

MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES
November 7, 2019
COMMUNITY ROOM,
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL, 31555 W. ELEVEN MILE RD. 48336

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Ashcraft, Joan McGlincy, Anwar Mahmood, Bette Rose, Mitch Seelye, and Sharon Snodgrass.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ed Cherkinsky, Diane Hague and Brian Spitsbergen

OTHERS PRESENT: Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members and Alternate and Associates members: Todd Anderson, Todd Lipa, Charles Nebus, Marla Parker and Laurie Scott.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Rose, support by Seelye to approve the Agenda of November 7, Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -October 3, 2019:

MOTION by Seelye, support by Rose to approve the minutes of October 3. Motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone at the Meeting introduced themselves.

YOUTH DIVISION UPDATE: Todd Lipa: The Youth Division is celebrating 25 years. The percentage of participants has increased from prior years. There is less staff due to job requirements and the fact that is only part time with only late afternoon and evening shifts available. The Mayor's Youth Council is celebrating its 20th Anniversary/ 20 years ago the Mayor' Youth Council produced a vision for the year 2020. 6000 prior members are being contacted for their feedback on how the experience with the program impacted their lives. Todd distributed flyers for the Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner schedules for 11/13. The City certified the CYF's Bylaw and Todd recognized the work of the Commission, the Issues Committee and Ed Cherkinsky.

ISSUES COMMITTEE UPDATE: McGlincy, Snodgrass an Ashcraft: There is a new date for the Tech Event which was recommended by the FPS liaison, Helen Kiefer. Committee members reported on the participants and were given was given resources to contact, which may result in additional participants. The Committee approved the amendments suggested by F.H. at the October Meeting and recommended approval at our General Meeting. Lew Cantor suggestion regarding mentoring students was discussed and how it could fit in with other options offered by the Schools and the Optimist Club. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 6 at 8:00 am.

CALL TO ACTION UPDATE: Mitch Seelye: The number went up at the Fall Breakfast where there were 75 attendees. The speaker was Craig Summers form HIDA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas). There have been 2 Vaping programs at the 2 High Schools. There is a future plan to present a program at the Middle Schools. Vaping numbers are up 78% from the previous year. Chief Nebus reported that FHPD is exploring updating its' vaping ordinances.

SPOTLIGHT SHOW UPDATE: Sharon Snodgrass: There are two shows currently being broadcast. The first is "Tummy Time," which promote alternating a baby between their back and stomach and the second dealing with vaping issues with Cheryl Phillips from St. Joseph Hospital. Cheryl promoted their health enrichment museum. The next show will feature Commander Todd Anderson speaking about the Farmington Public Safety and fire safety.

NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FARMINGTON POLICE DEPT.: Todd Anderson: Praised the active shooter training program for local responders sponsored by the Farmington Hills Police Department.

FARMINGTON HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT: Charles Nebus: Halloween was without incident. Local Churches sponsored trunk or treats programs which were helpful.

C.A.R.E.S.: Todd Lipa: Now feeding 750 families, with 400 fed monthly. Also serving lunches as needed. They are looking for donations of shopping carts. On Monday November 23, the Interfaith Council will have services at 7:00 pm. Following a dinner served at 5:30 pm. AA group meeting to be held at C.A.R.E.S. Brian Spitsbergen will lead a sobriety program. There is a Suicide Awareness Program scheduled on 11/13 at Farmington Hills City Hall.

FARMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY: Our liaison of many years, from the Library, Laurie Scott is retiring from the Library and her involvement with the Commission and she was honored and recognized with a Plaque and platitudes. She worked tirelessly for the Commission and the Community and she will be missed.

CYF MEMBERSHIP AND WEBSITE: Sharon Snodgrass: There are two membership vacancies on the Commission. When recruiting, we should look to our needs to target recruiting specific people. Todd suggested that it could be a project of the Issues Committee. Todd requested that Ed make copies of the website for the Issues Committee and to redline possible changes and putting it against a color to make it more prominent.

47TH DISTRICT COURT: Marla Parker: The Farmington/Farmington Hills Domestic Violence Risk Assessment Task Force had a breakfast session at the Michigan Municipal League which was well received. The District Court has met a recent mandate to provide detainees legal representation from the beginning to end of the legal process. Community service and Sobriety Court assignees are going to C.A.R.E.S. and some have decided to continue after their release. Drunk driving violations have increased in F/FH. Todd requested information on domestic violence support. The Judge recommended Haven and/or Cathy Monahan and Farmington Hill Police Officer Sargent Double as possible resources.

NEXT MEETING: There is no meeting in December. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 9 at 6:00 pm. in the Community Room at Farmington Hills City Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by McGlincy, support by Snodgrass to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted by Snodgrass/McGlincy/ Cherkinsky