

**MEETING MINUTES
COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS**

June 4, 2015

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

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Ashcraft, Ed Cherkinsky, Jessica Cummings, Rebecca Dworkin, Bill Dwyer, C. J. Felton, Anthony Lewis, Joan McGlincy, Anwar Mahmood, Laura Scott, Mitch Seelye, Sandy Smith and Eugene Thomas.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stephanie Davis, Carmen Francis, Diane Hague, Jim Nash, Andy Nichelhoff, Leana Parker, Marla Parker, Michael Peters and Bette Rose.

OTHERS PRESENT: Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members: Frank Demers, Jaymi Josephine Hobson, Todd Lipa and Chuck Nebus.

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| 1 | APPROVAL OF AGENDA 6/4/15 APPROVAL OF TWO NEW LIAISONS | Introduction of Members and Prospective Liaisons to the Commission, Brian Spitsbergen of Growth Works and Jaymi Dormaier of The Delaware Home. | MOTION FOR AGENDA APPROVAL BY: Mitch Seelye SUPPORT BY: Bill Dwyer MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF TWO NEW LIAISONS BY: Kathy Ashcraft SUPPORT BY: Ed Cherkinsky MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous |
| 2 | APPROVAL OF MINUTES 5/7/15 | | MOTION BY: Mitch Seelye SUPPORT BY: Bill Dwyer MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous |
| 3 | AGENDA ITEM: Youth Division Update | TODD LIPA: 5 sites in the After School Program were closed down on Thursday and Friday. The Summer Camp Program begins on June 22. The average daily attendance is up to 350. There have been 150,000 hours spent in the Centers. Attendance is steady in spite of the drop in school population. It was a successful for programs including the Crescendo with a focus on music and the Boys to Men program with Lew Brookins. Lew will have a workshop for Fathers and Sons at Heritage Park from 10:00 am. to 3:00 pm. On 6/20. The Tutoring Program went well and the Special Needs Program is temporarily in abeyance for lack of funding. The Garden Program at the Ice Arena is funded and supported. Last year, students donated the proceeds of the sale of the vegetables to a teen in need. Todd has requested that the Center Graduates give back and help. Willing Community Agencies and Therapists have also been helpful with the Students. | |
| 4 | AGENDA ITEM: Issues Committee Update | ED, LAURA and JOAN: The next meeting to plan the College Financing Seminar is scheduled for Monday, July 20. The College Night is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28 from 7 pm. to 9 pm. In the Shannon Room at the Costick Center. An outline prepared by Daisy Cordero was emailed to the Commission Members. Daisy Cordero is coordinating our program this year and will do an actual demonstration of an FAFSA application for the parents. Dr. Mahmood suggested that we have a program geared for future opportunities for 4 year college graduates or pre-college 4 year graduates. Dave Boyer, the Assistant Farmington | |

