

**MINUTES**  
**FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS**  
**COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH and FAMILIES**  
**April 7, 2022**  
**Community Room, Farmington Hills City Hall,**  
**31555 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI. 48336**

- 1) Call to Order 6:00 pm.

Meeting was called to order by Bette Rose at 6:03 p.m.

Members Present: Tammy Luty, Bette Rose, Ed Cherkinsky, Jordan Scrimger, Adam Whitfield, Rob Wallace, Sharon Snodgrass

Liaisons Present: Marla Parker, Douglas Edwards, Lauren Janowicz, Patrick Spellman, Steven Schneemann, Jim Nash, Nyasha Boyd

- 2) Approval of Agenda

Ed Cherkinsky approved the agenda, seconded by Jordon Scrimger and all approved.

- 3) Approval of March 3, 2022 Minutes

Ed Cherkinsky approved the minutes, seconded by Jordon Scrimger and all approved.

- 4) Youth Division Update

Lauren mentioned again the importance of bussing next school year for the after-school program to run and give access to more students, they are working with FPS on this. The city will have a table at the tech-career night for some of their job openings. She also discussed what prizes we have as options for the event and the issues committee will decide on the prizes at the May issues meeting.

- 5) Issues Committee Update

Tammy gave an update on the Career/Trade/Tech night. The members have secured enough vendors for the event, and it will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> between 7 – 8:30 p.m. Our next issues meeting we will finalize the vendors list. One committee member will send the details of the event to all the vendors after this issues meeting. A small group will get together in May to prepare the folders for participants to review. We have also started the publicity and had extra flyers available for members and liaisons to take and share to help with advertising.

- 6) Call to Action Update

Ed Cherkinsky gave an update that in order to get the money to CARES, two members of the call-to-action committee must sign off on the paperwork. A date is being setup for the signatures to happen with the city attorney.

## 7) Spotlight Show Update

Sharon has been working on getting the commission website reviewed and updated making sure all the information is current. The old CYF videos were deleted off the site except for a few that are still relevant. Sharon and Tammy had both found items that needed to be updated on the website. Sharon is working with Erin Carlson the city webmaster to get the website updated. The website included a lot of information on grandparents because this was a program done in the past. Sharon asked if we should add a volunteer that represents this group to the committee, and we discussed that we could bring in others if needed for special projects without having them attend all meetings. This also would be true if we had a program where we specifically want the youth voice in planning as well.

## 7) Volunteer Recognition Program

Marla mentioned that we have not locked in a specific date, but we are planning this for October.

## 8) New Business and Announcements

Marla Parker – The court is still split Zoom and in person. They are just finishing the first group of sobriety participants where the program has been all remote. This information will be used to see if it had an impact on the program.

Doug Edwards – Doug introduced himself as the new director of the YMCA, he will rotate attending the meetings with Tanya Murphy. The YMCA just did an ALICE training program for the youth learning center with Jeff King. Membership has been picking up at the YMCA. The Y is hosting a Ybreakfast on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. this is a fundraiser event to support Camp Riley and Live Strong. The Live Strong program is a 12-week program for cancer survivors where they work with a trainer.

Adam Whitfield – Adam gave an update on the new fiber opt network program that the city was selected for, this is something that will benefit our community families.

Steve Schneemann – Steve mentioned that trees were recently cut down on Farmington Road in order to prepare for the Farmington Road streetscape project which is starting soon.

Patrick Spelman – Public safety will be at the Farmers Market opening on May 7<sup>th</sup>. They have hired a new resource officer for FHS in the fall. Pat wanted to remind members to lock their cars as the weather is getting nicer, they have seen more car break ins.

Robert Wallace – Gave an update on the Upward Bound college program that he works with high school students to help them get admitted to college. The program is primarily working with students that are struggling to get into college.

Jim Nash – Workforce Development started a job shadowing program. This allows perspective employees to learn different tracks of what the water resource commission does. They are also working on hiring summer apprenticeships for this summer. Infrastructure money is coming for water that will help with making improvements. Some of this money will be to help with climate change in infrastructure spending. Jim also serves on the park board and wanted to let members know that grants are being released to help develop local community parks.

Nyasha Boyd – FPS Career Technical Education program is looking forward to being part of our upcoming Career/Trade event.

10) Public Comments

None

11) Adjournment

8:00 pm.

Ed Cherkinsky motioned to adjourn, and Jordan Scrimger seconded, all in favor.

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All future meetings will start at 6 p.m. in the Community Room, Farmington Hills City Hall,

May 5, 2022

June 2, 2022

September 1, 2022

October 6, 2022

November 3, 2022