

**MEETING MINUTES
COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, 2015
November 5, 2015**

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 6:03 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Cherkinsky, Jessica Cummings, Stephanie Davis, Bill Dwyer, C. J. Felton, Carmen Francis, Diane Hague, Anthony Lewis, Anwar Mahmood, Joan McGlincy, Leana Parker, Bette Rose, Erica Saum, Laura Scott, Sandy Smith and Sharon Snodgrass.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carol Ahmed, Kathy Ashcraft, Rebecca Dworkin, Jim Nash, Marla Parker, Mike Peters, Mitch Seelye and Eugene Thomas.

OTHERS PRESENT: Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members: Frank Demers, Josephine Hobson, Todd Lipa, Jon Manier and Chuck Nebus

<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>11/5/15</p>	<p>Item number 3 on the November 1 Agenda should read: "Approval of October 1, 2015 Minutes."</p>	<p>MOTION BY: Diane Hague</p> <p>SUPPORT BY: Bette Rose</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</p> <p>10/01/15</p>	<p>There was a correction of Agenda Item New Business and Announcements, paragraph 4 which should read: "The requested millage accounts for \$40 Million Dollars or 40% of the operating budget."</p>	<p>MOTION BY: Sharon Snodgrass</p> <p>SUPPORT BY: Bill Dwyer</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous</p>
<p>AGENDA ITEM:</p> <p>Youth Division Update</p>	<p>TODD LIPA: 1). The After School Program received a \$10,000 Grant from the Michigan Department of Recreation. Pivotal, which is a health company, is tracking 'fit bit' data which is synced to electronic devices such as I pads, phones, etc. They are hoping to have 100 students participating over a two year period. 2). Bright House has granted \$5000 for the stem program which will fund app. Creations.</p> <p>3). Numbers are steady in the After School Program</p> <p>4). The East Middle School Football Team has an excellent 5 win and 1 loss record and as part of the program there is tutoring for the student athletes on Tuesday and Thursday which has resulted in a 3.1 GPA for the team.</p>	
<p>AGENDA ITEM:</p> <p>Issues Committee Update</p>	<p>DIANE HAGUE: 1). Jeff Hotchkiss gave a presentation on the current available Volunteer List which was used for the City Website. He explained how it could be linked to the City Website by converting to an electronic database (we will need approval for that.) 5 Volunteers (Joan, Bette, Sharon, Leana and Diane) split the list of</p>	

	<p>organizations and will call the listed phone numbers to check for interest, updated phone numbers and email addresses that will bring us up to date for next year.</p> <p>2). March 31 is the date for the Technical and Vocational Event. The other preferred dates had been filled. Contact information from last year was passed out and Bette, Laura, Joan and Diane split the names and contact them. Joan will contact the UAW, Kathy will find a plumber and Ed confirmed that Dan Irwin, the Director of the Greater Farmington Chamber of Commerce will contact local skilled trade employers.</p> <p>3). The next Issues Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 7 at 8:00 am.</p>	
<p>AGENDA ITEM: Volunteer Program Update</p>	<p>This matter was discussed previously under the topic of Issues Committee Update.</p>	
<p>AGENDA ITEM: CYF Spotlight Show Update</p>	<p>CARMEN FRANCIS: She is contacting Ray Randolph, a former Freedom Rider about doing a Spotlight Show. Bill Dwyer will continue to host the show. Todd takes students on an annual tour the Underground Railroad at the First Congregational Church in Detroit and he will contact them about having a Spotlight Show containing a tour and/or an interview. Josephine Hobson will coordinate the Show.</p>	
<p>AGENDA ITEM: New Business and Announcements</p>	<p>1). JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES: ERICA SAUM: In response to numerous suicides in West Bloomfield, Erica wanted to know about the programs developed in Farmington Hills. Chuck Nebus spoke about the SAFE Program that meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.</p> <p>2.) FPS: JON MANIER: Jon informed us that there are "Listening and Learning Tours" for residents for feedback in making school changes. Superintendent, George Heitsch, will present recommendations for grade configuration at the November 12 Board Meeting and a decision should be reached in December.</p> <p>3). FARMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT: FRANK DEMERS: Holiday Angels, now called Holiday Lighting is scheduled for 12/5 from 6 to 7 pm. "Shop with a Cop" or "Heroes and Helpers" which includes Farmington, Farmington Hills and Franklin Police Officers is scheduled on 12/6 to benefit children 8 to 10 years old. Target donated</p>	

\$1000.00 and the Farmington Hills Benevolent Fund donated \$3000.00.

4). LIBRARY: LAURA SCOTT: There is a Kwanza celebration at the Library on 12/5. Casual Fridays at the Library has raised \$300.00 for Neighborhood House. There are issues with students coming from Dunckel Middle School after school. The students reject adult supervision and the Library is working on a solution.

5). YMCA: Leana Parker: A cardboard boat race is scheduled for 11/18. The Fall Program is in full swing and the Child Care Program is full. Pancakes with Santa is scheduled for 12/12.

6). OAKLAND COUNTY COMMISSION: BILL DWYER: The County has a balanced budget and there has been a decrease in taxes at the County level (currently 4.2%). Unemployment and houses prices are up in Oakland County. There is a bi-partisan group that is partnering with Costco for gun and safety locks. The Police Officers Benevolent Fund donated \$2500.00 to the Back Pack Program.

7). ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER: TODD LIPA: The dinner is scheduled for 11/11 from 4 to 7 in the Shannon Room at the Costick Center. Last year 500 dinners were served. Todd invited the Commission Members to volunteer or just come the dinner.

8). COMMISSION ON AGING: JOSEPHINE HOBSON: The Commission is working on housing for Seniors and Seniors do not want to live in a high rise complex. The Economic Development Authority is working on “tiny houses for Seniors.” Many Seniors are looking for part time jobs, so the Commission is developing a directory of Businesses. housing for Seniors and Seniors do not want to live in a high rise complex. The Economic Development Authority is working on “tiny houses for Seniors.” Many Seniors are looking for part time jobs, so the Commission is developing a directory of Businesses.

9). FARMINGTON HILLS POLICE: CHUCK NEBUS: Per 24/7 Wall St., Farmington Hills was named the 14th Best City with over 65,000 residents in the U.S. It was the only named City in Michigan.

10). FEDERAL: TONY LEWIS:

	Congratulations to Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephanie Davis for being appointed a U.S. Magistrate. Item number 3 on the November 1 Agenda should read: "Approval of October 1, 2015 Minutes."	
8 PUBLIC COMMENTS:	None	
9 ADJOURNMENT:	Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 pm.	MOTION BY: Joan McGlinicy SECOND BY: Diane Hague MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous

Minutes Prepared By: Ed Cherkinsky, Secretary, with assistance by Diane Hague

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