

**MEETING MINUTES
COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, 2015
September 3, 2015**

Brass Pointe Restaurant, 24234 Orchard Lake Rd. Farmington Hills, Mi. 483336

CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chair Carmen Francis at 6:20 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Ahmed, Kathy Ashcraft, Ed Cherkinsky, Jessica Cummings, Stephanie Davis, Rebecca Dworkin, Carmen Francis, Diane Hague, Anthony Lewis, Joan McGlinicy, Jim Nash, Bette Rose, Erica Saum, Laura Scott, Mitch Seelye, Sandy Smith, Sharon Snodgrass and Eugene Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bill Dwyer, C. J. Felton, Anwar Mahmood, Andy Nichelhoff, Leana Parker, Marla Parker and Michael Peters.

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

1	APPROVAL OF AGENDA 9/3/15		MOTION BY: Jim Nash SUPPORT BY: Bette Rose MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous
2	APPROVAL OF MINUTES 6/4/15		MOTION BY: Mitch Seelye SUPPORT BY: Catherine Ostach MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous
3	AGENDA ITEM: Youth Division Update	CATHERINE OSTACH: Todd was honored with the USA Unites Bright House Network Award for his outstanding community service. There are 10 awards in the Nation each year and this is the first time a Michigan resident has won. A reception is scheduled at Glen Oaks. The Elks Club sponsored and paid for some kids to go to summer camp. The Crescendo program will not continue since there is lack of funding for the \$10,000 cost. They are looking for a benefactor. 5 After School Centers will be available starting Tuesday, 9/8, for children in grades 5-8.	
4	AGENDA ITEM: Issues Committee Update	DIANE HAGUE: At the Issues Meeting held on August 31 there was a review of the College Financing Seminar scheduled for 9/30. School representatives will be contacted and confirmed by Daisy Cordero. Jill Pines has done an outstanding job of marketing and promoting the Program. Its been in the papers, listserv, City Updates, etc. Jill also emphasized that each Commission member should publicize the Seminar on Facebook, Twitter, any other social media and to all groups that members are involved in. The room and it logistics are confirmed. Joan and Kathy will take care of refreshments. NOTE: THE NEXT ISSUES MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 AT 8:00 AM. AND THE FOLDERS FOR THE SEMINAR WILL BE STUFFED AFTER THE MEETING. We are asking all members to please come to the College Financing Seminar in order to show support and represent the Commission.	
5	AGENDA ITEM: Call to Action	MITCH SEELYE: Friday, October 2 is the annual breakfast at the Costick Center. More information will follow. Last Thursday, an Alateen group went to the U of M stadium, toured the facilities and held a meeting on the 50 yard line. Alateen held a midwest conference in the Adrian Conference Center. 250 kids attended from 8:00 am. to 3:00 am. Botsford will be doing a heroin seminar in October.	

<p>6 AGENDA ITEM: CYF Spotlight Show</p>	<p>CARMEN: On Friday, September 18 at 1:00 pm., Bill Dwyer will host a show and discuss Police and Community Relations with Chief Chuck Nebus and Director Frank Demers. Carmen asked the members for new ideas for new shows.</p>	
<p>7 AGENDA ITEM: New Business and Announcements</p>	<p>1. FARMINGTON HILLS POLICE: CHUCK NEBUS: Only 9 U. S. cities received a grant from the National League of Cities and Farmington Hills was one of them. We will have officers involved in Youth Programs which will improve community relations. Mental health problems continue to increase, suicides are up and heroin deaths have increased. On the crime prevention front, officers will carry "Narcan," which is a generic spray that reverses drug overdoses. It is a opioid blocker. Crime is down, but they are seeing "car hopping" which includes vandalism and theft. Residents need to lock their cars and remove valuables. There have been no civil rights complaints against the Department.</p> <p>2. FARMINGTON POLICE: FRANK DEMERS: They are also seeing an increase in heroin overdoses as well as overdoses of prescription drugs. There are openings in the department and new officers are being sworn in.</p> <p>3. SCHOOL BOARD: JESSICA CUMMINGS: There are recommendations to close and re-purpose some schools. Residents should go to the meetings and ask questions. There will be 4 Community Forums with the first being at Harrison High School. There were 2 School Board resignations and interviews are being done with 4 finalists. There is a Community Forum on 9/16 and a vote for an increase in school millage renewal in on 11/3.</p> <p>4. COMMISSION ON AGING: JOSEPHINE HOBSON: They continue to study if "They are serving the needs of seniors?" The senior population will increase by 10,000 in 10 years. There is an increase in seniors raising their kids and grandkids in their homes. There is an increase in drug use. The Commission is focusing giving seniors more resource.</p> <p>5. LIBRARY: LAURA SCOTT: There were 3,000 kids in the summer reading program. Starting Tuesday, after school students will be coming from Dunckel. Revenue is up and the Library is doing good. The Library's Listserv contains the Rules and Regulations.</p> <p>6. SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM: BRIAN SPITSBERGEN: Brian will be facilitating a lecture series on substance abuse, which is geared to youth and families. They are scheduled for the first three Tuesdays of every month from September to May from 7 to 8:30 pm. in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital North Auditorium in Livonia. It is a repeating series of 5 topics. The first two focus on "What to do and know" and the last 3 are on special topics.</p> <p>7. U.S. ATTORNEY OFFICE: STEPHANIE DAVIS: They are trying to stop the flow of drugs. Michigan is considered a "source state" for prescription drugs. There is a problem with Doctors over prescribing and insurance, Medicaid and Medicare fraud. The Attorneys Office is available</p>	

		to come to any senior center or any interested group to provide comprehensive and educational information. There was a Federal Strike Force that came to crack down on Medicare fraud. They are still here, they never left.	
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	ADJOURNMENT	Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.	MOTION BY: Stepanie Davis SECOND BY: Joan McGlincy MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous .
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