

**MINUTES**  
**FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS**  
**COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH and FAMILIES**  
**May 4, 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, Sharon Snodgrass, Jordan Scrimger, Marie Sarnacki, Rod Wallace, Alisa Valden, Tanya Nordhaus, Brian Spitsbergen

Members Absent:, Colleen Coogan, Adam Whitfield, Jeff Boyle, Ed Cherkinsky

Others Present: Matt Gale, Mary Newlin, Marla Parker, Kristel Sexton, Jim Nash

- 2) Approval of Agenda

Rod Wallace approved the agenda, Jordan Scrimger seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

- 3) Approval of April 6, 2023 Minutes

A suggestion was made to remove google link in minutes. Minutes were approved with removal of link by Marie Sarnacki approved and Brian Spitsbergen seconded, motion carried unanimously.

- 4) Youth Division Update

We are down to just one month left of school and the afterschool program for the school year. They have just added a game room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. All staff are going through special training to identify child abuse/neglect. They have hired more staff for the after-school program, and most will continue into working at the summer camps. The Hawk was very happy with the career night program as they hired for openings at this event. They will need more staff as they expect the number of students will increase next school year.

- 5) Issues Committee Update

Marie gave an update on career night. The event went well, we had about 25 organizations represented at the event. There was interest in positions and the surveys came back with a lot of positive feedback. Next year we would like to survey the vendors as well by creating a vendor feedback form. We also discussed moving the event up to March when more students are registering for classes.

We then reminded everyone that our June meeting will be at the Nature Center to arrive 10 minutes early as we will be having food and include a reflection activity during this meeting.

At the end we hope to visit the Kindness Rock Garden and get a group picture. Jordan will be placing a food order for this meeting.

We will be doing Kindness Rock Garden painting at the Farmer's Market on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>. The Earth Day painting event went well. All these rocks will be added to the garden right before or at the end of the June meeting. We have also created a special paper that children can take at the Farmer's Market to give to someone special. We are doing this given Mother's Day is the next day.

#### 6) Communications Update

Sharon gave an update that she is collecting information on mental health, and we had discussed doing something on mental health in the fall. Brian suggested that he may have a connection that could help with this program. We were also made aware that Cornwell Health is doing a program in June to discuss needs in the community.

#### 7) Volunteer Recognition Program

The event is on May 8<sup>th</sup> with a reception at 6:45 p.m. and awards given at the 7:30 p.m. city council meeting. Winners were announced at the meeting so all commission members were aware of who would be getting awards. Tammy has ordered the food for the reception from Farmington Deli and Never Forgotten Bakery. All winners will get a personal customized cookie that will be on display on the table to recognize our winners.

#### 8) New Business and Announcements

Mary Newlin – Farmington Hills is working on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

Jim Nash – Oakland County has several events going on including the art fish park event in Pontiac on June 10<sup>th</sup>. They will be out in the community at events in the summer.

Brian Spitsbergen – Michigan School of Psychology might be able to help with a mental health program.

Kristal Sexton – Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> is the Asian American Pacific Islander Event at the 12 mile location between 12 – 4 p.m. May 18<sup>th</sup> they are doing a family community research fair with services they provide to families. This is a partnership with Farmington Youth Assistance, FPS, and the Friends of the Library. Summer reading starts in June.

Tammy Luty – She attended the Commission on Health meeting last month to see if we could partner with them on projects. They are also interested in working on mental health. They liked the rock painting project and might want to use this at an event in the future for their commission.

#### 10) Public Comments

None

11) Adjournment

7:00 pm.

Jordan Scrimger, motioned to adjourn, and Marie Sarnacki seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Our June 1, 2023 meeting will be held at the Nature Center in the Maple and Oak rooms. All other meetings will start at 6 p.m. in the Community Room, Farmington Hills City Hall.

June 1, 2023

September 7, 2023

October 5, 2023

November 2, 2023

Minutes drafted by: Secretary Tammy Luty