

MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES
MARCH 5, 2020
COMMUNITY ROOM, FARMINGTON HILL CITY HALL
31555 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, Mi. 48336

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Ashcraft, Ed Cherkinsky, Diane Hague, Anwar Mahmood, Bette Rose, Sharon Snodgrass and Brian Spitsbergen.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joan McGlincy and Mitch Seelye

OTHERS PRESENT: Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members and Alternate and Associates members: Jessica Cummings, Jeff King, Mary Newlin, Marla Parker. Lauren Savage and Kristel Sexton

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS: Tammy Luty and Jordan Servinger

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Hague, support by Mahmood to approve the Agenda of March 5, Motion approved unanimously.

MOTION TO AMEND AND APPROVE FEBRUARY 5 MINUTES: Volunteer Recognition is 5/11. Clarification of Bond Issue in Primary Election. Motion to amend by Hague with support from King to amend and approve the minutes of February 5, Motion approved unanimously.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone at the Meeting introduced themselves.

YOUTH DIVISION UPDATE: Due to a scheduling snafu, the following email we sent: “We are working on the celebration for March 13th. It is a half-day for our Youth Members and we have rented an inflatable “axe throwing” game for them and we have a bouncer that will all take place in the gym. Should be exciting. It starts at 3 and we are expecting Nancy Bates and the Mayor of FH to say a few word about the success of the long-running program. Cake, coffee will be served. This will take place in the Shannon Room at the Costick Center.”

CALL TO ACTION UPDATE: Tabled until March Meeting.

ISSUES COMMITTEE UPDATE: Diane Hague: It was the best tech event thus far and the vendors were pleased with the response. Sharon explained that the vendors were interested in exposing middle schoolers to opportunities. Diane will discuss presentations at the middle school at the next Issues Committee Meeting. Jeff requested that the Police Department be included in any future events. Diane read the evaluations and they were all 4s and 5ss, with positive remarks. Parents were thankful that the event gave some direction to their children that had little until tonight. There was a suggestion to survey the vendors. Mary made the suggestion to change the name of the event from Technical into something more expansive and maybe add more vocations.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION UPDATE: Marla Parker: The event is on May 11 with a reception beginning at 6:30 pm. The cover letter and nomination form from last year will be updated and sent out. Nominations are due by 3/31. The Volunteer Recognition Committee will meet before the General Meeting on April 2 at 5:00 pm. Everyone that is nominated will received a certificate and the winners will receive a plaque. Marla is requesting that the Volunteer Recognition Forms be distributed to all groups, churches, etc.

SPOTLIGHT SHOW UPDATE: Sharon Snodgrass: Laura from MCA is in a recent video. The best place to find the videos is on You Tube. Go to the Farmington Hills website and click on You Tube. You will find CYF at the top with a schedule. The next scheduled Spotlight Show is with Brian and Wellspring

NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Jessica Cummings: Bond issue is on the ballot on Tuesday. Look on the website for information.

FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL: Mary Newlin: Mary inquired how new events are planned and implemented. Diane explained that ideas are given in the Issues Committee who then researches the probability based on competing commission events or feasibility.

FARMINGTON 47TH DISTRICT COURT: MARLA PARKER: Marla spoke about the success of the Sobriety Court program and the Program to Prevent Domestic Violence which is an example for other cities. May 1 at Lelli's on the Green is the 25th anniversary of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Foundation Charity Event. The proceeds are used to fund special grants.

FARMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY: Kristel Sexton: There is a reading challenge program called Chapter for Charity. Teams read 5 books and participate in a trivia game. Money goes to the winning team's charity. March is reading month.

Y.M.C.A. : Lauren Savage: The annual fund raising campaign is in progress. They are in the process of revamping programming and the goals of the Community need to be assessed.

F.H.P.D.: Jeff King: The City has information and updates on Covid 19 on the City Website.

NEXT MEETING: The April Meeting has been cancelled. Stand by for future notices.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Rose, support by Cherkinsky to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm. Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted by Hague/ Cherkinsky