

MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES
September 13, 2018-6PM
BRASS POINTE RESTAURANT ,24234 ORCHARD LAKE RD. FARMINGTON HILLS, MI. 48336

CALLED TO ORDER BY: Vice-Chair, Bette Rose at 6:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Cherkinsky, Diane Hague, Anwar Mahmood, Joan McGlincy, Bette Rose, Mitch Seelye, and Brian Spitsbergen.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kathy Ashcraft and Sharon Snodgrass

OTHERS PRESENT: Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members and Alternate and Associates members: Amber DeLind, Becky Dworkin, Jim Nash, Todd Lipa, Jon Manier and Laurie Scott.

GUEST SPEAKER: Assistant Farmington Hills City Manager, Gary Mekjian

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Seelye, support by Hague to approve the Agenda of September 13, Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –May 3 , 2018:

MOTION by Seelye, support by Hague to approve the minutes of June 7 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Everyone at the Meeting introduced themselves.

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS MILLAGE UPDATE: SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION BY ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, GARY MEKJIAN: Currently 80% of cost of road reconstruction is borne by the benefited property owners through a special assessment. The City contributes up to 20% and it can cost a property owner an average of \$10,000 to \$20,000. There are 243 miles of City Roads which is 129 miles or 58% are in poor condition, 71 miles are in fair condition, 21 miles are good and 22 miles of gravel roads. The Ballot proposal will amend the City Charter to allow a perpetual tax rate of up to \$2.75 per \$1000.00 taxable value starting with the July, 2019 tax levy and raising approximately \$9,272,000 in the first year. This would eliminate special assessments and the roads would be repaired on a rotating basis. The property owners have paid a special assessment would be reimbursed. The benefits of good roads include stable property values and a more desirable community, among others things.

YOUTH DIVISION UPDATE: Tabled until September 13.

ISSUES COMMITTEE UPDATE: Diane Hague: The upcoming Tech event is scheduled for November 7. The representatives have all been contacted and are coming. We are in the process of planning our next event which will be “Caregivers.” Representatives from the Commission on Aging will be coming to the next Issues Meeting scheduled for Monday, October 1 at 8:00 am. at the Costick Center.

CALL TO ACTION UPDATE: Mitch Seelye: October 5 is the Annual Call to Action Breakfast at the Costick Center, please see Becky Dworkin for tickets. A flyer was passed out indicating the main speaker as Tracy Chirikas, the Oakland County Families Against Narcotics Coordinator and Development Manager. 31 Alateen members went to the the Alateens Against Narcotics Convention. They are taking a group of Alateens to the U of M Football Stadium for a meeting on the 50 yard line and a hayride is being planned at Heritage Park.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION REVIEW: The number of nominations for Student Volunteers was disappointing. We need to encourage the schools and their departments to select deserving students for recognition. The National Honor Society requires volunteering. The Volunteers for the event should be recognized. Marla Parker as chair and host was excellent as always. Diane, Joan, Sandy and Kathy for arranging the refreshments. Todd Lipa and his staff for arranging and furnishing the venue. Todd for arranging the awards. Sharon, Laurie and Dr. Mahmoud for always supporting and assisting in anyway they can. If we did have the involvement of our members, we cease to exist.

SPOTLIGHT SHOW UPDATE: Table until October Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jon Manier: FPS: The security redesign of all schools have been completed. This is the last year for Harrison High School.

Joan McGlincy: AAUW: Big 60 member garage sale at Joan's home next Thursday September 20-turn off Shiawassee on to Glenview and you will see the Treasures. Proceeds will support the AAUW Scholarship Fund.

Laura Scott: Farmington Hills Community Library: Flyers were passed out for new fall programs. 3000 participated in the summer reading program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Hague, support by McGlincy, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted by Diane Hague/Ed Cherkinsky