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MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES
MARCH 7, 2019-6PM
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL. COMMUNITY ROOM

CALLED TO ORDER BY: Vice-Chair, Bette Rose at 6:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Cherkinsky, Diane Hague, Anthony Lewis, Anwar Mahmood, Bette Rose, Sharon Snodgrass and Mitch Seelye

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kathy Ashcraft, Joan McGlincy and Brian Spitsbergen.

OTHERS PRESENT: Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members and Alternate and Associates members: Todd Anderson, Jessica Cummings, Todd Lipa, Jim Nash, Chuck Nebus, Marla Parker, Laurie Scott and Samantha Steckloff.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Seelye, support by Hague to approve the Agenda of March 7, Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –January 3, 2019:

MOTION by Hague, support by Seelye to approve the minutes of January 3. Motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Everyone at the Meeting introduced themselves.

YOUTH DIVISION UPDATE: Todd Lipa: Programs are a great success. Attendance at the After School Program sites has increased. 5th grade Packets are being sent out digitally. There is a greater response than when the packets were printed and distributed. This marks the 24th year of the fifth grade packets. The Youth Council has 40 to 50 members attending and they are working on two big projects. The Youth Council meets on the first Monday of the Month from 6 to 7:30 pm., but will be meeting in April on the second Monday. C.A.R.E.S. Is feeding 260 families and is looking to expand by applying for grants.

ISSUES COMMITTEE UPDATE: Diane Hague: Tech Night was reviewed. There was a request to Todd and Samantha to send a Liaison from the Mayors Youth Council to give us ideas on Tech Night and other topics. The Auburn Hills OCC campus is having a Tech Night on March 13 and we should check to see if the Orchard Ridge Campus will also have one. Samantha suggested pursuing Sex Trafficking as a new project. We will discuss this at the next Issues Meeting.

CALL TO ACTION UPDATE: Mitch Seelye: There will be a seminar at the Farmington Hills Community Library on April 29 to discuss Vaping. The Kentucky, Ohio and Michigan Alateen Chapter will have their conference in the last weekend in July.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION UPDATE: Marla Parker: The deadline for submission of Volunteer Nominees is March 27. May 13 is the date for the Volunteer Recognition Ceremony in front of Farmington Hills City Council. The reception begins at 6:45 pm. The next planning committee meeting is schedule at 5:00 pm before the Commission meeting on April 4. A person is needed to take photos. Ed should send out the Volunteer Nomination Forms again.

SPOTLIGHT SHOW UPDATE: Sharon Snodgrass: The Spotlight Show is on Spectrum channel 203 and ATT channel 99. Jennifer H. is the video manager programmer. The show will be restarting in April with 15 minute segments and the Spotlight will have a regular time slot. Upcoming presenters include Brian, Laurie, Sobriety Court with Marla, the Police Department regarding vaping, etc. Sharon would like to have each member do a segment.

NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sharon Snodgrass: We should update the mailing lists for members and liaisons. Also, the by-laws and our objectives should be updated.

Anwar Mahmood: We should bring in Speakers and Mentors at an early age to get youth thinking about future

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careers. We should recognized the high achievers more than what we do. We should emphasis sports that more students can be involved in with families and other students. We should institute programs that will make students aware of different careers that are not as visible (such as being a physician.)

47th DISTRICT COURT: Marla Parker: The only crime that is up is drunk driving and it has resulted in an increase of participation in the Sobriety Court. Youngest person is Sobriety Court is 20 and oldest is around 70. Marijuana arrests January of 2018 were 48 and January 2019 was 4. January is colder and the numbers of arrest decline (600 fewer arrests). Marla is involved in a pilot program directed by the Michigan Supreme Court with a court administrator which deals with the issue of suspended licenses. A person gets a ticket, doesn't pay and gets their license suspended. The person has to drive, gets another ticket and can't afford to pay it. It can get into a vicious cycle. In the new program you pay the ticket at one court, get your license back and set up a payment plan to pay off all your tickets. If you default on payments, a new suspension occurs. A discussion about new techniques and procedures are being developed to determine how to identify marijuana intoxication. New laws and policies regarding marijuana will be developed to guide the courts and police. Minors in possession of alcohol are down, but minors in possession of marijuana are up.

FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL; Samantha Steckloff: The City is opting out of the Marijuana regulations and zoning for the time being. They will wait until the State of Michigan puts regulations and guidelines in place. Ginopolis Restaurant is being sold and will be rezoned for assisted living facilities.

OAKLAND COUNTY WATER DEPT.: Jim Nash: Workers are needed in Oakland County especially the Water Dept. They need laborers, chemists, etc. Go to Oakland.gov/jobs

Laura Scott: Farmington Hills Community Library: Laura passed out three flyers for programs and events at the Library. Laurie invited the Commission Members to the Library on January 21 for an all day celebration of Martin Luther King Day. The next Library Board Meeting is scheduled for January 10 and on February 11, the Library Board meets with City Councils of both Cities. There will be three Board vacancies due to the expiration of Members' terms. If anyone is interested, please send the application to Mayor Ken Massey.

FARMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT: Todd Anderson: Violent Crimes (Type A) are down 16% and Serious Crime (Type B) is down 25%.

FARMINGTON HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chuck Nebus: Crime stats are down. Both Cities received accreditation by the Police Chiefs Association. In 2019, Farmington Hills will provide a new training program called Fair and Impartial Policing. The use of drones is being formally introduced for things such as monitoring for fires and flooding. Body cameras for officers will be completed in 2019. The department provided ALICE Training to all public school teachers to prepare them to react in the event of an active shooter. The Inter-Faith Community Council assisted the police department provide the same ALICE training to 277 persons from various Houses of Worship at Adat Shalom.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Rose, support by Snodgrass, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm. Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted by Joan McGlincy/Ed Cherkinsky