

MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES
NOVEMBER 2, 2017-6PM
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL, COMMUNITY ROOM

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Ashcraft, Amber Delind, Ed Cherkinsky, Anwar Mahmood, Joan McGlincy, Jim Nash, Bette Rose, Abby Sacco, Erica Saum, Sharon Snodgrass and Brian Spitsbergen.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jaymi Dormaier, Diane Hague, Anthony Lewis, Marla Parker and Eugene Thomas.

OTHERS PRESENT: Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members and friends of the Commission: Becky Dworkin, Todd Lipa, Jon Manier, Chuck Nebus and Laurie Scott.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Rose, support by Seelye, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 7, 2017: Todd Lipa requested an addendum to the Minutes indicating that only Approved Minutes and Agendas be sent to City Clerk employees and drafts still be sent to Commission Members.

MOTION by Rose, support by McGlincy, to approve the minutes of September 7, 2017 as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

YOUTH DIVISION UPDATE: Todd Lipa: Many programs continue running at the various Youth Centers. There are now new programs at Warner to cover the needs of its five day schedule. Todd praised the City employees and volunteers who distributed water during the water crisis. Dr. Nandi, a Channel 7 consultant is a segment of his Show, “Ask Dr. Nandi” on medical and life style questions in Farmington Hills. Todd distributed fliers with information about the Thanksgiving Community Dinner. Main sponsors include PKC, a division of Alcoa and the Xemplar Club. Donations will help feed 70 families at Thanksgiving time.

ISSUES COMMITTEE UPDATE: Bette Rose: Notes from Issues Committee Chair Diane Hague indicate that the Technical and Vocational Seminar is scheduled for 2/7/18. The Committee is seeking more presenters in the areas of finance, ecology and technical. Todd informed us that the C.A.R.E.S. Program purchased Sanctuary House and planning a career workshop for those seeking employment. There are plans for a small program to introduce young people to the trades The Committee is finding that there is no need for another College Night. We are considering a program aimed at the aging population and will contact the Commission on Aging to try to coordinate a program.

CALL TO ACTION UPDATE: Becky Dworkin: The Breakfast last month was held instead of a meeting. There was a small turnout and there was a last minute speaker who was a professional speaker and she was excellent. Diane Hague made some good suggestions after the Breakfast that could increase future attendance. There was little publicity and Erica suggested that an update of publicity could include social media. The CTA Committee is meeting in the Summer to plan for the fall. There were suggestions to change the program, but they must meet the parameters of the CTA bylaws. A discussion revolved around the changing attitudes about substance abuse. The legalization of Marijuana has resulted in a relaxed attitude toward drug use. Dr. Mahmood suggested offering a free breakfast to increase attendance. This was formerly the case when businesses and agencies paid for their staffs to attend. A discussion arose about promotion in the newspapers. Todd explained that local papers are surviving with fewer employees to cover news.

SPOTLIGHT SHOW UPDATE: Sharon Snodgrass: Sharon reviewed recent shows and informed us that shows can be less than 30 minutes with no restriction. You can access shows on by going to the City website and click on CYF or go You Tube and type in CYF videos and then type in topic of the show. Jacob is working on a menu for shows with a link to particular shows. Sharon asked for different show suggestions and invited other member to volunteer as interviewers.

NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chuck Nebus, Farmington Hills Police Chief: Trunks or Treats Program reduced problems during Halloween. The publicizing of the drug drop box at the Police Station encouraged and is encouraging seniors dispose of excess medications. They have used Narcam on one person 8 times. Dr. Mahmood informed us that addiction training for physicians is not emphasized. MAPS training is needed for medical students regarding the psychological aspects of mental illness, substance abuse and addiction.

Jim Nash: Water Resource Commissioner: Jim discussed the how the pipes in the water system are manufactured and their strength. The blowout that occurred is unheard of for a pipe that age and condition. The pipe was less than 50 years old and should last at least 100 years. Dirt and grit issues complicated the repair process. The problem it caused extended as far as Rochester Hills. West Bloomfield shared their water and it eased the water shortage. The state needs 60 billion dollars to remedy the State's aging system. There are tours available for the Water Plant and Youth and other groups have taken advantage of the opportunity. Jim will provide technicians and employees who can discuss training opportunities for Tech Career Night.

Erica Saum, JFS: Erica distributed fliers announcing a locally made documentary about suicide. It is opening in other venues as well as Oakland County. It is being shown at the Maple Theater at 6:30 pm. on November 8.

Anwar Mahmood: There is a food bank at the Tawheed Center with delivery as needed.

Laura Scott, Farmington Hills Community Library: Fliers were passed around for the Library Programs for November and December. Kwanzaa is celebrated on December 2 at 2:00 pm. The program will feature soul food.

Abby Sacco, YMCA: A new Pre-K program is up and running and all the children programs are full. They are hosting approximately 125 STEAM 6 and 7 grade students after school. The Y provides transportation. A new weight and wellness center will be opened in a few months. Pancakes with Santa is scheduled for 12/16.

Jon Manier, FPS: Jon urged everyone to vote their conscience on November 8, but vote. The Education Foundation annual fundraiser gala is on November 3.

Brian Spitsbergen: His program with St. Mary's Hospital to provide additional treatment from crisis to immediate treatment is coming to fruition with a target date of May 2018. A mentor will be provided for each patient throughout their treatment. In discussions with the Hospital CEO there is a plan to have this program separate from the current treatment program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Rose, support by McGlincy, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted by Joan McGlincy/Ed Cherkinsky