

**MEETING MINUTES  
 COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES  
 CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, 2015  
 March 3, 2016**

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

**CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Secretary Ed Cherkinsky called meeting to order at 6:00 pm. with Chair Carmen Francis later assuming the Chair of the Meeting and calling for introductions.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ed Cherkinsky, Jessica Cummings, Rebecca Dworkin, Carmen Francis, Josephine Hobson, Anwar Mahmood, Joan McGlincy, Leana Parker, Marla Parker, Bette Rose, Erica Saum, Laura Scott, Mitch Seelye and Sharon Snodgrass.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kathy Ashcraft, Jaymi Dormaier, Bill Dwyer, Diane Hague, Anthony Lewis, Jim Nash, Mike Peters, Sandy Smith, Brian Spitsbergen and Eugene Thomas.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members: Todd Anderson, Frank Demers, Todd Lipa and Samantha Steckloff.

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Deborah Loving and Mike Early from Pathways 2 Christian Counseling Center.

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| <b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b><br><br>3/3/16                 |   | <b>MOTION BY:</b> Mitch Seelye<br><br><b>SUPPORT BY:</b> Jessica Cummings<br><br><b>MOTION CARRIED:</b> Unanimous |
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| <b>AGENDA ITEM:</b><br><br><b>Youth Division Update</b> | <b>TODD LIPA:</b> The theme of the this year's summer camp is "Unplugged," which honors energy competition. A full summer program is offered, including many activities and field trips for \$295. They are seeking donations in order to allow free field trips. In the Healthy Kids program they have purchased Pivotal Exercise Devises which are defective. They are looking into a new fitness band. They are looking into a App. Developer to design games incorporating fitness programs. They have received a \$10,000.00 grant from anonymous, a \$10,000.00 grant from Mpark and a \$5,000.00 grant from Bright House. Botsford/Beaumont Hospital wants to be involved. The loss of 5 <sup>th</sup> graders in the After School Program has |   |

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|  | generated publicity programs to reach new after school enrollees. The College Staff is planning an "All Night Party" from 5:00 pm to Midnight and School Dance for Middle Schoolers. The Commission is invited for the 18 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party for the After School Program which is scheduled at 4:00 pm. on March 18 at the Costick Center.  |  |
| <b>AGENDA ITEM:</b><br><b>Issues Committee Update</b>        | <b>ED CHERKINSKY:</b> The Tech Night is set. Emails have been sent to last year's attendees. Space has been added to the evaluation comments section for permission to cite Attendees comments. The Tech event is not be videotaped because of the format, but a CYF Spotlight Show or Shows can be taped with the Presenters, which could include Attendees. All Commission Members are encouraged to attend the March 31 Event. We could possibly focus our efforts on Special Needs. We should focus on what is available and we are looking for suggestions from Members. Bob Blumenfeld, a former Commission Member and currently CEO of JARC and Lisa Murrell, Director of Community Living Centers have sent in Letters of Interest to the Mayor's Office. They can be beneficial in pursuing new ideas. Brookdale on Drake and 12 Mile Rd. is looking for volunteers to work with Alzheimer's patients. |  |
| <b>AGENDA ITEM:</b><br><b>Call to Action Update</b>          | <b>MITCH SEELYE:</b> Alateen took 35 kids to the Howell Nature Center. A Trinity Program will be presented at North Farmington High School on April 18 at 7:00 pm. The program will focus on hidden drugs and paraphernalia in teens' bedrooms and symptoms of abuse.   |  |
| <b>AGENDA ITEM:</b><br><b>CYF Spotlight Show Update</b>      | <b>CARMEN FRANCIS:</b> Erica confirmed that she has a qualified person at Jewish Family Services, Randee Black, the Resource Center Director and a former JARC employee who can guest on the Spotlight Show. Todd informed us that the SWOCC building has been sold and the studios would be moved into the Costick Center by the end of March.   |  |
| <b>AGENDA ITEM:</b><br><b>Volunteer Recognition Update</b>   | <b>MARLA PARKER:</b> There is a return deadline of 3/23 for nominations. It is confirmed that both Cities have been formally invited. The Committee will meet on 4/7 at 5:00 pm. to select the winners. This is prior to our regular meeting which begins at 6:00 pm. The date of the Presentation is Monday, May 9 at 7:30 pm. In front of Farmington Hills City Council. The the doors open at 6:30 pm. for the Reception that precedes the Ceremony.   |  |
| <b>AGENDA ITEM:</b><br><b>New Business and Announcements</b> | <b>CARMEN FRANCIS:</b> Questions persist regarding the parameters of the Budget and Todd and Samantha confirmed that no money donations may be made to outside resources or programs. She also confirmed that that applicants to the Commission must go initially to the Mayor's Office and City Council.<br><b>LIBRARY: LAURA SCOTT:</b> There will be a Dr. Seuss Birthday Party on Saturday, March 5 and State Representative Christine Greig will read her favorite Dr. Seuss book.<br><b>FPS: JON MANIER:</b> School recommendations for   |  |

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|                         | <p>change will be presented in March. There will be two Community Forums, one on 3/3 and one on 3/5. The recommendations for repurposing/closures will be presented to the School Board later in the year. The Development Plan will extend for a period of 4 years. There are 130-150 classrooms that are not needed.</p> <p><b>FARMINGTON PUBLIC SAFETY: TED WARTHMAN:</b> Juvenile contacts are down. Todd cites the history of the After School Program and the subsequent decline of 25% to 40% in juvenile issues.</p> <p><b>FARMINGTON HILLS POLICE: MIKE CIARAMITARA:</b> Farmington Hills Police have elected to carry Opiate overdoses kits in their cars. The kits are required for Farmington Public Safety Officers. A Senate bill allowed for their distribution. If there was no overdose, the injection of Naloxone into the nose is not harmful and there are no side effects. It will work for 30 minutes until EMS arrives. It can be purchased over the counter.</p> <p><b>47TH DISTRICT COURT: MARLA PARKER:</b> 1. It is the anniversary of the "High Risk Response Team." Best Practices Against Domestic Violence Program has had nationwide attention. 2. A State survey on Public Satisfaction of the 47<sup>th</sup> District Court ranks high. 3. Heroin cases have greatly increased (heroin is cheap). 4. Sobriety Court is doing well with little recidivism.</p> |  |
| <b>PUBLIC COMMENTS:</b> | None   |  |
| <b>ADJOURNMENT:</b>     | Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 pm.  | <p><b>MOTION BY: Mitch Seelye</b></p> <p><b>SECOND BY: Diane Hague</b></p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous</b></p> |

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