

**MEETING MINUTES
COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, 2015
January 7, 2016**

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

CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chair Carmen Francis called meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Ahmed, Kathy Ashcraft, Ed Cherkinsky, Jessica Cummings, Stephanie Davis, Jaymi Dormaier, Rebecca Dworkin, Carmen Francis, Diane Hague, Anthony Lewis, Anwar Mahmood, Joan McGlincy, Jim Nash, Leana Parker, Bette Rose, Erica Saum, Laura Scott, Sandy Smith and Sharon Snodgrass and Eugene Thomas.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bill Dwyer, C.J. Felton, Diane Hague, Marla Parker, Mike Peters, Mitch Seelye and Eugene Thomas.

OTHERS PRESENT: Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members: Josephine Hobson, Todd Lipa, Jon Manier and Chuck Nebus and Samantha Steckloff. Guests: Andy Nickelhoff and Stuart Rosen

<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>1/7/16</p>		<p>MOTION BY: Bette Rose</p> <p>SUPPORT BY: Jim Nash</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</p> <p>11/5//15</p>		<p>MOTION BY: Laura Scott</p> <p>SUPPORT BY: Kathy Ashcraft</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous</p>
<p>3 AGENDA ITEM:</p> <p>Award Presentation</p>	<p>Joan McGlincy presented Andy Nichelhoff an award recognizing his 17 years of service and leadership to the Commission.</p>	
<p>4 AGENDA ITEM:</p> <p>Youth Division Update</p>	<p>TODD LIPA: The After School Program was closed over the Holidays. The numbers are unchanged after the Holidays. They are conferring with FPS for next year's program. The Summer Program is in the planning stages. Todd praised the success of "Boys to Men" with Lou Brookins and Girl Power. A MPARK grant, a private donor, Brighthouse and Botsford are funding a fitness program for 150 kids/100 adults. Youth Counselors are planning a program for 150 kids to wear Pivot Monitors. An App company is creating apps and games for the program. The U of M Kinesiology Department is designing a program to track progress.</p>	

<p>AGENDA ITEM: Issues Committee Update</p>	<p>KATHY ASHCRAFT: The Agenda for the Technical and Vocational Seminar scheduled for March 31 was reviewed. Ed requested updates from the Volunteer List to be presented to Mike Lasley for review by the City. The City has expressed concern about liability issues. Sharon reiterated that there could be problems arising out of members determining selection of organizations, duration of the placement and liability issues.</p>	
<p>AGENDA ITEM: CYF Spotlight Show Update</p>	<p>CARMEN FRANCIS: She is still trying to contact Ray Randolph. The Underground Railroad Show is still in the planning stages and Todd informed us that there are legal issues to be resolved if there is filming at the site. Todd advised us that there is a March deadline for the SWOCC building to be sold because Novi is exiting the consortium.</p>	
<p>AGENDA ITEM: Volunteer Recognition Update</p>	<p>ED: Marla is absent, but she is formulating a schedule for planning the event and determining a good date for the presentations.</p>	
<p>AGENDA ITEM: New Business and Announcements</p>	<p>FARMINGTON HILLS POLICE: CHUCK NEBUS: The most serious crime rates are down in Farmington Hills by 6% since last year and 38% from 10 years ago. Their are record lows for armed robberies, burglaries and auto thefts. The biggest concern is dealing with mental health issues. Last year there were 19 suicides and Officers wrote 220 petitions for hospitalizations of individuals. Deliberate overdoses were labeled suicides. Suicides caused by firearms and drugs. There have been 2 suicides so far in 2016.</p> <p>COMMISSION ON AGING: JOSEPHINE HOBSON: They are assessing local businesses to see if there are openings for seniors raising grandchildren. Their pensions and social security is being depleted and full or part time work will augment their incomes.</p> <p>FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS: JESSICA CUMMINGS: The School Board reconfigured grade designations. There will be a return to Elementary grades K-5, Middle School 6-8 and High School Grades 9-12. There are pending decisions to be made on school building closures, because no decisions have yet to be made. There will be two programs for Strings on January 8. 900 students will be participating, with the first concert at 11:00 am. for grades 5 and 7 and a later show at 3:30 pm. for grades 6,8 and High School. The next School Board Meeting is scheduled for 1/12 at 7:00 pm. at the Central Administration Office. "The Adams Family" musical is scheduled for February 4 and 5 at 7:30 pm. at Harrison High School. Jon Manier informed us that students are out in front of some FPS buildings with signs. The signs indicate that the site has received bond funds.</p>	

	<p>LIBRARY: LAURA SCOTT: She invited us to celebrate Martin Luther King's Birthday on 1/18 and there will be a full day of activities. Materials were distributed.</p> <p>YMCA: LEANA PARKER: There will be an open house on 2/20. There will be a Cheese Cake Run which is a 5K run from the Y sponsored by Road Runner of W. Bloomfield. Cheese Cake samples from Cheese Cake Factory provided after the run.</p> <p>WATER COMMISSION: JIM NASH: A recent Bond Conversion saved the Commission \$38 million dollars. The Middlebelt Project is projected to be completed by the end of the year at a cost of \$40 million dollars. The project was ordered by the state to eliminate sewer overflows caused by rain storms. His website has a power point presentation about the project.</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL: SAMANTHA STECKLOFF: A Health Committee was created by Samantha in October to improve health statistics for residents. Oakland County has a very high rate for life threatening diseases such as cancer and heart and she would like to do something to improve it.</p> <p>ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECT: TODD LIPA: This is a three year program sponsored by Bosch and the program is in the second year. Farmington Hills is in the top 10. The process is to track energy usage before and after taking energy conservation steps.</p> <p>MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL: TODD LIPA: The Council is taking CCR (Cardio Cerebral Resuscitation) training on 2/1. There will be 100 students and there are plans for a CCR weekend.</p> <p>COMMISSION BUDGET: TODD LIPA: He has received a budget proposal for the Commission today and Todd thinks the Commission budget will stay the same or have a slight decrease.</p>	
PUBLIC COMMENTS:		
ADJOURNMENT:	Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 pm.	<p>MOTION BY: Kathy Ashcraft</p> <p>SECOND BY: Tony Lewis</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous</p>

Minutes Prepared By: Ed Cherkinsky, Secretary, with assistance by Joan McGlinchy

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