

**MEETING MINUTES**  
FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS  
COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILIES  
**March 6, 2025**

Community Room, Farmington Hills City Hall,  
31555 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI. 48336

1) Call to Order

- A. Meeting called to order at **6:01pm**
- B. Quorum announced
  - a. Members present: Alisa Valden, Sharon Snodgrass, Marie Sarnecki, Tanya Nordhaus, Jordan Scrimger, Tammy Luty, Bria Barker-Lewis, Brian Spitsbergen
  - b. Member absent: Bhumika Mistry, Adam Whitfield, Rod Wallace
  - c. Liaisons present: Marla Parker (47th District Court), Matt Gale (Youth Division), Doug Edwards (YMCA), Rebecca Brown (FCL), Bill Dwyer (FH City Council), Andy Radze (FHPD), Patrick Spelman (FPD),
  - d. Others present: None

2) Approval of Agenda

- A. Moved by Tammy
- B. Seconded by Tanya
- C. Motion passes

3) Approval of **February 6, 2025** Minutes

- A. The following edits were proposed:
  - a. 1, e, l - should read Sobriety Court
- B. Moved by Shannon
- C. Seconded by Tanya
- D. Motion passes

4) Youth Division Update

- A. Continuing to look for bus drivers, have one want to hire two more. FPS will provide drivers until the new drivers are found.
- B. Taking a maple syrup trip. DOS simulators opening at the Hawks nest room. They are putting up nets and goals around the city.
- C. Scholarship available but there have been fewer requests for them this year. Discussed ways to get information to more people so that they can be utilized.
- D. Staff from the city are away at a Parks Conference this week in Traverse City.
- E. Camp spots are filling. There are 208 camps and 3900 spots and 2600 are filled so far.
- F. April 5<sup>th</sup> USTA/RCS sports are having a free clinic day for Ages 5 to teens. Students will receive a free tennis lesson.
- G. Princess Tea at Longacre house is scheduled as well.

#### 5) Issues Committee Update

- A. "Phone a Friend" - workshop went well although there was very low attendance. Possible disconnect in getting out the work about the workshop. Looking at ways to share resources to community in other venues. Discussed ways that were utilized as well as options to try going forward. Also discussed the possibility of paring this workshop with registration for ASYP/HAWK camps. The Farmington Hills Police Department also do a similar training.
- B. Career Night – Eighteen agencies are planning to attend. This is the same number as last year. Six of them will be utilizing hiring tables for interviews. Discussed equipment request as well as food/water provided for attendees. Tables will be labeled and the hiring area will be designated. Some special requested have been made by attendees. Tanya still needs help with set up. Bria, Jordon and Alisa will be at the event to participate.

#### 6) New Business and Announcements

- A. Matt sent invitations to the State of the City for April 1, 2025.
- B. The Commission has been invited back to the Farmers Market. Discussed combining rock painting with mental health event. The committee is unsure at this time if there will be a full MH event. Discussed dates offered by the Market and May 31<sup>st</sup> was picked.
- C. Rock painting event will take place at the Earth Day event on 4/22/25.
- D. Open positions for the Commission; two alternate positions, one full position at the end of the year.
- E. Volunteer recognition – date set for May 12<sup>th</sup>. Categories were discussed as well as schedule nomination forms and return of the form. Matt will order plaques again this year. Applications need updated for sending. Responses will be due sometime in April. Sharon will update application and send everything out.
- F. Survey results were discussed. Mental health care was noted and opportunities for bringing Mindfulness to students was discussed along with discussions of computer/TV disconnect and mention of managing mental health with screen reduction. Discussed options for alternative to screens and a possible volunteer/family fun night as an option.
- G. Marla shared that the court is keeping busy.
- H. Farmington PD – Patrick discussed mental health incident in town and how this commission and others that discuss mental health have supported the community in decreasing stigma.
- I. Farmington Hills PD – Douglas discussed PD Citizens Police Academy beginning 4/1/25 through 6/3/25 on Tuesdays from 6-9pm. Sign up on the website.
- J. YMCA – Doug shared that winter and spring sessions are starting. YMCA has a nonoxynol box at the building. There are other resources in the box as well – med disposal bag. May will bring the camp information open house.
- K. City council – Bill discussed the study of use of city property. Costic center will most likely have to be replaced due to the cost of repairs. Sara Fischer center has been

approved for development that will most likely include townhomes/condos. Ginopolis corner is pending and no plan is currently approved.

- L. Library – Rebecca shared the teen department has monthly programs. She is doing monthly outreach at the HAWK on the second Wednesday of the month. Battle of the books will begin in April. Reading month begins next week.
- M. The commission discussed making changes to the Tuesday working meeting prior to Thursday commission meetings. At this time, the group has agreed to hold the time but will not meet unless there is a request to do so.

#### 7) Public Comments

- A. “Dad jokes” shared to end the meeting.

#### 8) Adjournment

- A. Moved by Sharon
- B. Seconded by Tammy
- C. Motion passes unanimously
- D. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm approximately