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

September 4, 2014

Brass Pointe Restaurant, 24234 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington Hills, Mi. 48336

CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chair, Paul Melrose at 6:30 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Ashcraft, Ed Cherkinsky, Stephanie Davis, C. J. Felton, Carmen Francis, Diane Hague, Anthony Lewis, Joan McGlincy, Paul Melrose, Jim Nash, Andy Nichelhoff, Leana Parker, Erica Reeves, Laura Scott, Mitch Seelye, Sandy Smith and Eugene Thomas.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Karen Bolsen, Rebecca Dworkin, Bill Dwyer, Marla Parker and Bette Rose,

OTHERS PRESENT: Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members: Todd Lipa and Charles Nebus. Guests: Elyse Streit, Director of the Farmington Hills Public Library and Daisy Cordero, Senior Financial Counselor at Wayne State University

#	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION SUMMARY/PERTINENT INFO	FORMAL MOTIONS:
1	APPROVAL OF	Introduction of Commission members and guests Elyse	MOTION BY: Jim Nash
	AGENDA	Streit, the new Director of the Farmington Hills Public	
		Library and Daisy Cordero, Senior Financial Counselor	SUPPORT BY: Mitch Seelye
	9/4/14	at Wayne State University	
			MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous
2	APPROVAL OF		MOTION BY: Diane Hague
	MINUTES		
			SUPPORT BY: Stephanie Davis
	6/5/14		
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3	AGENDA ITEM:	Todd Lipa: 190 Youth were served in the Summer	
	V4l- D::	Program and that is the largest enrollment in 18 years. 24	
	Youth Division	educationally needy kids were assisted by staff member,	
	Update	Ron Johnson. There were 24 field trips and most were	
		educational. There is concern that there is a higher number of students being dropped off at 7:30 am, but the	
		official program is scheduled from 10 am to 5 pm which	
		means that these dropped off Youth are spending almost	
		12 hours at the Program Site. The program is financially	
		profitable but the dropped off students can suffer	
		physically and emotionally. Todd praised the staff and he	
		indicated that he is working hard to have the makeup of	
		the staff match that of the Youth in the program. He	
		commended staff member Solomon for helping a group	
		of Youth run a Lemonade Stand using extablished	
		business models. They made \$400+. There were 742	
		Students in the After-School Program last year and 450	
		are signed up so far this year. They are examining ways	
		to increase the educational component of the After-	
		School Programs. Prince of Peace withdrew as a program	
		site, but the YMCA has replaced it. Farmington's After-	
		School Program is the largest in the US. Todd has mede	
		contact with the Farmington Public School's	
		Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent. In response	
		to Erica Reaves inquiry, we were informed that OCC and the Michigan School of Psychology are supplying their	
		work/study to aid the After-School Program. Todd is	
		looking for community partners to kids and supplement	
		their family activities.	
4	AGENDA ITEM:	Carmen Francis and Daisy Cordero: Agenda is in place	
		for the October 20 College Night at the Costick Center.	
	<b>Issues Committee</b>	The participants and speakers are confirmed. There will	
	Update	be 3 speakers and the program will include a walk	
	=	through the FAFSA form for parents. Daisy and Carmen	
		will present a segment on how to research and find	
		scholarships. The University of Toledo and	
		representatives from local colleges will be present. Daisy	
		will offer help for parents of seniors in completing	
		FAFSA forms on 2/18/15 at the Library on Twelve Mile	

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		Rd. The Issues Committee will meet on 10/6 at 11:30 am in the Conference Room at the Costick Center to stuff folders for the event.	
6	AGENDA ITEM: Call to Action  AGENDA ITEM: CYF Spotlight	Mitch Seelye: The Annual Call to Action breakfast is scheduled for 7:00 am on 10/3 in the Shannon Room at the Costick Center. The next General Meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm in the Viewpoint Room at Farmington City Hall. Mitch announced that CTA was receiving a Grant of \$4,500 in 2014 and a Grant of \$15,000 in 2015 fro the Coalition for Healthy Communities. A Drug Court is being planned for Farmington Hills similar to the one that was done in Birmingham/Bloomfield Schools. Mitch is working with Judge Parker, Todd Lipa and Diane Baumann from Farmington Public Schools.  Erica Reaves subbed as host this summer and hosted two shows. The first involved Amy Flynn from Oakland County Technical Program and the second was interviewing the new Farmington Public School Superintendent Heitsch. There was a suggestion to interview Todd regarding the After-School Program for an upcoming program.	
7	AGENDA ITEM: Program on Bullying Update	Erica Reaves: The Bullying Program is still in the development stage. Erica announced that she will be taking a hiatus from the Commission but intends to return in the future.	
9	AGENDA ITEM: Blog and Newspaper Update	Paul Melrose: Paul announced this is probably his final blog on You Tube on 10/20, at least for the present. The newspaper column is on hiatus. Paul announced he will be leaving the Commission in 1/15 and he reminded members that November is nominating month for CYF.	
10	AGENDA ITEM: New Business and Announcements	<ol> <li>Chief Nebus: The Major Crime Rate is 10% lower than in 2013. One of the reasons is that new Officers are well trained, tech savvy and are involved in Community support. The Police Department is involved with the preparation of the Wellspring Facility to receive 24 immigrant children. There was a small peaceful protest in Farmington Hills involving 20 people. In response to a concern by Eugene Thomas, Chief Nebus informed us that the children will be separated entirely from the Community and will be subject to Federal guidelines. The decrease in suicides and suicide attempts is credited to more publicity about suicide and resources which has led to seeking help.</li> <li>Leana Parker: The YMCA is very please with the After-School Program and how it has been integrated into their building. The YMCA Pre-School numbers are good. They have instituted new programs: Robotics, Legos and Kinder music. New Adult classes include Aerobics, Yoga and Pilates. There is a silent auction starting at the Y on 9/4 and the Cipriano Classic netted \$61,000.</li> <li>Laura distributed the new Library Newsletter.</li> </ol>	
	Public Comment		

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	ADJOURNMENT	Motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm.	MOTION BY: Eugene Thomas
			SECOND BY: Carmen Francis
			MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous
	MINUTES	Ed Cherkinsky, Secretary, with assistance by Joan	
	PREPARED BY	McGlincy	
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