

MINUTES
FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS
COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH and FAMILIES
September 7, 2023
Community Room, Farmington Hills City Hall,
31555 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48336

- 1) Call to Order 6:00 pm.

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Snodgrass at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Tammy Luty, Rod Wallace, Adam Whitfield, Sharon Snodgrass, Jordan Scrimger, Marie Sarnacki, Alisa Valden, Brian Spitsbergen

Members Absent:, Tanya Nordhaus, Colleen Coogan, Jeff Boyle

Others Present: Jim Nash, Ashley Gabb, Andy Radze, Douglas Edwards, Marla Parker, Kris Canty, Kristel Sexton, Matt Gale

- 2) Approval of Agenda

Rod Wallace approved the agenda, Adam Whitfield seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

- 3) Approval of June 1, 2023 Minutes

Adam Whitfield approved, and Rod Wallace seconded, motion carried unanimously.

- 4) FH City Master Planning Update

The last city master plan that was done was in 2009. Kris Canty staff planner in the Department of Planning and Community Development came to present information to the commission about Farmington Hills Planning for the Next 50! The goal is to have the plan done in 2024. They held an open house in November and have done surveys in the community. In the past they often had small groups working in different areas but have felt this didn't get enough community voices included in the plan. So, with the new city manager the city decided to do this master planning different. They are going to all the city commissions and asking them to provide feedback on the areas they support. The city hopes to adopt the new plan sometime between January and May 2024. For the Commission on Children, Youth and Families we should review the following items: 1) Possible Recreation Plan, 2) Possible Rezonings and Special Planning Areas, 3) Getting Young Families/People Involved, 4) Non-Motorized Transportations Plan/Safer Streets. This meeting was the start of the opportunity for us to weigh in on the plan. We should send Kris a list of a minimum of 10 items that we want included in the Master Plan from our commission that benefits our mission of youth and families. We decided at the meeting that we would send a survey to committee members to gather input and discuss it at the October meeting and then provide the feedback to Kris by October 28th.

5) Youth Division Update

The after-school program has kicked off with 236 students enrolled and they are getting more enrollments every day. They are short staff, and more workers are needed. They are trying to do more organized/structured programs and adding field trips and curriculum programs. The program runs from 3 – 6 p.m. Bussing and transportation is going well this year and they currently have two drivers. They have hired a new supervisor for the program Liesl Blankenship.

6) Issues Committee Update

We discussed the CYF Commission 2023-2024 Quarterly Planning Timeline draft that was created this summer from the June reflection meeting. This planning timeline will help our commission spread out the work across the year and give us guidance on the projects we are planning for the year. Jordan requested that members come to the October meeting ready to put their name next two assignments they want to work on. Tammy discussed the first project the teen and family game night at The Hawk. We have determined that it would be a great partnership to do this with the Afterschool program open house. So, we can have games happening and also allow tours for family members of the areas the after-school program students use in the program. We are looking at hosting this event between the hours of 5 – 7 p.m. and are looking at a date in early October.

7) New Business and Announcements

Marla Parker – Marla passed around a card to send to Bette Rose who had been our chairperson and moved due to health reasons. Everything at the court is going well.

Doug Edwards – The Y is also hiring staff for the after-school program which they run for elementary age students. They had about 150 kids during summer camps each week. They are hosting a community welcome week at the Y coming up.

Jim Nash – He will be involved in a storm water/climate change event on October 20th at LTU.

Kristal Sexton – The library fall program kicked off. Flyers of activities are available at the library, or their website/calendar is always updated with fun events happening. For summer reading they had over 2,600 readers and youth baby to teenagers were able to get books for participating in summer reading.

8) Public Comments

None

9) Adjournment

7:00 pm.

Brian Spitsbergen, motioned to adjourn, and Jordan Scrimger seconded, motion carried unanimously at 7:25 p.m.

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

October 5, 2023 November 2, 2023

Minutes drafted by: Secretary Tammy Luty