

MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES  
October 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, Diane Hague, Joan McGlinicy, Mitch Seelye, Sharon Snodgrass and Brian Spitsbergen.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Anthony Lewis, Anwar Mahmood and Bette Rose

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members and Alternate and Associates members: Todd Anderson, Becky Dworkin, Chuck Nebus, Kitty Ostach, Marla Parker Laurie Scott and Samantha Steckloff.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

MOTION by Parker, support by Seelye to approve the Agenda of October 4, Motion approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** –September 13 , 2018:

MOTION by Seelye, support by Hague to approve the minutes of April 5, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

**INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Everyone at the Meeting introduced themselves.

**YOUTH DIVISION UPDATE: Kitty Ostach: Successful Summer Program** without any bullying. Free field trips were provided to the Yankee Air Museum, D.I.A., Underground Railroad, etc. with the help of donations from the Xenplar Club. There were 130 students at the Costick Center After School Program today and the attendance is consistent and growing. An OCC study/work program will help and it is paid by OCC. The After School Program is celebrating 24 years. C.A.R.E.S. Is doing well and Busch's is trying to obtain a freezer for the program; Busch's allows clients the ability to pick out groceries. Trunk of Treat at C.A.R.E.S. on October 14 and Relay for Life will be at C.A.R.E.S. on October 28.

**ISSUES COMMITTEE UPDATE: Diane Hague:** The Tech Night Event representatives have been finalized. Joan and Kathy will pick up snacks. The same format with introductions and breakouts as last year. We are working with the Commission on Aging to develop a Spring Program for Caregivers and their families. We are considering a keynote speaker followed by 3 Breakout Sessions. We have a tentative date of April 16 from 7 to 9 pm.

**CALL TO ACTION UPDATE: Mitch Seelye:** The annual Call to Action Breakfast is scheduled for Friday, October 5 featuring Tracy Chirikis from Families Against Narcotics as the Keynote Speaker. A hayride is scheduled on 10/14 at Heritage Park for the Alateen Group.

**VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION REVIEW: Marla Parker:** Discussion on how to increase participation—ex: every other year; ask members to bring contact information on other organizations to the next meeting. There were suggestions to shorten the time from the reception to the presentation to City Council (change to 7 for the reception and 7:30 pm. for the presentation). We should ask Council is the Spring or Fall the best time for the Program. A personalized certificate signed by the Mayor and other dignitaries would be nice. Marla requested Ed to send reminders to the Commission regarding suggesting three organizations to contact for nominations.

**SPOTLIGHT SHOW UPDATE: Sharon Snodgrass:** On a break. Sharon requested ideas for speakers.

**NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Laura Scott: Farmington Hills Community Library:** Star Wars Event this weekend. Pamphlets for monthly events were passed out. A Library Board Meeting is scheduled for 10/11 and anyone can attend.

**Marla Parker:** She will discuss Sobriety Court at the Call to Action Breakfast. More domestic violence education is needed. The Courts are dealing with more opiod related issues. They are looking into the most

effective treatment. Could it be medical treatment as well as other treatment options. Brian is working with St. Mary's Hospital detox and other viable and effective treatments. There are not a lot of treatment options.

**FARMINGTON HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chuck Nebus:** 2000 people attended the first City-Wide Open House. Farmington/Farmington Hills achieved credition by the Michigan Association of Police. The department has a new canine. The Police will go to any Trunk or Treat when asked. A “safe transaction zone “ has been created at Police Headquarters for social media sales. Check ou the information on the HIDI report before you vote on the ballot proposal to legalize recreational marijuana.

**Samantha Steckloff:** As a City Councilperson she cannot endorse one position or another, but she encourages everyone to vote on the Road Millage Proposal on the Nov. 6 ballot.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by Hague, support by McGlincy, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted by Diane Hague/Ed Cherkinsky