

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

**February 5, 2015**

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

**CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Chairperson Carmen Francis at 6:00 pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ed Cherkinsky, Jessica Cummings, Stephanie Davis, Rebecca Dworkin, Bill Dwyer, Carmen Francis, Diane Hague, Carla Mackey, Anwar Mahmood, Joan McGlincy, Leana Parker, Marla Parker, Mike Peters, Bette Rose, Laura Scott, Sandy Smith and Eugene Thomas.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kathy Ashcraft, C. J. Felton, Anthony Lewis, Jim Nash, Andy Nichelhoff and Mitch Seelye.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members: Mike Ciaramitar, Kevin Hammer, Jon Manier and Kitty Ostach.

#	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION SUMMARY/PERTINENT INFO	FORMAL MOTIONS:
1	<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>  2/5/15	Introduction of Commission member Jessica Cummings who is a new FPS Board Member and Liaisons Kitty Ostach for Todd Lipa and Kevin Hammer for Josephine Hobson.	<b>MOTION BY:</b> Bette Rose  <b>SUPPORT BY:</b> Joan McGlincy  <b>MOTION CARRIED:</b> Unanimous
2	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>  1/8/15		<b>MOTION BY:</b> Bette Rose  <b>SUPPORT BY:</b> Joan McGlincy  <b>MOTION CARRIED:</b> Unanimous
3	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>  <b>Youth Division Update</b>	Kitty Ostach: Partnering with Crescendo Detroit which instructs dance and instruments, as well as time management and is a great motivational experience for the kids. There is Boys to Men which is in Detroit and includes teaching about respect, conflict resolution and other pertinent topics and is a wonderful program. There is a partnership with Life Leadership for the staff and it is a training program targeted for those working with kids. They are taking a group to tour The Chrysler Center on March 14.	
4	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>  <b>Issues Committee Update</b>	Diane Hague: Diane expressed gratitude to Larry Gage for his dedication and long hours in securing guest speakers for the Technical Event Night now scheduled for April 27 from 7 to 9 pm. At the Costick Center. The new title of the event is <b>“Technical Career Night-Learn about In-Demand and High Paying Jobs.”</b> The keynote speaker will be Lisa Katz, the Executive Director of the Workforce Intelligence Network (WIN). There will be 6 Breakout sessions with 6 tables and 10 chairs for 3 presentations lasting 5 to 10 minutes (8:15, 8:30 and 8:45). The first table will have Janene Erne from OCC with the Michigan Advance Technician Training Program (MAT2) Apprentice Programs. Ben Morin from Oakland Schools Technical and Vocational Program will be at Table 2. Rick Preuss from the International Brotherhood Electrical (IBEW) will present Electrical Trade Opportunities at Table 3. Nick Chapital from the IBEW who is the liaison with other skilled trades (plumbers, ironworkers, pipe-fitters, etc.) will be at Table 4. Aaron Johnson, the Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services will be at Table 5. WIN is scheduled to be at Table 6. Commission Members are encouraged to distribute the flyer when it is available to churches, schools, other volunteer groups and to any events or groups as possible. Carmen informed us that SWOCC will tape the event. Kathy and Joan will coordinate cookies and water. Carmen encouraged Commission Members to attend the event and sit at the 6 Breakout Tables to make sure the Speakers have an audience at their presentations.	

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5	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>Call to Action</b>	Becky Dworkin: CTA had a table at the Suicide Awareness Seminar. Over 200 people attended and it was very successful. Students asked how they could help their friends who were talking about suicide. Alateen Group had a bowling event with 35 to 40 attendees. A program titled Drug 101 is scheduled for April 16 at 6:30 pm. at North Farmington High. There will be a room display with hidden drugs at the event.	
6	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>CYF Spotlight</b>	Carmen: There are two shows scheduled for taping on 2/13 with guests, Police Chiefs Chuck Nebus and Frank Demers. The first show will focus on scams and frauds with emphasis on fake calls from the IRS asking citizens to purchase “green dot cards” to pay fraudulent debts. The second show will address police and race. Questions and topics will be sent out to the Chiefs prior to the show. Carmen requested ideas for future shows and volunteers to host the show. Ideas for future shows included a discussion of increased heroin abuse which could include Judge Parker and the Police Chiefs as featured guests. Sexting and its dangers is a current concern and an issue that could be addressed for a future topic on a show.	
7	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>Volunteer Recognition Update</b>	Marla Parker: Due to the Technical and Vocational Seminar we are looking to Monday, May 11 as the date for our Volunteer Recognition Program. The next planning meeting is scheduled for 5:00 pm. on Thursday, March 5 which is prior to the Commission's General Meeting. Nomination forms will be sent out and everyone should know a worthy volunteer that deserves to be nominated.	
8	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>Turn Off the Power</b>	Joan McGlincy: She will provide more information in March. Laurie informed us that their was a big push in the schools last year to limit the amount of screen time and focus on social interaction. The same effort will be afforded by the schools this year.	
9	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>New Business and Announcements</b>	<p><b>1. Library:</b> Laura informed us a February email was sent with a brochure which she passed out. Oscar shorts will be shown on Monday, February 9 at 6:15 pm. At the Farmington Civic Theater.</p> <p><b>2. YMCA:</b> Leana informed us about the new programs including “Delay Disease,” which is a presentation for Parkinson's disease. “Demo Days” will be presented on Sunday, February 9 which will feature programs at the “Y” including pre-school yoga, floor hockey, Pi-Yo, etc.</p> <p><b>3. Farmington Public Schools:</b> Jessica: Public Comments at the School Board Meetings will now be heard at the beginning and the end of the Meetings. There will be 3 Community Forums prior to the Bond Proposal vote on May 5.</p> <p><b>4. Oakland County:</b> Commissioner Dwyer informed us that the County held a recent meeting and there is a 200 million dollar surplus. There is an ongoing study on gun violence. They are taking recommendations and implementing them. Discussions have revolved around flaws in background checks, lack of funding for mental health, etc.</p> <p><b>5. Commission on Aging:</b> Kevin Hammer informed us that a Senior Survey was done to further the mission of the Commission to reach Seniors and make improvements. The Commission on Aging gives out two Senior Volunteer Recognition Awards, one for Seniors over the age of 50 and the other for Seniors over the age of 75.</p> <p><b>6. Farmington/Farmington Hills Foundation:</b> Marla announced that the Foundation's Gala Fundraiser is</p>	

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		<p>scheduled for February 21 at 6 pm. at Sellers GMC. The tickets are \$200.00 and Nancy Bates is the honoree. There will be a silent and live auction, a comedian and a nice dinner.</p> <p><b>7. 47<sup>th</sup> District Court:</b> Marla discussed an increasing heroin use with younger offenders. There is a trend of higher blood alcohol levels in youth offenders. The Sobriety Court Program is a great success with decrease repetitive offenders. The next graduation is scheduled for April 15 at Farmington Hills City Hall.</p>	
	<b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>	None.	
	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Motion to adjourn at 6:40 pm.	<p><b>MOTION BY:</b> Marla Parker</p> <p><b>SECOND BY:</b> Joan McGlincy</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED:</b> Unanimous</p>
	<b>MINUTES PREPARED BY</b>	<p>Ed Cherkinsky, Secretary, with assistance by Diane Hague</p> <p>Contact Information: Ed Cherkinsky at (248) 661-5114 or <a href="mailto:echerkinsk@aol.com">echerkinsk@aol.com</a></p>	