

**MEETING MINUTES  
COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, 2015  
February 4, 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 6:01 pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carol Ahmed, Ed Cherkinsky, Rebecca Dworkin, Carmen Francis, Diane Hague, Anthony Lewis, Joan McGlincy, Jim Nash, Marla Parker, Bette Rose, Laura Scott, Mitch Seelye, Sandy Smith and Sharon Snodgrass.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kathy Ashcraft, Jessica Cummings, Bill Dwyer, Josephine Hobson, Anwar Mahmood, Leana Parker, Mike Peters, Erica Saum and Eugene Thomas.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members: Comander Mike Ciaramitaro, Todd Lipa, Jon Manier and Deputy Director Ted Warthman.

<p><b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b></p> <p>2/4/16</p>		<p><b>MOTION BY:</b> Mitch Seelye</p> <p><b>SUPPORT BY:</b> Bette Rose</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED:</b> Unanimous</p>
<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</b></p> <p>1/7/16</p>		<p><b>MOTION BY:</b> Jim Nash</p> <p><b>SUPPORT BY:</b> Mitch Seelye</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED:</b> Unanimous</p>
<p><b>AGENDA ITEM:</b></p> <p><b>Youth Division Update</b></p>	<p><b>TODD LIPA:</b> There has been a change of staff with the loss of Adult Staff Members causing difficulty. The loss affected the north end and we have been working to keep the sites open. We need 3 mature adults that are willing to work part-time, for minimum wage and work in a hectic environment. With the School changes next year, it was decided not to present the program to the elementary grades. Next years presentation will be made to the 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders and some 9<sup>th</sup> graders, but not 5<sup>th</sup> graders. We are waiting the decision on the school closing plan for next year. We are currently pushing the summer program. The Budget allocated by the City has been sent to the Youth Program as well as CYF. It is the same as last year's. The Mayor's Youth Council had their first CPR training (75 kids) at the Costick Center. The training is provided by the Fire Department and the ultimate goal is to have this training available to the entire Community. The Heart and Soul Gala for the foundation is scheduled for 4/16.</p>	

<p><b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>Issues Committee Update</b></p>	<p><b>DIANE HAGUE:</b> The Committee reviewed the plans for the Technical Event. There will be 7 different representatives at the breakouts. Jill Pines is handling the publicity and information has been sent to the Schools, Newspapers, Websites and the City Signs. The program consists of an introduction by Carmen, Kathy and Joan are in charge of refreshments and Laura will make the posters and name boards.</p> <p>The City recommends expanding the Volunteer List on their Website by adding a tab on their volunteer page to direct potential volunteers to volunteermatch.org.</p> <p>Ed is following up on an open CYF position for Farmington Hills. Carol Ahmed is following up with Farmington Schools on a project for Special Needs Students. The Volunteer Recognition will meet after this meeting to discuss Volunteer Awards. The next Issues Committee Meeting is scheduled for February 29 at 8:00 am.</p>	
<p><b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>Call to Action Update</b></p>	<p><b>MITCH SEELYE:</b> The Alateen group will visit the Howell Nature Center for an overnight. Beaumont and Botsford Hospitals will offer a public forum for heroin overdose with Doctors and Addicts. Frank Banas will speak on Substance Abuse at the Call to Action Meeting which is scheduled for 2/8.</p>	
<p><b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>CYF Spotlight Show Update</b></p>	<p><b>CARMEN FRANCIS:</b> The SWOCC facility is closing and we are waiting for the new Farmington Studio to open. Joan will contact Ray Randolph about speaking. Todd is waiting for the studio transition before proceeding with the Underground Railroad.</p>	
<p><b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>Volunteer Recognition Update</b></p>	<p><b>MARLA PARKER:</b> 14 Members signed up to volunteer. Nomination forms will be distributed by members to their contacts and the City will distribute them by website and in their facilities. Ed will prepare the forms and they should be sent out by 2/22. There is a return deadline of 3/21. 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 Counsel. The the doors open at 6:30 pm. for the Reception.</p> <p>that precedes the Ceremony. Marla assigned the various jobs that needed to be done and requested that someone have a camera to commemorate the event.</p>	
<p><b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>New Business and Announcements</b></p>	<p><b>CARMEN FRANCIS:</b> The CYF budget for 2016 is \$2706 which is frozen from 2015.</p> <p><b>LIBRARY: LAURA SCOTT:</b> A FAFSA program will be presented on 2/17 and 2/24 by Daisy Cardero. There is Puppet Show on 2/27. Many programs are available during Black History Month. Irish music with Jim Parkens will be presented at 2:00 pm. On 2/20.</p> <p><b>FPS: JON MANIER:</b> School recommendations for change will be presented in March. There will be two Community Forums, one on 3/3 and one on 3/5. The</p>	F

	<p>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>OAKLAND COUNTY WATER DEPARTMENT: JIM NASH:</b> There will be a Town Hall at the Senior Center in Royal Oak on Saturday, 2/6 at 1:00 pm. Four State Representatives and Dr Mona, the Flint doctor will discuss the Flint water crisis.</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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