

MEETING MINUTES

FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES COMISSION

Date: March 7, 2024

Location: Community Room, Farmington Hills City Hall
31555 W Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48336

Meeting called to order at: 6:04 pm EST

Meeting called to order by: Jordan Scrimger

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Tammy Luty, Ashley Gabb, Tanya Nordhaus, Matthew Gale, Brian Spitsbergen, Marie Sarnacki; Jordan Scrimger, Bria Barker-Lewis, Alisa Valden

MEMBERS ABSENT

Adam Whitfield, Sharon Snodgrass, Rod Wallace, Colleen Coogan

OTHERS PRESENT

Marla Parker; Jennie Willard; Patrick Spelman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tammy made a motion to approve the agenda. Tanya seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 1, 2024 MINUTES

Alisa made a motion to edit the minutes by changing "Kristal" to "Kristel" and "Nordhouse" to "Nordhaus." Jordan seconded.

YOUTH DIVISION UPDATE

Matt provided the Youth Division update. He reported that 301 youth are participating in the after-school program which is a 152% increase from last year. The program gets around 100 - 150 kids daily. He shared that youth, ages 12 and up, can be in the Hawk alone and participate in the self-check-out program, which requires a signed parent waiver for participation. His team is currently working on parents getting a text on the status of when their child checks in and out of the program. They are currently using ePACT, an online app.

The After-School Program is looking for other activities to get students involved in and exploring driving them to the Nature Center or Grant Community Center. They have 8 new staff members. The Bosch Community Fund will have a permanent art display at the Hawk. More updates on the display will be available at the next meeting.

The Hawk is hiring. They are trying to fill two programmer positions (year-round position, no benefits). The city has a hiring event next week. They are planning for an open house of the ASYP for August 20th.

Program updates: The Special Services Department's 5K had 175 participants. The camping program had 4539 campers. The satisfaction rate of the programs is in the 90s. Pre-school enrollment increased to 60 students. Marie asked who to contact for swimming lessons. Matt shared that individuals interested in getting access to swimming lessons can reach out to Hannah Muth at hmuth@fhgov.com.

The Police Department, Special Services and Human Resources want at table at the Commission of CYF Career Fair.

ISSUES COMMITTEE UPDATE

1. Logo

- a. Jordan shared that the City provided an update that the logo is at the commission of CYF's discretion. The City is going through a rebranding which may have implications on board and commissions' branding. Jordan suggested to hold off on the logo updates as well as that the commission should remove the existing logo from anything printed or published.
- b. Alisa shared feedback on the previously submitted multi-color pinwheel logo. She surveyed some individuals and stated that the idea of rainbow colors has become political. She suggests that the use of the rainbow in the logo be considered differently. She suggests to consider conservative constituents in the creation of the logo to make them feel comfortable, stating the rainbow colors may seem exclusive. Tammy clarified that all colors of the rainbow are not present in that logo option, and the hope was to show some diversity and be more colorful compared to black and white logo. Marie also stated that perceiving the suggested logo as having the rainbow was a misinterpretation. Members agreed to discuss the logo after getting more direction from the City after the rebranding.

2. Career Night

- a. Marie provided an update. Thirteen people have signed up. Looking for more groups, especially in healthcare. Marla suggested Corewell Health (Beaumont). She shared that the end of last year, the President said they would love to participate. Marie will follow up with the President to coordinate. Jordan requested that everyone use the email template that Marie shares to invite two (2) contacts. They are looking for opportunities especially for things that can lead to good paying jobs that may not need a 4-year degree. Matt confirmed that

flyers for the Career Fair are at the Hawk, in the screens in the lobby, as well as the community calendar on the website. Matt will confirm about posting it on social and in email newsletter. There was also a request to post it on community pages and school channels. The event is March 20th. Alisa, Tanya, Ashley, and Jordan volunteered and will arrive at 6:00 pm in Harrison Hall.

3. Volunteer Recognition Event Update

- a. Marla provided an update. The event is on May 20th. Nominations are due by April 10th. A meeting to review the nominees will be on April 17th or 18th. Tanya, Tammy, Ashley, and Marla volunteered to be on the review committee. The committee will present the recipients to the commission at the May 2nd meeting. An updated distribution list is needed. Marla requested everyone send any updates to Ashley. Jennie will check on an updated list of nonprofits. Members and attendees will distribute the nomination details to contacts as well. Nomination categories are Adult, Youth, Families, Business, Organizations, and Distinguished Public Servant. The commission can make nominations. All nominees will be recognized, and recipients and their nominators will be notified. Tammy will order the refreshments and cookies. The budget is around \$750 based on last year's expenses. Tammy will check previous receipts for serving sizes.

4. Kindness Rock Garden Painting Event

- a. Tammy provided an update. She requested to do rock painting at the Nature Center on Earth Day (April 22). Matt shared that Earth Day is also the supervisor of the Nature Center's birthday. Tammy expressed that she would need to buy supplies. Jordan shared that the allocation of funds for the project is \$600. Tanya offered to donate some river rocks.

5. Mental Health Event

- a. Brian provided an update. The event will be held in May for Mental Health Awareness Month. The date is still to be determined. Brian has talked to the Mayor and also talking to the person who runs the Farmer's Market to get a table. They are inviting providers from the area to come. Colleges said they will commit resources. They are trying to expand the space to be off to the side for privacy. Pat said they can block things off to allow it to be anonymous. At this time, there is no need for volunteers or resources as the college contracts with a lot of providers and there will be student participation and plenty of volunteers from the college. Tanya will provide the contact information of a hypnotherapist. Jenni offered suicide awareness phones for display.

NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Matt passed out name tags for commission members. A name tag is needed for Bria.
2. Save a Life Stations
 - a. Pat provided an update. There are a total of 100 kits throughout the community at four locations: FCL, the Hawk, Farmington City Hall, and Royal Liquor. The stations look like old newspaper boxes. The stations contain two doses of Narcan for opioid and fentanyl overdose; resources/pamphlets for addiction and mental health; fentanyl test strips and packets to dispose of old prescriptions. Narcan neutralizes the chemical that puts people in respiratory arrest. The stations are stocked every Thursday. The resources are coming from settlements from pharmaceuticals companies. Pat will bring kits to the next meeting to pass out to members.
3. The Farmington Alternative has not been present for three meetings. Jordan to reach out to Colleen about participation. Jordan also requested that if members cannot make a meeting, they give a 48-hour notice, if possible.

4. Jenni circulated Teen and Adults brochures from the FCL. On March 20th the library is hosting "How to Pay for College" via zoom and in-person. They are also hosting a "Money Smart Week" in April for grades 6-12. Pizza will be served.
5. Matt shared that there will be an Easter Egg Hunt. The Hawk is also hosting an NFL Draft Party "Detroit is on the Clock" on March 19th.
6. Marla shared that there is a new court administrator and a new Deputy Administrator
7. Marie share that her due date for her baby is August 29th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Tammy made a motion to adjourn. Tanya seconded. It was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm EST.

Minutes were drafted by Ashley Gabb.