

Meeting Minutes
Farmington/Farmington Hills
Commission on Children Youth and Families
May 2, 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 6:01pm
 - b. Members present: Jordan Scrimger, Rod Wallace, Tanya Nordhause, Brian Spitsbergin, Alisa Valden, Sharon Snodgrass, Tammy Luty, Ashley Gabb, Marie Sarnacki
 - c. Members absent: Colleen Coogan, Bhumika Mistry, Bria Barker-Lewis
 - d. Others present: Patrick Spelman, Jennie Willard, Liesl Blankenship,
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Rod moved, Brian seconded
 - b. Motion passes unanimously
3. Approval of April 4 Minutes
 - a. Some change noted
 - b. Tammy moved to approve amended Minutes.
 - c. Motion passes unanimously
4. Youth Division Update
 - a. Liesl gave the update
 - i. Grant was approved from Bosch for a permanent art installation - currently being worked on by students and will be unveiled at an event in May
 - ii. Field trip planned to the Nature Center
 - iii. Police reached out to do an archery event with kids - that is being planned with some guest archers
 - iv. Some returning staff coming back with college classes ending and lots of staff said they want to come back next year too. Hopefully bus driver retention will stay high.
5. Issues Committee Update
 - a. Mental Wellness Fair
 - i. Rod and Brian gave the update
 - ii. Started out seeking vendors. Original goal of 12 vendors and that was achieved in a day and a half
 - iii. Created a wait list and are looking to create more space so more vendors can come.
 - iv. Working on advertising with the city and school district.
 - v. Goal to get an ad out that highlights one or two of the vendors
 - vi. Saturday May 18, 9am - 2pm
 - vii. Brian has students who are willing and able to help
 - viii. Tammy asked for an idea of who the vendors are. Rod gave the list
 1. Michigan School Psychological Clinic
 2. Start My Wellness
 3. Triton Behavioral LLC

4. Bluetree Behavioral Health
 5. Sollars and Associates
 6. Spark Center for Autism
 7. . Centro Multicultural La Familia
 8. MetroEHS Pediatric Therapy
 9. Oakland Community Health Network/Maurissa Rose Community
 10. King & Associates Psychotherapy
 11. Sanctum House
 12. Oakland Community Health Network
 13. OK2SAY, Michigan's Student Safety Program
 14. Michigan Psychological Care
 15. Life Skills Village - Outpatient Mental Health and Rehabilitation
- ix. Tanya mentioned a boy scout troop has a tent we may be able to rent for the event and it would be nice to have a map of the vendors
 - x. Alisa asked if OCHN is coming with their support for veterans. Rod said he didn't know yet.
- b. Kindness Rock Garden
- i. Tammy gave the update
 - ii. There was a large turnout and we actually ran out of rocks.
 - iii. Tammy repurposed some little toys and knick knacks from around her house as prizes for kids who painted rocks
 - iv. The weather was beautiful and there was some Earth Day activities which led to the great turnout
 - v. Farmer's Market painting event on May 11
 - vi. Tammy shared a story about a mom that came to the dedication during a tough time in her life and she came to the event this year as a memorial
- c. June 6 Meeting
- i. Tanya gave the update
 - ii. She is organizing the meeting to be held at the Nature Center
 - iii. There will be a new item in the June agenda for Reflection
 - iv. Vote to allocate up to \$500 for food and beverage at the meeting
 1. Moved by Sharon. Seconded by Ashley
 2. Motion moved unanimously
- d. Rod talked about ways to survey the community to come up with priorities for the Commission in the next year.
- i. Thought is to conduct the survey closer to the fall.
 - ii. Further discussion tabled until June meeting.
 - iii. There was a discussion about having a youth liason on the commission and how to have a teenager attend meetings and have them be involved.
- e. Volunteer Recognition
- i. Ashley gave the update
 - ii. Date has changed from May 20 to June 10 at 6pm (time subject to change)
 - iii. Vote to approve award recipients as selected by the committee
 1. Motioned by Tanya, Seconded by Sharon
 2. Vote passed unanimously
 - iv. There was a discussion about the nominees for the George Romney award.

1. Jordan called for a roll call vote between Mark Zigler and Carol Snodgrass for the award
 2. Carol: 6 votes
 3. Mark: 2 votes
6. New Business and Announcements
 - a. Pat
 - i. Brought some Narcan kits
 - b. Jennie
 - i. Summer reading starts June 1. Kick off event on the last day of school
 - ii. Mental health event on May 15
 - iii. Plant swap on May 11
 - iv. Reading discussion May 20
 - v. Food Truck Tuesdays starting in May
 - vi. AAPI Heritage Celebration May 4
 - c. Liesl
 - i. Archery tournament May 18
 - ii. Great Farmington Hills Camp Out June 1
7. Public Comments
 - a. None
8. Adjournment
 - a. Moved by Rod. Seconded by Sharon
 - b. Motion approved unanimously
 - c. Meeting adjourned at 7:07