

**MEETING MINUTES  
COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
February 6, 2014  
Farmington Hills City Hall Community Room located at:  
31555 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI. 48336**

**CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Vice-Chairperson, Carmen Francis at 6:01 pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Edward Cherkinsky, Rebecca Dworkin, Carmen Francis, Anthony Lewis, Carla Mackey, Joan McGlincy, Erica Reaves, Laura Scott, Mitch Seelye, Sandy Smith and Eugene Thomas.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kathy Ashcraft, Karen Bolsen, Stephanie Davis, Bill Dwyer, C. J. Felton, Diane Hague, Anwar Mahmood, Paul Melrose, Jim Nash, Andy Nichelhoff, Leana Parker, Marla Parker, Michael Peters and Bette Rose.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members: Todd Lipa and Mike Ciaramitaro; Guest: Lew Cantor

#	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION SUMMARY/PERTINENT INFO	FORMAL MOTIONS:
1	<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>  2/6/14	Introduction of new Farmington member, Erica Reaves, Mike Ciaramitaro subbing for Chuck Nebus and Guest, Lew Cantor	<b>MOTION BY:</b> Mitch Seelye  <b>SUPPORT BY:</b> Eugene Thomas  <b>MOTION CARRIED:</b> Unanimous
2	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>  1/9/14		<b>MOTION BY:</b> Mitch Seelye  <b>SUPPORT BY:</b> Tony Lewis  <b>MOTION CARRIED:</b> Unanimous
3	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>  <b>Youth Division Update</b>	Todd: The Budget Process is proceeding and the outcome looks positive. Attendance in the tutoring program is up 50% and they are seeking tutors that have more things in common with the youth being served. The attendance figures are up by 55 youths a day, with membership at 700 with an average of 350 daily visits. The annual hours for January 2013 to January 2014 was 122,000 hours of kids time. It was composed of 51% girls and 49% boys. There was a Girl Power Celebration on 2/5 which included a fashion show. The Farmington Public Schools are supporting the Summer Program for Kids needing extra help. There will be 15 kids enrolled. The Summer Program will have two locations, the Ice Arena (south side) and Prince of Peace Church (north side). The Summer Program will be offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday and offsite trips will be the same for the two locations. 120 Community members attended the movie, "Transformation of Loss" shown at OCC. Breakout sessions followed the movie. The movie stressed how the 6 families affected in the movie reached out to help others and in turn were helped themselves. The Inter-Faith Council has offered Conference Rooms at various Churches for the Commission's future programs.	
4	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>  <b>Issues Committee Update</b>	The next Issues Committee Meeting is Friday, February 14 at 8:00 am. In the Costick Center Conference Room. We are planning a program open to the public on 4/29 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. In the Shannon Room at the Costick Center to promote technical education. Gillian Pines is working on Finalizing a Title and Publicity strategy. Amy Flynn from Oak Tech will show pay scales and job opportunities available in order to overcome the stigma attached to Vocational Education. Daisy Cordero from Wayne State will speak about available Grants. Dr. Gage has lined up 3 speakers for the program. Todd reported that Governor Snyder's appearance at OCC to promote the benefits of Tech Education garnered a large turn out.	
5	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>  <b>Call to Action</b>	Mitch: The Ala-teen meetings are held every Thursday at 7:30 pm. at the Orchard Methodist Church. David Miller, the Minister at Nardin Park Methodist Church, is	

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		interested in starting an Ala-teen Meeting at the Church. Mitch met with the Court, Samaritan Counseling Center and the Professional School of Psychology to discuss setting up a teen substance abuse prevention program. There will be a bowling party for Ala-teen youth on 2/15. Substance abuse pamphlets were passed out. In response to Lew Cantor's question, Mitch informed us that there were 3 Ala-teen groups in our area.	
6	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>Volunteer Recognition Committee</b>	The initial meeting is set for 2/13 at 7:30 am. at Scrambler's Marie on 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Rd. Todd booked a place on the City Council Agenda for 4/21 and nominations should be returned by 3/28.	
7	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>CYF Spotlight</b>	Carmen has an interview with Susan Fitzsimonds on Bullying scheduled for 2/19. She will host the show and asked the Commission Members for suggested questions for Susan Fitzsimonds. Carmen's suggestion for a Community Family Night with Susan Fitzsimonds being sponsored by CYF was referred back to the Issues Committee.	
8	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>Newspaper Column and Update</b>	Tony informed us that Stephanie is working on the Blog, but work commitments are interfering at present.	
9	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>New Business and Announcements</b>	There has been a request from the Farmington City Council for a Commission Member to report on CYF activities at 7:00 pm. On 4/21. It is the same date as the Volunteer Recognition Program. Todd recommended asking for another date. The Farmington Hills City Council has reappointed Diane, Bill and Tony to another term on CYF ending on 2/1/17.	
10.	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>Public Comments</b>	Lew Cantor informed us that the Republican Party was sponsoring a Speaker in the Council Chambers. The topic was identity theft and invited us next door to attend the presentation.	
	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Motion to adjourn at 6:50 pm.	<b>MOTION BY:</b> Mitch Seelye <b>SECOND BY:</b> Tony Lewis <b>MOTION CARRIED:</b> Unanimous
	<b>MINUTES PREPARED BY</b>	Ed Cherkinsky, Secretary, with assistance by Joan McGlincy  Contact Information: Ed Cherkinsky at (248) 661-5114 or <a href="mailto:echerkinsk@aol.com">echerkinsk@aol.com</a>	