

Meeting Minutes
Farmington/Farmington Hills
Commission on Children Youth and Families
April 4, 2024
Community Room, Farmington Hills City Hall
31555 W Eleven Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48336

1. Call to order
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6:01pm
 - b. Members present: Jordan Scrimger, Rod Wallace, Sharon Snodgrass, Alisa Valden, Tanya Nordhause, Tammy Luty, Ashley Gabb, Bhumika Mistry, Bria Barker-Lewis
 - c. Members absent: Marie Sarnacki, Colleen Coogan, Brian Spitsbergen
 - d. Others present: Matt Gale, Marla Parker
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Rod moved, Tanya seconded
 - b. Motion passes unanimously
3. Approval of March 7 Minutes
 - a. Rod moved, Ashley seconded
 - b. Motion passes unanimously
4. Youth Division Update
 - a. Matt gave the update.
 - i. Grades up for participants of the afterschool program. Matt is working on a statistical report
 - ii. New staff hired
 - iii. Many participants in archery program joined the archery team.
 - iv. NFL Draft event was a hit.
 - v. Sewing, Playlabs, and track all popular. More coaches needed for track.
 - vi. First fire drill occurred April 3
 - vii. Escape room being built on the third floor of the Hawk
 - viii. Old media center being made into a conference center
5. Issues Committee Update
 - a. Career Night:
 - i. Jordan gave the update
 - ii. 46 people signed in. Jordan thought there were at least double that attending
 - iii. 17 vendors had tables
 - iv. 38 people filled out the feedback survey and got Hawk passes
 1. The most common way people heard about career night was word of mouth from family members
 2. Positive feedback of the career opportunities present
 3. Most attendees from Farmington Hills with some from surrounding cities
 4. 16-18 most common age group. 32-39 second most common. 76 was the oldest age
 5. Most people said they were looking for job information for themselves

- v. There was a discussion about having a “career fair” where people just come to learn about new jobs and a “hiring fair” where people come to actually apply to a specific job.
- b. Kindness Rock Garden Painting
- i. Rocks being painted April 22 from 4-7pm and May 11
 - ii. April 22 is at Heritage Park near the Rock Garden. May 11 is at the Farmer’s Market in downtown Farmington
 - iii. Vote to allocate \$600 for expenses related to Kindess Rock Garden Project
Sharon moved. Alisa Seconded
 - 1. Motion passed unanimously
- c. Mental Wellness Fair
- i. Rod gave the update
 - ii. There have been a few names proposed for the event but nothing has been finalized.
 - iii. There is a folder in the Google Drive with documents for/about the event
 - iv. Rod would like to get some social media posts going on video platforms
 - v. The idea for a sign in sheet has been axed so that people don’t feel pressured or intimidated
 - 1. Alisia asked if there might be a way to send out a survey or some way to gather data from attendees so we can improve future events
 - 2. There was a discussion about the best ways to gather feedback
 - vi. Alisa said Oakland Community Health Network may be willing to help advertise. Rod said he’d reach out.
 - vii. Tammy mentioned that we can’t have our own social media accounts but we can send content to the city to publish.
 - viii. Rod would like to have the first social media post made by the end of the week of 4/8
 - ix. Tanya said it may be difficult to get therapists to attend as they aren’t accepting new patients
 - 1. There was a discussion about other things that they can offer even if they aren’t accepting new patients.
 - x. Alisa asked how the rest of the commission can help
 - 1. Rod said helping get the word out and being there to volunteer are the best ways to help
 - xi. Vote to allocate \$500 for expenses related to the Mental Wellness Fair
 - 1. Moved by Tanya. Seconded by Alisa
 - 2. Motion passed unanimously
- d. Volunteer recognition
- i. Ashley gave the update
 - ii. The recognition opportunity has been shared with 83 participants with 18 nominations made so far
 - 1. Majority of nominations have been for the Adult and Group categories. Nominations for Family and Youth categories are needed
 - iii. Fliers posted in the community and posts have been made on social media but the word needs to be out more for nominations.
 - 1. There was a discussion about who to send information to if we want items to be included in the city newsletter

- iv. Nominations close on April 10 with a meeting to discuss nominations on April 17 at 7pm over Zoom. Ashley will send out the Zoom link to all interested attendees
- v. Event is scheduled for May 20 at City Hall before the city council meeting
- vi. Vote to allocate \$800 for expenses related to the Volunteer Recognition Event
 - 1. Sharon moved. Ashley seconded.
 - 2. Motion passed unanimously

6. New Business and Announcements

- a. Marla
 - i. Court is still hybrid between virtual and in-person. Judge Brady is 100% in-person and Marla is moving to more in-person.
- b. Matt
 - i. All outdoor facilities are up and running.
 - ii. Next event is Mom and Son Night Out on April 19
- c. Tammy
 - i. Let her know if you're coming to volunteer at the Rock Painting on April 22
- d. Sharon
 - i. Loved how many members of the committee were at Career Night
- e. Jordan
 - i. Came across a lot resources for mental health when she was looking for things for the Mental Wellness Fair. She will send a link.

7. Public Comments

- a. None

8. Adjournment

- a. Sharon motioned. Rod seconded
- b. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm