

MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES
MAY 3, 2018-6PM
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL, COMMUNITY ROOM

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Diane Hague

OTHERS PRESENT: Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members and Alternate and Associates members: Todd Lipa, Jim Nash, Chuck Nebus Laurie Scott and Commission on Aging members: Mary Buchan and Nancy Cook. PTA Council Member: Kelli Carpenter-Crawford.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Rose, support by Seelye to approve the Agenda of May 3, Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –April 5 , 2018:

MOTION by Seelye, support by Rose to approve the minutes of April 5, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Everyone at the Meeting introduced themselves.

YOUTH DIVISION UPDATE: Todd Lipa: Reported on the Screenagers showing son the addictive qualities of the use of screens. It is currently being shown at area high schools. There will be half days of school at FPS on 5/18 and 5/25. The Summer Program opens on 6/25 and will include 5th graders. The Youth Program is being introduced to Kindergarteners.

ISSUES COMMITTEE UPDATE: The Commission on Aging guests Mary Bochan and Nancy Cook initiated a discussion about a joint program involving the two Commissions. The Commission on Aging has two possible participants who are professional caregivers Jane Frost and Kathy Marshall. A discussion followed with the topics of EG, mobility and behavior issues of the challenged. Various formats were also discussed including a panel discussion. Todd suggested two possible participants: Cheryl Stumbaugh, a physically challenged and learning disabled resident who earned a MSW from U of M. and Lisa Murrell, Director of Community Living Centers who serves 60% of their clients over 80 years old. There was a discussion around melding the mission and the focus of the two Commissions. There is a tentative date set for March or April 2019.

CALL TO ACTION UPDATE: Mitch Seelye: The Call to Action Annual Breakfast is scheduled for October 5.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION: Todd Lipa: The nominations were announced and they include: The George Romney Award Winner: Alan Maxey. The Nancy Bates Distinguished Public Servant Award Winner: Bill Hartsock. Family Award Winner: Nancy and Richard Cook. Organization: Farmington/Farmington Hills Educational Foundation. Business: Keller Williams. Youth: Thomas Lichtenberg. Business Certificate: Korner Barber Shop and Alexander True Hardware. Adult Certificates: Alyson Gay, Gail Haynes, Pat Bradley, Margaret Kober, Monisha Soundarajan and Janice Mitchell. The Awards Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 14 at 7:30 pm. In front of City Council in Farmington Hills City Hall. There will be a reception with food and refreshments beginning at 6:30 pm. CYF members were assigned to contact nominees and the details were finalized.

MOTION TO APPROVE AWARD NOMINEES:

Motion by Seelye, supported by Rose to approve the Motion, Motion approved.

SPOTLIGHT SHOW UPDATE: Sharon Snodgrass: There are no new shows scheduled this month.

NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chuck Nebus, Farmington Hills Police Chief: “ALICE” Training has been implemented for Neighborhood Watch, school personnel and the Interfaith Council. The Hope not Handcuffs program is being integrated in the Farmington Hills Police Department. When an addicted person comes to the police station reaching out for assistance, an “Angel” Volunteer is called who locates a treatment center. It is modeled after a Macomb County Program. Brian expressed concern about the program because the volunteers are not vetted. There are no background checks and there is no follow up. Chuck stated that he will take Brian's concerns under advisement. In 2017 there have been 94 NARCAM saves involving 79 addicts.

Jim Nash: Water Resource Commissioner: There annual fun day is scheduled for June 9 at Beaudette Park in Pontiac. It is a free event and including art, fishing, fun and dinner. It is also educational with an emphasis on education. 800 attended last year.

Laura Scott: Farmington Hills Community Library: There are openings on the Library Board. Laura is providing tours of the Children's area for new members. There is a MCMR program on understanding others different from themselves through reading scheduled for May 12 from 1-5 at the Main Library. Laura asked for support for a bill cosponsored by Christine Greig which will require all public schools to have certified media staff. It is important because studies show that there is a correlation between proper staffing and high academic achievement. FPS laid off the media staff and it has had a detrimental effect on FPS academic record. Brochures were passed out and Laura promoted the Screen Free Week celebration and the Summer Reading Program.

Todd Lipa: C.A.R.E.S.: Todd gave an update on the C.A.R.E.S. Property. The Convent is being redone by Frank Reid and “Building Together.” The Clothing Closet is open and Paulsons' provided a truck to transport donations. The Pantry is supporting 450 individuals with no financial proof of need based on a study supporting it. The Pantry is on 211 referral phone line and it is accepting donations from various agencies like Forgotten Harvest. The Library is donating food taken in lieu of paying fines. Also the USPS is donating the food from their Saturday, May 12 food donation day. The Sanctuary is being used for office space for 3 agencies including C.A.R.E.S. And there will be space for clothing dressing rooms. There will be a property cleanup, with Home Depot donating equipment and Keller Williams and others providing Volunteers. MCMR meetings are being held at C.A.R.E.S. with speaker Dave Bing on May 16. There will be a non profit meeting on May 11.

PTA Council Representative and Guest Kelli Carpenter-Crawford: There is a Planning and Business Council program scheduled for May 21 at the Maxfield Education Center with the officers of the individual PTAs. A Vaping Forum is scheduled for 5/23 at 7:00 pm. at Farmington High School with speakers from St. Joseph Hospital.

Mary Buchan Commission on Aging: There is a Community Garden Program planning at both Libraries on June 5. The hours are from 3-4:40 pm. at the Downtown Branch and 7-8:30 pm. at the Main Branch. Senior Health Day will be held at the Costick Center.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by McGlincy, support by Rose, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. Motion carried unanimously
Respectfully submitted by Joan McGlincy/Ed Cherkinsky