

**MINUTES**  
**FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS**  
**COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH and FAMILIES**  
**November 3, 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 6:05 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Brian Spitsbergen

Others Present: Kristel Sexton, Gene Richards, Adam Stratton, Brittney Fuller, Mary Newlin

- 2) Approval of Agenda

Sharon Snodgrass approved the agenda, Jordan Scrimger seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

- 3) Approval of October 6, 2022 Minutes

Ed Cherkinsky approved the minutes, and Jordan Scrimger seconded, motion carried unanimously.

- 4) Youth Division Update

Lauren was not available for the meeting. Tammy did mention that she heard from watching a BOE meeting that Claudia Heinrich had asked the superintendent for an update on the bussing for the after-school program. Given this was important for our commission it was nice to know that the BOE would be asking for an update.

- 5) Issues Committee Update

Jordan mentioned that we didn't have an issue meeting this week and will plan a meeting in December even though we don't have a regular meeting that month.

- 6) Communications Update

Sharon asked what happens when someone goes on the city website to fill in the form to apply for open positions on the commission. Since we have a couple of openings, we need to find out if people are applying and fill our open positions. Sharon stated we need to find out how we share pictures after events like tech night or the rock garden events as a commission. Sharon also asked about the commission money. Is it possible to have our budget amount available for

each meeting. She will follow up with Lauren after the meeting to get answers to the questions.

We still need a host for the TV sessions if we are going to do them. Discussed this would be a perfect opportunity to partner with the youth and see if they would take over. Rod will check with NFHS to see since they have a TV program if this is something that we can partner with them on.

We had a discussion on the name tags for the commission members. Tammy will follow up with the city staff as this was something we discussed last year and requested. This will help to identify us when we are at events representing the commission.

#### 7) Volunteer Recognition Program

Marla was not at the meeting to give an update. Jordan will reach out to Marla about the volunteer recognition timelines.

#### 8) New Business and Announcements

Jordan Scrimger – Discussed the possibility of an agreement with the commission members to try and attend other events, possibly two other events or meetings in our city to stay informed about what is happening and topics of interest in the community to share back at future meetings. Sharon expressed concerns about this being too formal of an agreement. We determined that we would try and be out in the community but without a formal binding agreement.

Jordan also presented a new idea of cookies with the commission event. After a discussion on logistics would this be at City Hall or The Hawk. Would we have a guest speaker or babysitting and a few other questions. Jordan will research the idea more and present it at the December issues meeting.

Marie Sarnacki – As a teacher she was open to connecting with students to try and get more youth involved in the commission.

She also gave an update on the wait until 8<sup>th</sup> program. She would like someone to attend a meeting for her with the FPS staff to share more information/overview of the program. Since they meet during the day while she is at work.

Gene Richards – Was a guest at our meeting from Ward Church which just reopened on Halsted Road. He wanted to come to our commission and introduce himself and offer them as a resource to our commission if we were looking for a partner or location for an event. They have a history of community focus work including a community garden and food bank projects.

Mary Newlin – She mentioned that she announced the dedication of the Kindness Rock Garden at a city council meeting.

Adam Whitfield – Talked about the possibility of doing outreach in the schools, for example at parent teacher conferences for our commission.

Sharon Snodgrass – Shared information about the city class that you can participate in with the

police department and learn tidbits about crime and what they do. She thought it was a great program to participate in as a community member.

Tammy Luty – Gave an update that many of the rocks in the garden have been taken and the city has filled in the area with blank rocks for people to take and create on.

Brittney Fuller – Gave an update on the Farmington Y Veterans Day program. Also, activities and programs they are doing with youth at the Y.

Kristel Sexton – Mentioned they completed the community survey and received about a 1% response on the survey. They were hoping for a higher response, but they also have the opportunity for community members to come give feedback at the strategic planning meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>. They have started to prepare for the day long MLK day in January. In partnership with the Community Equity Organization, they are having students create a design of what they would like their community to look like. They are looking for judges from different areas to judge the projects and wanted to make sure commission members were aware they could participate in this judging.

#### 9) Public Comments

None

#### 10) Adjournment

7:24 pm.

Sharon Snodgrass motioned to adjourn, and Marie Sarnacki seconded, motion carried unanimously.

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

January 5, 2023  
April 6, 2023

February 2, 2023  
May 4, 2023

March 2, 2023  
June 1, 2023

Minutes drafted by: Secretary Tammy Luty