation is setting up a fund for the homeless in addition to the Backpack Program. In response to an inquiry from Carmen regarding a CYF banner, table skirt, hang up or sign, the cost would be approximately \$500. A motion to purchase one was brought.	MOTION TO PURCHASE CYF BANNER BY: Mitch Seelye SUPPORT BY: Bette Rose MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous
4	AGENDA ITEM: Issues Committee Update	Diane Hague: A flyer and press release was distributed for the Technical and Vocational seminar scheduled for April 27 at the Costick Center. Diane will contact SWOCC and request an ad be run on Channel 8. Carmen urged Commission members to contact friends and colleagues with information. The flier is on email for distribution. Carmen asks members to attend Tech night and be sure chairs are filled during breakout sessions. Diane and the Committee gave recognition for Dr. Larry Gage's work on the seminar.	
5	AGENDA ITEM:	Mitch Seelye: Alateen bowling party was attended by 22 kids including an eight year old whose mother mentioned the girl's positive response to it. A public service	

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	Call to Action	announcement is being produced to promote Alateen. St. Joseph Drug Awareness Program for Parents in cooperation with the PTA, Farmington and Farmington Hills Police Departments, is set for April 16 at 6:30 pm. at North Farmington High School.	
6	AGENDA ITEM: CYF Spotlight	Carmen asked Chief Demers for feedback on the recent program. Chief Nebus and he did a 45 minute show on Community Relations and Policing and a second show on current scams. Both shows were hosted by Ed. Carmen suggested future shows on the topics of sexting and drugs. Judge Parker reported that a Dunckel School Girl's Gold group that heard from a representative on "OK to Say." Judge Parker volunteered to do a show depending on scheduling. Frank reported the "OK to Say." which encourages kids to anonymously any problems. There is follow by Police or other authorities. Frank praised the program's agenda and organization.	
7	AGENDA ITEM: Volunteer Recognition Update	Marla Parker: Volunteer Recognition is set for May 11 at 6:30 pm. at Farmington Hills City Hall. The subcommittee will meet on April 21 at 7:30 am. at Scrambler Maries. Nominations are due by April 15. Commission Members should submit nominees by email. Approved Forms will be on line. Marla encouraged members to distribute information to friends, colleagues, organizations, etc.	
8	AGENDA ITEM: Screen Free Week	Laurie Scott: The Library is working with the PTA which is promoting and offering raffle prizes for kids responding to the challenge. Laurie is seeking monies for prizes. Joan sent information from the Committee for a Commercial Free Childhood which has flyers promoting the week which is held May 4-10, 2015.	
9	AGENDA ITEM: New Business and Announcements	<p>1. Police: Chief Nebus thanked the Commission for the show on Community Relations and Policing.</p> <p>2. Multi-Cultural Multi-Racial Rainbow Recognition: Todd: Event is set for April 22 at the Costick Center from 9:00 am. to 9:00 pm.</p> <p>3. Earth Day: Todd: There is a celebration on 4/22 with family activities.</p> <p>4. 6th Annual Xemplar Club Euchre Party: Todd: Scheduled for March 28 at 5:00 pm. at the Costick Center. Proceeds are donated to charity.</p> <p>5. Scheduling: Due to Passover, Easter and Spring Break there is a scheduling problem. The new meeting date is April 9 for the Commission's General Meeting. Carmen stressed the meeting is important in April to finalize the Vocational and Technical Seminar.</p> <p>6. Farmington Public Schools: Jessica Cummings: There are two Bond presentations scheduled for 3/9 and 3/18 at the Maxfield Training Center. Both events at scheduled to start at 7:00 pm. A coffee hour is scheduled for 3/10 at the FPS Board offices from 9-10 am. Free passes will be given to all seniors 65+ to all school entertainments. A sampling of upcoming events is Farmington High Schools' "Cinderella," scheduled from March 20 to 22 and North Farmington High Schools' "Les Miz," scheduled from March 26-28.</p> <p>7. Commission on Aging: Josephine Hobson: The Commission wants to do a survey of Community seniors to determine if all are being reached. They are looking for a grant or other funding to cover the \$5000 to \$10,000 cost.</p>	
	PUBLIC COMMENTS	None.	

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	ADJOURNMENT	Motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm.	MOTION BY: Mitch Seelye SECOND BY: Joan McGlincy MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous .
	MINUTES PREPARED BY	Ed Cherkinsky, Secretary, with assistance by Diane Hague and Joan McGlincy Contact Information: Ed Cherkinsky at (248) 661-5114 or echerkinsk@aol.com	