

## MEETING MINUTES

### FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILIES

September 5, 2024

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 6:02 pm
- B. Quorum announced
  - a. Members present: Jordan Scrimger, Roderick Wallace, Alisa Valden, Bria Barker-Lewis, Ashley Gabb, Bhumika Mistry, Tammy Luty, Sharon Snodgrass
  - b. Members absent: Adam Whitfield, Brian Spitsbergen, Tanya Nordhaus, Colleen Coogan, Marie Sarnacki
  - c. Liaisons present: Pat Spelman, Kristel Sexton, Matt Gale, Doug Edwards
  - d. Others present: None
  - e. Members and Liaisons were asked to do an in-depth introduction and share about themselves so that the group can learn about each other and create a more cohesive group dynamic.
  - f. Jordan asked for a volunteer to take minutes - was requested as secretary is not in attendance. Alisa volunteered to keep minutes for today's meeting.

#### 2) Approval of Agenda

- A. Moved by Sharon
- B. Seconded by Ashley
- C. Motion passes unanimously

#### 3) Approval of June 6, 2024 Minutes

- A. Moved by Tammy
- B. Seconded by Rod
- C. Motion passes unanimously

#### 4) Youth Division Update

- A. Matt discussed what is going on at the Hawk. Six of the staff have returned and they are pleased with those numbers. Currently they are giving tours to interested families. ASYP have 356 registrations already this year (300 was the cap for last year). Changes in registrations now allow for utilizing services for only one semester this year. Planning to hire two more staff and will have two Lawrence Tech students that will support the program (to be paid by LTU). Would like to have 15 – 20 staff for “good numbers”. Nature Center and Heritage started today and the programs are trying to incorporate more nature options in the programs. Farmington Public Library is visiting the ASYP this year to get students library cards and allow them to request books to be delivered to the ASYP program for their use. Both Bus Drivers returned this year. Question from Sharon regarding troubles at the program with student behavior. Discussion with group about creating or partnering with community programs (Farmington Area Youth Assistance) for supports. Discussed working with court to explore collaboration and possible creation of position as part of a partnership to support student. Matt will explore. YMCA staff

discussed their plans for summer camp that included a “success plan” for students that was successful.

#### 5) Issues Committee Update

- A. Tanya supported the June meeting with food and gratitude activity. Discussed Tuesday meeting for planning. Reminders of activities from last year: ASYP game night, passed Day of the Child resolution, updated website, new officer election held, career night, rock garden events, mental health awareness event (first time event), volunteer recognition night and gratitude activity. Discussed draft of timeline for next meeting. Officer elections will be held again in February. The Commission has secured a liaison from the FPS Board – Angie Smith will return to meetings. Tammy gave a budget report: remainder of money from last budget were spent on rock garden supplies for ongoing rock garden collaborations. Supplies were shared with the library and Ashley at the Nature Center camp for completion of rock painting to support the garden ongoing throughout the year. Marketing ideas were shared and passed out at today’s meeting: two stickers and a pen with cute notes and the name of the commission on them. Discussed the library’s Extravaganza event and the need for volunteer support for painting rocks. Previous chair of the commission recently passed away. Tammy shared the work she had done as part of the commission with her family, they were very pleased to know about her work with the commission. Discussed their request for information to make a tribute in the park and shared contact information with the family. Tammy to email Brian Farmer to see if the family chooses to make a tribute – possibly the commission will be involved with this.
- B. Discussed upcoming survey to ask the community for input to inform the commission’s work going forward. Participatory budgeting was discussed – asking the stakeholders how to spend the budget money. Bhumika asked about the possibility of using some budget money to give a scholarship to a student.

#### 6) New Business and Announcements

- A. Two new members still need name tags (Bhumika and Bria). Sharon will bring copies of the bylaws for them as well.
- B. YMCA: Welcome week is coming up in September and will host different activities each day for one week.
- C. Library: Extravaganza event is 9/15/24 from 1pm to 5pm to celebrate the Library and the community. They will share services and events in the Library that are available for the community. Extravaganza is free, food trucks available to purchase food items.
- D. Public Safety: Summer went well, no noted concerns. Events this year have also gone well and the Harvest Moon event is coming soon. Updated on Michigan State Fair shooting incident.
- E. Jordan: Farmington Hills Fire Department is doing an event on 9/8/24 from 8am – 12pm for baby car seat inspections.

#### 7) Public Comments

- A. None

#### 8) Adjournment

- A. Moved by Sharon
- B. Seconded by Tammy
- C. Motion passes unanimously
- D. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm