

**MEETING MINUTES  
COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
May 7, 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 6:07 pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ed Cherkinsky, Jessica Cummings, Stephanie Davis, Rebecca Dworkin, Carmen Francis, Diane Hague, Anwar Madmood, Marla Parker, Michael Peters, Bette Rose, Laura Scott, Mitch Seelye and Eugene Thomas.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kathy Ashcraft, Bill Dwyer, C. J. Felton, Anthony Lewis, Joan McGlincy, Jim Nash, Andy Nichelhoff, Leana Parker, Sandy Smith and Michael Peters.

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

**GUESTS: Prospective Members:** Jeff Brasch, Sharon Snodgrass, Molly David, Renee Spears, Erica Saum, Triman Jagdev and Brian Spitsbergen.

1	<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>  5/7/15	Introduction of Members and Prospective Members of the Commission: Jeff Brasch, Sharon Snodgrass, Molly David, Renee Spears, Erica Saum, Triman Jagdev and Brian Spitsbergen	<b>MOTION BY:</b> Mitch Seelye  <b>SUPPORT BY:</b> Bette Rose  <b>MOTION CARRIED:</b> Unanimous
2	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>  4/9/15		<b>MOTION BY:</b> Bette Rose  <b>SUPPORT BY:</b> Mitch Seelye  <b>MOTION CARRIED:</b> Unanimous
3	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>  <b>Youth Division Update</b>	<b>Todd Lipa:</b> 630 students participated in the After School Program this year. 55 4 <sup>th</sup> graders toured the Centers. Summer enrollment is ahead of last year. Todd gave a brief history of the after school program to the guests. Unfortunately, the Youth Program will be losing some major funding. This will hurt specialty programming such as Crescendo, boys to man and girl power. The program needs \$25,000 to \$30,000. Title One money is down and was part of the Summer Program budget.	
4	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>  <b>Technical and Vocational Seminar Review</b>	<b>Diane Hague:</b> The evaluation summaries were passed out. 45 guest registered, 70 were present and only 19 turned in evaluations. 10 of the 19 found out about the event on ListServ and others found out from flyers, newspapers, City Hall sign, friends/family, etc. 90% rated as important or a very important event. All the reviewers recommended it be repeated next year. Comments included everyone suggesting having a presentation at the school because most were unaware of the available programs. Next year there should be a panel of students who are in one of the programs. Many commented it was a great program.	
5	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>  <b>Call to Action</b>	<b>Mitch Seelye:</b> On April 16, Drug 101 was held at North Farmington High School with over 100 attendees. Next meeting is being held on Monday, June 2. There is an increase in powdered alcohol in packets and there is worry about a Summer effect. A heroin presentation is being planned with Botsford Hospital at Marygrove with a date to be announced. Mitch took two girls that were exposed to drugs and alcohol and were fearful of the police to Farmington Hills Police Headquarters. After introducing them to officers and speaking to them about how the Police can help them, the girls became more trusting of the Police. Mitch thanked Chief Nebus for setting up the introductions and he concluded by giving the guests a brief history of Call to Action.	

<p><b>6 AGENDA ITEM:</b></p> <p><b>CYF Spotlight Show</b></p>	<p><b>Carmen Francis:</b> The Community Relations Show with Chief Nebus and Director Demers needs to be reshot, possibly in June with Bill Dwyer as host. On May 28 at 10:00 am. A show on heroin will be shot with a panel of experts, James Knittel (officer), Richard Isaacson (DEA officer, David Gardey (Chief Drug Task Force and Dr. Jacklyn McParlane ER Doctor Botsford Hospital. Brian Spitsbergen, Director of a Substance Abuse Agency in Wayne County agree to be the host.</p>	
<p><b>7 AGENDA ITEM:</b></p> <p><b>Electronic Turn Off</b></p>	<p><b>Laura Scott:</b> The information went out on ListServ, but there was light participation which was probably due to a focus on the Bond Proposal.</p>	
<p><b>8 AGENDA ITEM:</b></p> <p><b>Volunteer Recognition Update</b></p>	<p><b>Marla Parker:</b> The reception is scheduled for 6:30 pm. on Monday, May 11 in Farmington Hills City Hall. The award ceremony begins at 7:30 pm. in City Council Chambers. A brief history of the Volunteer award was given to the guests. Marla thanked the members that came to the breakfast to review the nominees. Jill Pines created an post event news release which she will send out after Monday's event. 90 are expected to be at the event. Chief Nebus volunteered an Evidence Officer to take pictures of the honorees.</p>	
<p><b>9 AGENDA ITEM:</b></p> <p><b>Membership Update</b></p>	<p><b>Ed Cherkinsky:</b> Notices of 3 openings (one in Farmington and 2 in Farmington Hills) were put on ListServ and the papers resulting in 10 responses. Ed gave a handout and explained how to send in a request for membership to the Mayors and that the Mayors and City Councils will approve new members. Since there are 3 openings and 10 applicants, there are other opportunities and openings on other Boards and Commissions including, Zoning Board of Appeals, SWOCC, Building Board of Appeals, the Commission to Increase Voter Participation and the Farmington DDD. The guests introduced themselves and gave their background information. All were highly qualified and would be an asset to any Board or Commission.</p>	
<p><b>10 AGENDA ITEM:</b></p> <p><b>New Business and Announcements</b></p>	<p><b>1. Library:</b> Laura Scott: Hand outs were provided for the summer reading programs.</p> <p><b>2. Boy Scouts:</b> Mike Peters: The Scouts are performing clean ups around local Churches.</p> <p><b>3. Farmington Public Safety:</b> Frank Demers: Vince Pastue is retiring as City Manager of Farmington and will take a new position as the City Manager for Mt. Dora, Florida. All are welcome at a cook out for him at the Farmington Fire Station scheduled for May 22 from 11:30 am. to 3:00 pm.</p> <p><b>4. Farmington Hills Police:</b> Chuck Nebus: There has been a big demand for speaking engagements. The biggest problem has been mental health and drugs. There has been 4 heroin deaths and 8 suicides so far this year.</p> <p><b>5. Common Ground:</b> Todd Lipa: Councilman Ken Massey has been active in SAFE (Suicide Awareness for Everyone). We should speak more about suicide and be aware of signs and symptoms.</p> <p><b>6. School Board:</b> Jessica Cummings: All are thankful that the Bond passed with the support of the Community. A Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for May 12 at 7:30 pm. Public comments are now welcome at the beginning and end of the meetings. They need volunteers for committees. Mock interviews are being held at Dunckel and volunteers are needed.</p> <p><b>7. U. S. Attorney's Office:</b> Stephanie Davis: They are seeing a higher level of prosecuting dealers that are causing death.</p> <p><b>8. FFH Foundation:</b> Marla Parker: There is an open house at Visions Unlimited on 5/14 from 8:30 to 10:00 am. for the Backpack Program.</p>	

1 1	<b>Public Comments</b>	None.
	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Meeting adjourned at 7:05.  <b>MOTION BY:</b> Mitch Seelye <b>SECOND BY:</b> Marla Parker <b>MOTION CARRIED:</b> Unanimous
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