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| | | Hills City Manager gave accolades for the Technical and Vocational Seminar as well other sources. | |
| 5 | AGENDA ITEM: Call to Action | Mitch Seelye: The Public Service Announcement on Alanon is completed and ready to be distributed and publicized. There is a support group for parents of heroin addicts on the first Friday of the Month at the Woodside Bible Church which is located at 28301 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington Hills, Mi. A Heroin Program is being planned with the Staff of Botsford Hospital. On June 6, a group of Alateen kids will be taken on a tour of the DIA. The annual Call to Action breakfast will be held at the Costick Center on 10/2. | |
| 6 | AGENDA ITEM: CYF Spotlight Show | Ed: The Spotlight Show on Heroin was completed with Brian Spitsbergen as the host with guests from the DEA, Farmington Hills Police Department, the Prosecutor,s Office and the U.S. Attorney's Office. Chuck Nebus informed us of the outstanding job done by Brian and the positive outcome of the show. The Police Community Relations show is going to be redone in the immediate future with Bill Dwyer as host interviewing Chuck and Frank. | |
| 7 | AGENDA ITEM: Volunteer Recognition Update | There was good feedback, but there was a suggestion from Kathy Ashcraft to shorten the wait time between the reception and the start of the City Council Meeting. Todd suggested that that the awards be given and taped prior to the Council Meeting with an announcement of the recipients at the Council Meeting. The big award winners can give a statement in front of City Council. Chuck reminded us that many pictures were taken of the Ceremony and that they should be mounted and displayed next the Romney Award Plaques at both City Halls and possibly at the Main Library. | |
| 8 | AGENDA ITEM: Membership Update | Ed: Carol Ahmed will be appointed to the vacant position from the City of Farmington in the fall. Brian Spitsbergen is on the wait list and is currently serving as a liaison. The two vacancies for Farmington Hills will filled by Erica Saum and Sharon Snodgrass. Jaymi Dormaier is on the wait list and is currently serving as a liaison. | MOTION TO APPROVE TWO NEW MEMBERS BY: Mitch Seelye SUPPORT BY: C. J. Felton MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous |
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| 10 | AGENDA ITEM: New Business and Announcements | 1. Ed: Requested a vote for meeting for dinner at the September Meeting. 2. Farmington Hills Police: Chuck Nebus: The Gunlock Program has been initiated. The Crime rate is low but summer often show increases. Advised to always lock your car and respond to unknown persons knocking at your door. You should not open the door, but let them know someone is home and it should deter a home invasion. You should be wary of solicitors and contact the Police for suspicious, aggressive solicitors that may not be licensed. 3. Farmington Public Safety: Frank Demers: There is a new Farmington City Manager and he will appear at a future meeting. There is a new drug program at the Farmington Police Department. Frank and Chuck are presenting a daylong seminar on Community Policing to 450 students. 4. School Board: Jessica Cummings: There is an announcement that the Farmington Public Schools Building Utilization Committee will have meetings seeking public input on Schools' plan for it buildings. The first meeting was held on 5/26 and it is being shown on SWOCC Chanel 10. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 8 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. at the Maxfield Center. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9 at 7:30 pm. at the Board of Education Building. 5. Library: Laura Scott: Accolades were given to the | |

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| | | <p>youngsters from Woodcreek Elementary for their exemplary behavior in the reading program. Laura distributed the June Edition of the Library activities.</p> <p>6. Commission on Aging: Josephine Hobson: The Commission on Aging is seeking a grant to study whether or not the current programming is meeting the needs of area seniors.</p> <p>7. Call to Action: Becky Dworkin: She Announced that the “21 to Buy and Supply” pamphlets were ready for distribution.</p> <p>8. Oakland County Commission: Bill Dwyer: 3,000 Gun Locks were distributed for Gun Safety Day. They stressed that the safest storage of weapons is in a gun vault or safe. Brooks Patterson introduced a plan to increase the millage on higher priced homes which would be an increase of \$12.00 annually. It would produce \$75 million for road repair. Dwyer voted yes and the rest of the Republicans voted no. \$3,000,000 was allocated to Farmington/Farmington Hills to augment their road millage funds. 80,000 new jobs are in the County since 2008 and the County has retained its AAA Bond Rating. Foreclosures have decreased and property values have increased. The County has a surplus of funds. The County has a continuing program on Gun Violence with participation of Nebus and Demers. In order to improve our 911 system, a plan was introduced to surcharge a landline 12 cents in order to upgrade the County radio system which will include the Next Generation 911 Project. Dwyer voted yes and the surcharge was passed and approved by the majority of the Commissioners.</p> <p>9. Junior Jaycees: Jaymi Dormaier: They are trying to reactivate the Jr. Jaycees. The first project is rehabing the playscape in Shiawassee Park.</p> | |
| 1 1 | Public Comments | None. | . |
| | ADJOURNMENT | Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm. | <p>MOTION BY: Joan McGlincy</p> <p>SECOND BY: Anthony Lewis</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous</p> <p>.</p> |
| | Minutes Prepared By: | <p>Ed Cherkinsky, Secretary, with assistance by Joan McGlincy</p> <p>Contact Information: Ed Cherkinsky at (248) 661-5114 or echerkinsk@aol.com</p> | |