

MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES  
October 3, 2019  
VIEWPOINT ROOM, FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL, 31555 W. ELEVEN MILE RD. 48336

**CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Chair Kathy Ashcraft at 6:00 pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kathy Ashcraft, Ed Cherkinsky, Diane Hague, Joan McGlincy, Mitch Seelye, Sharon Snodgrass and Brian Spitsbergen.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Anwar Mahmood and Bette Rose.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members and Alternate and Associates members: Todd Anderson, Becky Dworkin, Todd Lipa, Jaclyn Miller, Chuck Nebus and Samantha Steckloff.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

MOTION by Seelye, support by McGlincy to approve the Agenda of October 3. Motion approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** -September 5, 2019:

MOTION by Hague, support by McGlincy to approve the minutes of September 5. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF BYLAWS:** There was a discussion regarding Call to Action being a (501(C) (3) and its relationship to the City. It was noted that CTA was registered as Families in Action. Steve Joppich, the City Attorney underlined parts of Section 6 to be removed in order to conform to the requirements of the City and there was unanimous agreement. It will be presented to City Council on 10/14 to be approved.

MOTION by Hague that the bylaws be accepted a written with additions and with the redlined portions of Section 6 be removed, support by Snodgrass to approve the bylaws. Motion carried unanimously.

**INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Everyone at the Meeting introduced themselves.

**YOUTH DIVISION UPDATE: Todd Lipa:** The numbers were down a little bit at the end of the Summer Program. Are down at the After-School Program. They are adequately staffed right now. During the school day, students that need extra supervision are provided one on one. Because of increased numbers in the After-School Program and during the Summer, there are more students that need one on one attention. The After-School Program does not have the same source of funding and this is a problem the numbers are down in the school district, but after school numbers are up. This change could be due to demographics and more parents working. 3/13/20 is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the After School Program which was created by CYF. It was the first program of its kind in the nation and still a premier organization. The Mayor's Youth Council is celebrating 20 years. They made a tape projecting what they would accomplish in 2020 and they will be making another such tape. C.A.R.E.S. was founded two years ago serving 139 to 145 families and they now have hired a director and a new program. 651 families were served in September. 450 families are being serviced. 19,800 pounds of food was distributed in August. 24,408 Pounds of food was distributed in September. 62 families used the clothes closet last month and they qualified for assistance. Southfield was contacted to use the facility and financial assistance was also requested

**ISSUES COMMITTEE UPDATE:** Helen Kiefer, CTE Compliance Coordinator from the Farmington Public Schools came in to assist us with the upcoming Tech Seminar. March 3 has been reserved for the upcoming Seminar because November was not optimal for what we want to do. Peachjar was recommended because it reaches parents' email. Ello was another website that Helen recommended. Career Cruising or Cruising for Careers could be a new title for Tech Night. Lew Cantor suggested a new program the Commission could pursue which would target the After-School program. Skills such as public speaking, debating, social graces and job interviews could be emphasized and taught. Todd informed us that a formal proposal be presented to the City for approval.

**CALL TO ACTION UPDATE: Mitch Seelye:** Sheryl from St. Joseph Hospital gave a seminar on Vaping at both High Schools. Even though there are limited facts, she gave the facts and not her opinion. Vaping uses favors to attract youth and it is a good thing Gov. Whitmer outlawed it. Beaumont is now working on a Vaping program directed at the Middle Schools Tomorrow is the annual Call to Action Breakfast scheduled for 7:00 am. at the Costick Center.

**SPOTLIGHT SHOW UPDATE: Sharon Snodgrass:** July program is Live Well and Live which is a Livonia Y program. It is a three month program for any cancer survivor and their families. The families get free membership during the program. It was filmed at the Y and included two trainers. It is a nationwide program and it is new to southeast Michigan. The Sobriety Court segment with Judge Parker was also filmed on location. Bobby and Sheryl will be filming Vaping segment. Tummy time will be shown in October. Shows can be accessed on You Tube, through the government website, Channel 99 on ATT and 203 Spectrum.

**NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**FARMINGTON POLICE DEPT.: Todd Anderson:** People leave their cars unlocked and it leads to an uptick in larcenies from autos. Joan commended the Public Safety Dept. for always being there to help her husband if he needs assistance.

**FARMINGTON HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chuck Nebus:** Larcenies from autos is a big problem all over. People are arrested, but the problem persists. A gang from Florida will break windows to get into the cars. A group will take an uber to Farmington Hills, steal from the autos, find keys in an auto and drive back to Detroit. Todd told us dealers will leave cars unlocked because there is nothing to steal except air bags and catalytic converters. The cars are computerized and the radios are not resalable. The City Wide open house was a success. A study done by 8 or 9 companies was done to determine the safest Cities in the Country over 50,000 population and Farmington Hills ranked 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**TODD LIPA:** Next Tuesday flu shots are available at the Wellness Fair. November 13 is the City Thanksgiving Dinner at the Costick Center and November 25

**FARMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY: Jaclyn Miller:** She is Interim Director at the Library and is temporarily subbing for Laurie Scott who is retiring. Handouts were given and there is a Star Wars program this weekend at the Library.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 7 at 6:00 pm. In the Community Room at Farmington Hills City Hall.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by McGlincy, support by Cherkinsky, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. Motion carried unanimously  
Respectfully submitted by Joan McGlincy/Ed Cherkinsky