

**MEETING MINUTES
COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS**

January 5, 2017

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

CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chair, Kathy Ashcraft at 6:04 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Ashcraft, Ed Cherkinsky, Jessica Cummings, Amber Delind, Anthony Lewis, Joan McGlincy, Bette Rose, Erica Saum, Laura Scott, Mitch Seelye, Sandy Smith, Sharon Snodgrass, Brian Spitsbergen and Eugene Thomas.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jaymi Dormaier, Rebecca Dworkin, Bill Dwyer, Diane Hague, Josephine Hobson, Anwar Mahmood, Jim Nash, Marla Parker, Mike Peters, Mitch Seelye and Eugene Thomas.

OTHERS PRESENT: Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members: Todd Anderson, Todd Lipa. Chuck Nebus and Samantha Steckloff.

<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>1/5/17</p>	<p>Introduction of Members.</p>	<p>MOTION BY: Mitch Seelye</p> <p>SUPPORT By: Bette Rose</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</p> <p>11/3/16</p>		<p>MOTION BY: Sharon Snodgrass</p> <p>SUPPORT BY: Bette Rose</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous</p>
<p>AGENDA ITEM:</p> <p>Youth Division Update</p>	<p>TODD LIPA: The Youth Budget is being prepared and CYF's Budget is due for review soon. Probably the budgets will remain the same. The After-School numbers are up even though the program now serves 6,7 and 8th grades. There is a shared opinion that the students are more mature than when the younger students were included. Todd praised FPS for allowing the Youth Division to use Dunckel School. Warner numbers are up, but the usable area is very limited. The Summer Brochure are being prepared with the many of the sites the same as last year. The After-School Students made Holiday cards for the Goodfellows and the Students at the Ice Arena made a Giving Tree which collected 300+ cold weather accessories for the needy. The Youth Division and the Graham E. Smith Memorial Foundation plan to purchase St. Alexander Church and adjacent land for a Community Center. They will be presenting a</p>	

	counter offer to the Archdioceses. There is a 5 year business plan, but it requires ownership of the building before funds can be raised. Annual cost of running the Community Center will be \$50 to \$60 thousand dollars. There are a number of commitments and grants available.	
4 AGENDA ITEM: Issues Committee Update	KATHY ASHCRAFT: The Publicity Release Flyer for Tech Night prepared by Gillian Pines was distributed. Jessica was asked how to best reach Students-eg. Counselors and teachers. The Commission Members agreed listserv is not always effective for publicity. Jessica suggested publicity request and related information be sent to Debbie McCracken in the Administrative Office.	
5 AGENDA ITEM: Call to Action Update	MITCH SEELYE: No Board Meeting on Monday 2/9. The 101 Drug Seminar will be presented again. A Teen' bedroom will be displayed with a discussion of the many hiding places for drugs. They are working with Beaumont/Botsford ER Physicians to describe overdose admissions.	
AGENDA ITEM: CYF Spotlight Show Update	SHARON SNODGRASS: Sharon reported on her interview with the Financial Officer and Admissions Officer from WSU. Information was given on FAFSA and the ability of potential students to tour the campus. Joan reviewed the impressive Spotlight Show that she hosted with Brian Spitsbergen as a guest speaking about drug treatment. Ed will send out the web link to the Commission.	
7 AGENDA ITEM: Volunteer Recognition Update	TODD LIPA: The nomination forms were distributed and Commission Members were asked to review and bring their suggestions and changes to the next Volunteer Recognition Meeting which is scheduled for 5:00 pm. On 2/2/17. Todd is requesting that Members suggest nominations and publicity ideas. Suggestions included going to the Homeowners Associations (Mitch has access to 30 Homeowner Association Member contacts), Neighborhood Watch, the "Next Door" website and social media blitz. Sharon will assume responsibility for seeking more publicity possibilities. Other suggestions include notice to other Commissions, City websites, newspapers and online nominations. The tentative date is 5/8/17 at the Farmington Hills City Council Meeting.	
8 AGENDA ITEM: New Business and Announcements	AMBER DELIND: NEW MEMBER: She lives in Farmington and is employe by the non-profit policy group, The Center for Michigan in Ann Arber. The Center publishes The Bridge Magazine and their motto is: engage, inform and achieve. TODD LIPA: Thomas the Tank Train was cancelled in December because of snow, is now scheduled for 1/15 at the Costick Center. TONY LEWIS: MICHIGAN CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION: At the end of 2016, Hate Crimes including incidents of bias and hate are up form 30 to 85. Not all incidents become a crime. School incidents are on the rise and incidents. Incidents at Dewitt, Stevensville and Royal Oak Schools came to the attention of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission. The MCRC focus is on the middle schools. There were severe problems in Royal Oak which included students and staff. MCRC is focusing on culture change at the schools and in the Communities around the schools. Enforcement is the responsibility of the U.S. Department of Education. Eugene asked about Eastern Michigan's recent incident.	

Tony responded that the MCRC is aware of it and Eugene stated that things have not changed there since he was a student. Tony described a community policing project for training, development, recruitment and community engagement through community forums. Ed will sent out the information when he receives it.

ERICA SAUM: JEWISH FARMILY SERVICES: A flyer was passed out publicizing an “Expressions Exhibit” open to high school students. The problem attempts to foster an artful approach to mental health awareness. An email with information will be forthcoming.

CHUCK NEBUS: FARMINGTON HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT: Members of the Police Benevolent Association of Farmington/Farmington Hills shopped with kids for Christmas and donated \$5000.00 to the Back Pack Program. The crime rate is down since 2005. Robbery and car thefts are lower.

SAMANTHA STECKLOFF: FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL: The Council is goal setting presently and the study of all the Commissions continues. In response to a question about a fixed number (11) for each Commission, She confirmed that no decisions have been made as a result of the Council's efforts and that all related study sessions held prior to the Council Meetings are open to the public. Requests to join Commissions should continue to be submitted.

JESSICA CUMMINGS: FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS: School Board Meetings are scheduled for 1/17 and 1/31 at the Shulman Administration Building. Contract negotiations for teachers and staff continue. All were invited to attend East Middle School's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration on 1/16 from 8:30 to 10:00 pm. There have been no known incidents of hate and/or bias at FPS and this was confirmed by Tony. There was a reported death of a student on 12/16 and the parents are requesting that donations be made to a mental health resource.

TODD LIPA: SUICIDE AWARENESS FOR EVERYONE: A Community Conversation Day is being planned. Todd is on the board of the Michigan School of Professional Psychology is buying property next door to their building in order to to open a counseling center open the public and staffed by Doctoral Students. Todd informed us that a former member of the Youth' Council who had organized dialogues on issues is now getting a PHD. She was a Volunteer Recognition honoree as a student.

LAURA SCOTT: FARMINGTON HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY: As a Royal Oak Dondero High School graduate, she thanked Tony for the MCRC work at Royal Oak Schools. A flyer was distributed inviting everyone to attend the MLK program at the Library. The theme is for all to exhibit kindness and caring. The January Library schedule was also distributed.

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None

COMMENTS		
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 pm.	MOTION BY: Brian Spitsbergen SECOND BY: Tony Lewi MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous

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