

MINUTES
FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS
COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH and FAMILIES
March 3, 2022
Community Room, Farmington Hills City Hall,
31555 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI. 48336

1) Call to Order 6:00 pm.

Meeting was called to order by Bette Rose at 6:03 p.m.

Present: Tammy Luty, Bette Rose, Ed Cherkinsky, Marla Parker, Mary Newlin, Lauren Janowicz, Jordan Scrimger, Patrick Spellman, Adam Whitfield, Steven Schneemann, Donald Walker, Marie Sarnacki, Sharon Snodgrass

2) Approval of Agenda

Ed Cherkinsky approved the agenda, seconded by Jordon Scrimger and all approved.

3) Approval of January 6, 2022 Minutes

Ed Cherkinsky approved the minutes, seconded by Sharon Snodgrass and all approved.

4) Youth Division Update

Lauren Janowicz introduced herself to the committee as the new city employee who will be working with Matt Gale on youth programs. Lauren and Matt had a meeting with the FPS superintendent to discuss bussing for the fall 2022 after school youth program. Bussing is a critical piece of keeping this program going. As of right now busses are a go for the 2022 fall after school program.

5) Issues Committee Update

Marie Sarnacki gave an update on the Career/Trade/Tech night. The date is May 19th between 7 – 8:30 p.m. Members are reaching out to different groups to get vendors for the event. The flyer is being finalized by Jordon Scrimger for the event.

Tammy checked with the city on the possibility of doing prizes. Prizes or give aways can be provided at the event. This would be like what the city did at The Hawk open house with giving a few items away for attending the event.

Marie Sarnacki discussed a program that she would like to have the commission consider. The wait until 8th grade to give a child a smart phone. She discussed this is a program that she would like to have FPS consider as students enter the school district in the fall. Tammy

mentioned the superintendent had upcoming community coffee events that she could bring this program to him at one of these. Donald Walker provided Marie with the dates.

6) Call to Action Update

Ed Cherkinsky had not got an answer from the city attorney on the money transfer to CARES. Tammy said that she was informed the commission liaison should contact the attorney. She will email Lauren Janowicz with the information from our vote so she can follow up for us.

7) Spotlight Show Update

Sharon Snodgrass needs a new host to run the program. The concept may need to be updated or different than the past. The city has a new website and our old YouTube videos are on the website. Before the next meeting Sharon asked members to go to fhgov.com and find the spotlight shows. See how easy they are to find and email her information on thoughts on how to improve this process going forward for the CYF shows. Need to determine what topics are relevant and who the target audience in the community is for the shows. The city can post the shows in their newsletter, website and Facebook. Donald Walker suggested that we could possibly use TV10 for digital programs through the school system as an option as well for future spotlight shows.

7) Volunteer Recognition Program

Marla Parker gave an update on the program. She suggested that we may want to move to a different month than May. Since we might not want to have two large programs at the same time and tech night was moved to May. We discussed fall dates and determined that October 3rd would be a good night to target for this program. Marla gave a history of the program and how the program has been run a couple of different ways, but they found that doing a reception before a city council meeting and then recognition at the meeting worked out best in the past. Since Farmington and Farmington Hills have the council meetings on the same night the hope was that Farmington city council members might be able to come to the reception to celebrate before going to their meeting. We have different categories of awards, youth, adult, family, organization, business, distinguished public servant, and Romney Award.

8) New Business and Announcements

Marla Parker – The court is busy and is currently in a hybrid mode with some in person and some virtual hearings. Sobriety court that works on addressing alcohol issues is running again. There has been an increase in drug/alcohol issues due to stress of the pandemic. The court is also working with the police department on domestic violence to help prevent this and be more proactive in these situations.

Mary Newlin – The city has rejoined the National league of cities. Mary Newlin, Jackie Boleware, and Randy Bruce are going to Washington DC for a conference. Ken Massey, Valerie Knol, and Michael Bridges will be going to Lansing.

Lauren Janowicz – They are working on the after school program with both staffing and securing bussing. The new activities guide for the city will be published on March 11th. We discussed the need for the folders for the upcoming event. We determined that we only needed

about 100 and needed to get some additional quotes for these.

Jordon Scrimger – The latest version of the flyer is available for the career event, she asked members to review this flyer after the meeting.

Patrick Spelman – They are starting the Neighborhood Watch program back up in April. Farmington public safety is also looking for interns which could be college students, they also need a parking enforcement officer which is a part time position. They have started a campaign to recommend to residents a daily routine at 9 p.m. which includes lock up your car and take valuables out of the vehicles and turn outside lights on. They will be sharing information on this campaign on social media, the farmers market and through mailings.

Jeff King – The Farmington Hills police department has reached out to Mr. Delgado regarding the ALICE program at schools. They just finished participating in the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics. The new cadet program has been successful in allowing police departments to sponsor training to get new cadets. He explained that after Oxford the police departments are continuing to work together and if they are aware of a threat that they will send two police officers to the house to check on weapons and investigate social media posts. They also offer gun locks to the community.

Donald Walker – He thanked the police department for their recent support at the Farmington Public Schools Board of Education meeting during the evening when there was a protest. He appreciated that they were available to keep everyone safe.

Tammy Luty – Shared the updated list of members and liaisons with everyone. The list removed members no longer involved and updated liaisons from different community groups that may be involved with the mission of the commission. She also shared updated communication she received after last month's minutes based on community members missing Farmington Voice articles. She wanted members to know that the city produces a newsletter that you can subscribe to. This was the information that the Farmington Voice used to share information about what is happening in the city. You can subscribe to the city newsletter on the Farmington Hills website.

10) Public Comments

None

11) Adjournment

8:00 pm.

Ed Cherkinsky motioned to adjourn, and Marie Sarnacki seconded, all in favor.

All future meetings will start at 6 p.m. in the Community Room, Farmington Hills City Hall,

April 7, 2022

May 5, 2022

June 2, 2022

September 1, 2022

October 6, 2022

November 3, 2022