

**MEETING MINUTES  
COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
April 3, 2014**

**Farmington Hills City Hall Community Room located at:  
31555 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI. 48336**

**CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Secretary, Ed Cherkinsky at 6:00 pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kathy Ashcraft, Ed Cherkinsky, Stephanie Davis, Rebecca Dworkin, Bill Dwyer, C. J. Felton, Diane Hague, Anthony Lewis, Carla Mackey, Anwar Mahmood, Joan McGlincy, Leana Parker, Marla Parker, Erica Reeves, Bette Rose, Laura Scott, Mitch Seelye, Sandy Smith and Eugene Thomas.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Karen Bolsen, Carmen Francis, Paul Melrose, Jim Nash, Andy Nichelhoff and Michael Peters.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members: Todd Lipa, Chuck Nebus, Robert Shulz and Samantha Steckloff

#	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION SUMMARY/PERTINENT INFO	FORMAL MOTIONS:
1	<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>  4/3/14		<b>MOTION BY:</b> Marla Parker <b>SUPPORT BY:</b> Mitch Seelye <b>MOTION CARRIED:</b> Unanimous
2	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>  3/6/13		<b>MOTION BY:</b> Mitch Seelye <b>SUPPORT BY:</b> Diane Hague <b>MOTION CARRIED:</b> Unanimous
3	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>  <b>Youth Division Update</b>	Todd: Everything is going well! There will be a second location for the summer program at Prince of Peace Church (located at 12 Mile and Market St.) The After School presentation to the 9 <sup>th</sup> graders will be on packets. The packets will be explained to the students and they can take the packets home to the parents with the explanation. There is a new security “app” for the phone recommended by the FBI. The app. Takes a photo of the student when being left at an event and a current photo is available of the student if he/she is missing. A speaker will return to CYF with a presentation of safety recommendations.	
4	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>  <b>Issues Committee Update</b>	Diane: Laura will have the Mike Rowe video ready to play on a loop at the start of the Technical and Vocational night on April 29. Larry Gage is coordinating the speakers. Testimonials are being filmed by Amy Flynn. She will bring in students and a construction apprentice to speak on 4/29. Todd will contact the owner of EJH Construction to speak about the need for employees in the construction specialties and that apprenticeships are available and awarded. Jill Pines has sent publicity to the schools, government and news outlets. Kitty was contacted to assemble 150 packets that will be available to the audience on 4/29.	
5	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>  <b>Call to Action</b>	Mitch: There is an Alateen Pool Party on 4/6 at the Waterford Pool and Fitness Center from 2 to 4:30 pm. And there is a flyer available. On Tuesday, the Birmingham/Bloomfield Hills 48 <sup>th</sup> District Court had a DUI court date for students. Three DUI defendants were taken away and jailed. There was a discussion about 'choices' and how bad choices can affect you later in life. The indiscriminate use of the internet can come back to haunt you in adult life. The court proceedings and the discussion were part of “Youth Dialogue Day.” Todd would like to do a similar program next year in the 47 <sup>th</sup> District Court. Marla stated that a smaller program was done at the High School for years until the school schedule did not allow for the time. There are challenges for bringing the program: (1). You must have the state okay. (2). All accused must give consent. (3). It has to be done during school hours to accommodate the students and (4). It needs long term planning. A committee should be formed to start planning and the Mayor's Youth Council should be involved. Marla will bring this up at the Call for Action Breakfast in the fall.	

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6	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>Volunteer Recognition Committee</b>	Marla: The Volunteer Recognition event is scheduled for May 12 in front of Farmington Hills City Council. There is a reception with snacks scheduled for 6:30 pm. followed by the awards at 7:30 pm. in front of Council. The nomination deadline is April 28 and the Nomination Committee will meet on May 1 at 5:00 pm. to select the candidates. The nominated candidates will be presented at the general meeting for approval.	
7	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>CYF Spotlight</b>	Carmen has been working on future Spotlight shows. There will be a taping of a show on 4/9 featuring (starring) Chief Nebus and Schulz speaking about school safety and/or crime statistics. There will be a future show featuring Nancy Maxwell from Sweet Dreamz.	
8	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>Website Update</b>	The CYF website is controlled by the City. Laura will send the "Screen Free Week" flyer to Mike Lasley for inclusion in the CYF website. Joan regularly updates the calendar. Todd stated that any updates should be sent to Mike Lasley and that the City and our website should have a new look by the summer. Joan will be responsible for updating the website once a month.	
9	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>Blog and Newspaper Update</b>	When Paul was writing the blog, he was writing it as himself and his view of CYF. Stephanie will rename the blog and how it is distributed. It will be renamed as a "Communication Update" and it will be sent to Mike Lasley for inclusion in the CYF website.	
10	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>New Business and Announcements</b>	Ed thanked Joan and Carmen for speaking before Farmington City Council on 4/21 on behalf of CYF. Paul will be speaking on behalf of CYF at the Optimist's Club meeting on 4/9. Joan informed of an AAUW sponsored "Back to School" event on 5/9 at the "J" building at OCC. This is the 6 <sup>th</sup> annual program and a great event for those going back to school. Leana: The YMCA Cipriano Classic is scheduled for 6/6 and registration is available. The Dick Tupper Award sponsored by Neighborhood House is scheduled for 4/24 at the Longacre House. Samantha Steckloff, Farmington Hills City Counsel Member and former CYF youth member will be working on a program with Carmen on educating parents on the sites that students use on social media. Many parents do not understand that there are hidden apps on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. Students don't understand that it is a permanent part of the internet. They do not understand their responsibility in what they put on the internet and how it could impact them later (college, jobs). We want to educate students and parents with a social media bullying program. The Issues Committee will develop a topic and a program to present a program in the fall. Samantha can bring in sports figures that are interested and could bring in an audience. Joan was interested in checking statistics as to how women are viewed differently in the media than men. We should contact the PTA for their involvement.	
11	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>Public Comments</b>	None	
	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm.	<b>MOTION BY:</b> Joan McGlincy <b>SECOND BY:</b> Bette Rose <b>MOTION CARRIED:</b> Unanimous
	<b>MINUTES PREPARED BY</b>	Ed Cherkinsky, Secretary, with assistance by Diane Hague  Contact Information: Ed Cherkinsky at (248) 661-5114 or <a href="mailto:echerkinsk@aol.com">echerkinsk@aol.com</a>	