

MINUTES  
FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS  
COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH and FAMILIES  
January 4, 2024  
Community Room, Farmington Hills City Hall,  
31555 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48336

- 1) Call to Order 6:00 pm.

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Snodgrass at 6:05 p.m.

Members Present: Tammy Luty, Rod Wallace, Tanya Nordhaus, Sharon Snodgrass, Jordan Scrimger, Ashley Gabb, Adam Whitfield

Members Absent:, Marie Sarnacki, Brian Spitsbergen, Colleen Coogan, Alisa Valden

Others Present: Angie Smith, Marla Parker, Douglas Edwards, Andy Radze, Pat Spelman

- 2) Approval of Agenda

Rod Wallace approved the agenda, Tanya Nordhaus seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

- 3) Election of Officers

Sharon ran the election. She suggested Jordan Scrimger as Chair and Marie Sarnacki as Vice Chair. The position of secretary did not have a candidate and she asked if anyone would be interested. Adam Whitfield said he would be secretary. So, the slate of officers was presented as Jordan Scrimger Chair, Marie Sarnacki Vice Chair, and Adam Whitfield Secretary. All members voted and the candidates were approved. Tammy stated she would do January minutes and transition information to Adam after the meeting.

- 4) Approval of November 2, 2023 Minutes

Rod Wallace approved, and Ashley Gabb seconded, motion carried unanimously.

- 5) Youth Division Update

Matt Gale couldn't attend the meeting, so we did not have an update.

- 6) Issues Committee Update

We discussed the volunteer recognition program that will be scheduled for May. We thought the second FH City Council meeting in May would be a good date to pick based on last years feedback. Tammy will send a message to the city manager's office to see if we can get on this schedule. Ashley Gabb agreed to work on this project with Marla. So, we hope to host the event on May 20<sup>th</sup>. If this date works, we would send nominations out in March.

Jordan is updating the website for our commission and will request that we have changes that include current pictures of projects we have worked on instead of a generic photo. She will work through the process to get the updates done by the city.

We asked in December for new logo ideas for our commission. Jordan had created a google form to submit the logos. We have got a couple of ideas and allowing any other ideas to come in before the end of the month. We will review the ideas at the next issues meeting and present the best couple in February for a vote.

We discussed possible dates for career night. Due to spring break for schools being the end of March we discussed April 3<sup>rd</sup> or March 20<sup>th</sup>. We checked after the meeting and the room is not available on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Rod mentioned that he was working with Brian, and they were looking at mid-February for a mental health problem. As this would be timely with the season changes. It would be an event that members of the community can attend.

Both cities did accept the proclamation for November 20<sup>th</sup> being Worlds Children Day. We hope to make this an annual ask from our commission.

#### 7) New Business and Announcements

Sharon Snodgrass – She was talking to the MakerSpace manager, and they would like to see if they can do something that would be a family class like parent/child class.

Pat Spelman – Farmer Market was a huge success again this year. The city just kicked off 2024 with a ball drop at Riley Park. Many skating events are planned this year at Riley Park along with open skating times.

Andy Radze – The Farmington Police and Fire Departments held their annual shop event and helped 40 families in our community.

Marla Parker – Due to retirement, the court has hired a new court administrator.

Angie Smith – School will resume on January 8<sup>th</sup> and they are looking forward to all the kids being back at school.

Doug Edwards – The Y had some great holiday activities including hosting holiday break camps for the students while they are out of school.

Jordan Scrimger – Mentioned an Art event that was just announced for February 10<sup>th</sup> in downtown Farmington. She also wanted to remind everyone about the many events happening at the library for MLK day. Sharon has volunteered to be a judge for the student artwork that was submitted for MLK student contest to represent our commission.

Sharon Snodgrass – She wanted to congratulate the new officers.

8) Public Comments

None

9) Adjournment

7:00 pm.

Ashley Gabb, motioned to adjourn, and Jordan Scrimger seconded, motion carried unanimously at 6:50 p.m.

All other meetings will start at 6 p.m. in the Community Room, Farmington Hills City Hall.

February 1, 2024

March 7, 2024

April 4, 2024

May 2, 2024

June 6, 2024

Minutes drafted by: Secretary Tammy Luty