

MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES  
FEBRUARY 1, 2018-6PM  
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL, COMMUNITY ROOM

**CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Chair, Kathy Ashcraft at 6:05 pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kathy Ashcraft, Ed Cherkinsky, Diane Hague, Anthony Lewis, Anwar Mahmood, Joan McGlincy, Bette Rose, Mitch Seelye and Sharon Snodgrass.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** NONE

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members and Alternate and Associates members: Todd Anderson, Becky Dworkin, Todd Lipa, Jim Nash, Chuck Nebus, Marla Parker, Laurie Scott and Brian Spitsbergen.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

MOTION by Parker to amend to include Volunteer Recognition. Motion brought by Seelye to approve and amend the agenda with support by Rose. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES –January 4, 2017:**

MOTION by Seelye, support by Rose to approve the minutes of January 4, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

**INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Everyone at the Meeting introduced themselves and it was announced that Ed and Bette accepted their reassignment to the Commission. Jessica and Erica formally resigned.

**YOUTH DIVISION UPDATE: Todd Lipa:** The After-School Program now has 475 participants. The ratio of participants to the number of students in the schools remain the same. Next year the Program will be reduced to 3 days at Warner due to reduced space. The Summer Programs for the Costick Center are set. The Fifth Grade packets are being discontinued and electronic notifications will be used. There will be 2 open houses in May.

**ISSUES COMMITTEE UPDATE: Diane Hague:** The group stuffed folder for the Tech Night on Monday, January 29. Diane will bring name tags to the Tech Night. Diane requested that the Commission Members publicize the Career Tech Event and come on 2/7 and support the Commissions' effort

**CALL TO ACTION UPDATE: Mitch Seelye:** The Ala-Teen group will be going to the Henry Ford Museum on the last day of February to see the Pixar Exhibit. The Ala-Teen group is increasing in size. The next CTA meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 12 at 6:00 pm.

**VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION: Marla Parker:** Volunteer Recognition Night is confirmed for May 14. Ed will send out Volunteer Recognition forms from last year to see what revisions are needed. Todd suggested having an electronic form with a link. Volunteers are needed to distribute forms and notify nominees and the people that nominated them. The Mayor should also be included in signing the awards. A planning breakfast will be scheduled to at Scrambler Maria's on Thursday, February 15 at 7:30 am.

**SPOTLIGHT SHOW UPDATE: Sharon Snodgrass:** Amber DeLind has agreed to tape two shows which should appeal to a younger audience. The first will be on the topic of voting and the second on the topic of internet protection and social media.

**NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Chuck Nebus, Farmington Hills Police Chief:** Time Magazine named Farmington Hills as the best City in Michigan and used Farmington in coming to its conclusion. Annual Report was discussed and Farmington Hills is one of the safest Cities and 3<sup>rd</sup> best place to raise children. Crime is down 38% in the last ten years including the lowest number of burglaries. There is a new contract which maps overdoses. The tracking appears to map the areas where sellers are. The statistics show that 2/3s of the abusers and male and the average age is 39.

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**Jim Nash: Water Resource Commissioner:** The Department is desperate for employees. They are working with two year schools focusing on job training. The Department is analyzing pay and benefits to make it competitive. They are exploring union programs. You can access [Oaklankgov.com/jobs](http://Oaklankgov.com/jobs).

**Laura Scott: Farmington Hills Community Library:** Fliers were passed around for the Library Programs for February and March. There are many programs at the library. The Youth Program will present an author from Northville, Supriya Kelkar, who will speak about the debut novel, Ahimsa, a fight for freedom in India in the 1940s.

**Marla Parker: Sobriety Court and Farmington/Farmington Hills Gala:** There were 3 graduates from Sobriety Court and the next graduation will be May 7 at 5:30 in City Hall Council Chambers where 6-7 graduates will be honored. The Farmington/Farmington Hills Foundation Gala is scheduled for May 5 at the Meadowbrook Country Club. There is a discount for early registration. Volunteers are needed for the auction.

**Brian Spitsbergen: Mental Health:** Narcam and training should be provided for free and as a public service. They are in the process of a developing a program at St. Mary's Hospital.

**Tony Lewis: Michigan Department of Civil Rights:** The State is piloting the Franklin Covey Program which conveys "Policing are the Speed of Trust" in Grand Rapids for law enforcement. It is a consortium of Police and the Community.

**Todd Anderson: Farmington Public Safety:** There have been no auto larcenies in the past 30 days. The Fire Department has purchased a newer used 75 foot ladder truck from Iowa. It is being detailed and will be in operation in the near future.

**Todd Lipa: C.A.R.E.S, XEMPLAR CLUB and CYF MEMBERSHIP:** C.A.R.E.S. Hosted an Interfaith Council Meeting. It is at the former St. Alexander Parish and renovations will be completed by next week. The facility has a clothing closet and an expanded food pantry. The plan is to build a trade school by obtaining grants. Donations are welcomed Tuesday through Friday from 9-12. The Website is [caresfh.org](http://caresfh.org). Donations and volunteers will expand to 1-4, plus 2 evenings and one day on the weekend. The address is 27835 Shiawassee Rd. between Middlebelt and Inkster. Joan asked about volunteers to help the elderly and Todd hoped to have a 'Home Chore' Program next year to help them. The Xemplar Club 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Euchre Night is scheduled for March 24 at the Costick Center. There are currently three Member vacancies on the Commission and the Mayor will look through the applications and appointment new members.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by McGlincy, support by Rose, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted by Diane Hague/Ed Cherkinsky